
The St. Martin Communicator

St. Martin Lutheran Church, 322 Old Falls Blvd., N. Tonawanda, NY 14120

April 2019

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*They went to the tomb, taking the spices
they had prepared. Luke 24:1*

It's early in the morning on the first day of the week. The women who saw Jesus die had those spices in their possession since late Friday afternoon. For two nights and a whole day they had lived with the aroma of those burial spices. Now, finally, they could complete their act of love cut short by sunset and the Sabbath.

We follow them down that trail to the tomb; we know their grief. Our hearts have been broken again and again with our life losses. We round the bend on this day and, with these women, find a stone rolled away, the tomb empty, and hear the announcement, "He is not here! He is risen!"

So what happened to those spices? Costly as they were, the women certainly carried them away as they ran to tell other the good news. And there would be the need for those spices in the future. But never again would they use those spices without seeing beyond a stone rolled away and an empty tomb.

That's where we live, between the spices and the empty tomb, between our losses and the promise of resurrection. No matter where our journey of life takes us, we know that at the end we are secure in Jesus Christ.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

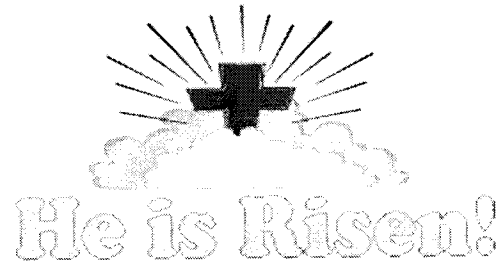
Joyous Easter,
Pastor Devie

RECONCILED AND RESTORED

The final 3 days of Holy Week are called the "triduum," from the evening of Maundy Thursday through Easter Sunday. During these 3 holy days the Lord Jesus accomplished the purpose for which he was sent, and by his death and resurrection, God reconciled the world to himself and set in motion the restoration of his fallen creation.

*For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the
blood of his cross.*

Colossians 1:19-20



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP

MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 18

7:00pm – Worship

Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY – April 19

7:00pm – Tenebrae Service

EASTER SUNDAY – April 21

7:00am – Sunrise Communion Service

8:15am – Easter Breakfast

9:00am – Sunday School

10:00am – Communion Service

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April 22

Justice for God's Planet & God's People

Let us, as a congregation, pledge to get rid of plastic.

We will make an effort to begin using only biodegradable and reusable items. Let's get rid of plastics and Styrofoam that harm God's creation.

ACOLYTES

- Apr. 7 Alex Kania & Jackson Randles
- 14 Addison Ohrum & Kristen Kania
- 21 Lucy Ohrum & Nicholas Haring (7:00)
- Alex Goodman & Alex Kania (10:00)
- 28 Jackson Randles & Addison Ohrum
- Maundy Thursday - Braydin Weaver & Bryan Weaver

READERS

- Jessica Dows
- Phyllis Heuerman
- Jessica Dows (7:00)
- Barb Bush (10:00)
- Caroline Thiele
- Maundy Thursday - Dennis Sattelberg

"HI" GUYS

- Nadene Maxwell
- Jeff Root
- Steve Knab (7:00)
- Tom Wehling (10:00)
- Jeff Root

USHERS: Gary Ennis - Capt., Rick Bush, Phillip Owen, Ron Stillinger, Jeff Binga

GREETERS

- Apr. 7 Mike & Chris Barber
- 14 Rob & Saran Bohnstadt
- 21 Rick & Rebecca Bush (7:00)
- Rich & Kelly Goodman (10:00)
- 28 Dan & Patty Daboll
- Maundy Thursday - Eileen Belling
- Good Friday - Jeff Root

COMM. SETUP/CLEANUP

- Apr. 7 Chris Barber
- 14 Phyllis Heuerman
- 21 Elder
- Elder
- 28 Patty Daboll
- Maundy Thursday - Elder

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- Laurie Deverell & Linda Prohaska
- Barb Bush & Will Bush
- Elders
- Elders
- Nancy Smith & Jim Wanamaker
- Maundy Thursday - Elder

If you cannot fulfill your task for communion on a given Sunday, please call a substitute or contact Chris Barber at 525-1149



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! To the following members who celebrate another year of God's blessings in April 2019:

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| Apr. 1 Minnie Sattelberg | 7 Mia Randles | 20 Alyssa McManus |
| 2 Alex Goodman | 9 Nicholas Haring | 23 Marlina Belstadt |
| 2 Maya Radhakrishnan | 12 Mona Belling | 23 Dennis Sattelberg |
| 3 Lloyd Dolpp | 12 Diane Stillinger | 24 Kirk Parkes |
| 3 Linda Prohaska | 13 Andrew Peterson | 28 Ann Zimmerman |
| 4 Nancy Smith | 20 Eileen Belling | |
| 6 Aaron Wunderlich | 20 Jeff Borton | |

