

ST. MARTIN LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
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OUR MISSION: PREACHING, TEACHING AND REACHING WITH GOD'S WORD!
Wednesday, Nov. 20 & Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024 