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Feb. 24	575	Mar. 34	64	Mar. 10	67	Mar. 17	79	Mar. 24	68
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THE ANNIVERSARY OF APRIL BAPTISMS will be celebrated on April 28: Connie Bach, Suzanne Belling, Barb Bush, Rick Bush, Danielle Dorogi, Jessica Dows, Laura Ellis, Marie Feist, Jeff Haring, Bill Hollenbaugh, Sally Knox, Nadene Maxwell, Linda Prohaska, Lora Randles, Jeff Root, Millie Sattelberg, Bud Scheller, Nancy Smith, Betty Wehling, Mike Wendt, Brandon Wunderlich

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LUNCH BUNCH will meet at 12:00 on Monday, April 1, at Athena's. Give your reservation to Barb Bush.

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APRIL CIRCLE MEETINGS:

Hope Circle: Tues., April 9 9:30am Fellowship Hall
 Hostesses: Sharon Murphy & Florence Doran
 Bible Study Leader: Phyllis Heuerman

Peace Circle: Tues., April 30 7:00pm
 Hostess: Sarah Bohnstadt Bible Study Leader: TBA

THE NEXT FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH is Saturday, April 6, at noon. We are looking for any type of hearty dish you would like to make. Homemade desserts are always greatly appreciated by the attendees. If you would like ingredients purchased for you to make something special, please see Will Bush. The Thrivent card can be used this way too! Sign up today! We ask that all donated food items be in the kitchen by 10:30am the morning of each luncheon. Any questions - please see Will Bush.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING Bible Study (10:00am) will continue with "Unshakable Hope" - Death has been defeated.

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THE LUTHERAN AWARDS BANQUET is Friday, May 3, at 6:00pm, at GreenField Manor in Lancaster. Tickets are \$50 for social hour and dinner. Andrew Thiele will receive the Edward G. Kinkel Scholarship Award at this dinner. Congratulations, Andrew! See Pastor Devie for more info.

Good News!

Jessica Carter got 100% on her pre-calc test and placed 6th overall at team champs for the 1000 meters and 4/800.

Aaron Wunderlich was recommended for honors English and biology for the next school year.

Caroline Thiele got 112 on her math of chemistry test, performed in the ECMEA All-County Choir with Dr. Z. Randall Stroope, and is currently #12 in WNY for public school girls tennis.

Jillian Weaver placed first in an event at an international baton twirling competition and got an award for the highest score.

Andrew Thiele was accepted into Duquesne University's Masters in Physician Assistant Studies program and the Honor's College and will be attending this fall.

Caroline Weaver was accepted to Arizona State and the Honors College.

David Wanamaker participated in the NYSBDA State Honors Band and his school musical, and has been accepted into the University of Rochester.

If YOU have Good News to share, fill out the form on the table in the narthex and give it to the church office.

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SAVE THE DATE: The Lutheran Charities Golf Classic will be at Chestnut Hill Country Club in Darien, on Friday, August 9. Food, beverages, prizes. More information to follow.

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VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to drive members to church who are unable to drive themselves at night, or because of inclement weather, or for other reasons. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

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ORDER FORMS for Easter plants are in the narthex. The cost is \$7.50 for tulips and hyacinths, and \$10 for lilies.

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"Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more reasonable. Besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart."

Martin Luther

St. Martin Member Giving Report

(through 3/3/19)

Congregation giving - through following number of weeks -

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	General	Benevolence	Total
Offerings received to date	\$ 22,946	\$ 3,506	\$ 26,452
Offerings needed for budget to date	26,209	5,026	31,235
Giving compared to budget	<u>\$ (3,263)</u>	<u>\$ (1,520)</u>	<u>\$ (4,783)</u>
Giving is behind budget to date			\$ (4,783)

Please make up for any missed Sunday offerings - thank you.

Jeff Thiele, Treasurer

It's time again for

UKRAINIAN EGGS!

*Add to your collection or learn to make your first!
Come join us to experience the ancient art of Pysanky.*

Party for Adults:

Date: Saturday, April 13

Time: 6:30pm

Bring: \$2.00 for supplies
and a snack to share

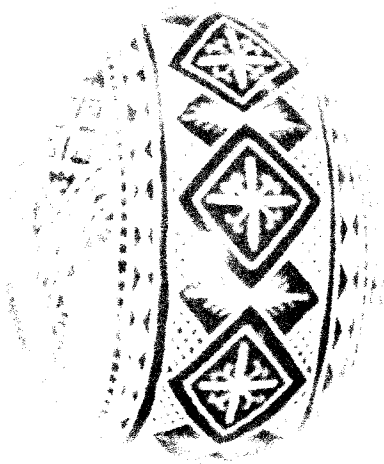
Youth/Family Party:

Date: Palm Sunday, April 14

Time: 11:30am

Pizza and drinks will be
provided for lunch!
\$2 per adult; kids free!

**Please sign up so we can have supplies ready.
Eggsperts and beginners are all welcome!!!!**



See Jim or Jennifer Wanamaker
with questions.

You'll decorate a real egg that
you will be able to keep forever!



Ready for the “Mane” Event?

Save the Date for VBS

July 29 - August 2,

9:00 - Noon

(Here At St. Martin Lutheran)

You will not want to miss St. Martin and St. Paul’s Vacation Bible School!

At ROAR VBS, kids discover that even though life gets wild, God is Good! ROAR VBS is filled with amazing experiments, creative games, super-fun snacks, surprising adventures and incredible music! Plus, we’ll help everyone discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life - something called God Sightings.

Your children will also participate in a hands-on mission project, through a program called Operation Kid-to-Kid, that will provide nutrition and good health opportunities to moms and babies in Zambia, Africa.

Registration has begun, so just follow the link at smartinlutheran.org or go to vbspro.events/p/stmartinstpaulroar

We need teens and adults who would like to be Crew Leaders! Crew Leaders may also register online after April 1st and should plan to attend the Training Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on July 23rd at St. Martin.

If you have any questions or would like to join our team, please contact Michele Thiele at 983-4759.

Extra Gifts

Bring your items to Abiding Service
Wed. April 3rd.



Our Wish List



Looking for a way to help those in need through Community Missions? Here are some ideas!

Donate Food Items

Canned Fruits & Vegetables
Canned Tuna, Ham, Chicken, etc.
Canned Potatoes
Canned Soup

Canned Ravioli, Spaghetti-O's, etc.
Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter
Jelly & Jam

Breakfast Cereal
Dry Pasta, Beans, Rice
Coffee
Fresh Produce

Donate Personal Care Items

Toilet Paper
Soap & Body Wash
Shampoo
Deodorant
Lotion & Hand Sanitizer

Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Mouthwash
Denture Cream & Polygrip
Razors & Shaving Cream

Cosmetic Items
Hair Accessories
Combs & Brushes
Lip Balm
Feminine Products

Donate Clothing Items - For All Ages

New Socks & Underwear
New/Gently Used Shirts
New/Gently Used Pants

New/Gently Used Skirts
New/Gently Used Shoes
New/Gently Used Jackets

New/Gently Used Hats
New/Gently Used Gloves & Mittens

Donate Baby Items

Diapers
Wipes
Formula
Baby Food

Bottles
Sippy Cups
Crib Sheets
Baby Blankets

Toys
Baby Furniture
High Chairs
Baby Clothes

Donate Household Items

Bed Linens
Blankets & Comforters
Washcloths & Towels
Kitchen Utensils
Can Openers
Pots & Pans

Dishes & Glasses
Furniture
Lamps
Window Coverings
Storage Bins
Small Appliances

Laundry Soap
Dish Soap
Cleaning Supplies
Books & Magazines
Games
Craft Materials

Donate Financially!

Visit us online at www.CommunityMissions.org, or make checks payable to:
Community Missions, Inc.
1570 Buffalo Ave.
Niagara Falls, NY 14303

Volunteer Your Time!

Our Community Soup Kitchen, Clothes Closet, Food Pantry and other programs can always use volunteers.
Contact Wanda at 716-285-3403 x.2250 to find out how!

Have any questions, or ideas for something not listed?
Want to get your workplace involved in supporting us?
Call Christian at 716-285-3403 x.2247

On behalf of those we serve, we thank you!

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00am Quilting 12:00 Lunch Bunch at Athena's	2	3 10:00am Bible Study 6:00 Soup & Worship at Abiding Savior	4 7:00 Choir	5	6 9:00am—12:00 Niagara Frontier Conference Spring Assembly at All Saints, Hamburg 12:00 Free Community Lunch
7 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School	8 7:00 Church Council	9 9:30am Hope Circle 6:45-9:00 WELCA Spring Assembly at St. John's, W. Seneca	10 10:00am Bible Study 6:00 Soup & Worship at Augustana	11 7:00 Choir	12	13 6:30 Ukrainian Eggs
14 Palm Sunday 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11:30 Easter Egg Workshop	15	16	17 10:00am Bible Study 7:00 Choir	18 Maundy Thursday 7:00 Worship & Strip- ping of the Altar	19 Good Friday 7:00 Tenebrae Service	20 Vigil of Easter
21 EASTER 7:00 Worship 8:15 Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	22 EARTH DAY MAY NEWSLETTER TYPED	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:00 Worship Anniversary of Bap- tists 10:15 Sunday School	29	30 7:00 Peace Circle	1 1:00 Memorial Service for Shannon Bradac			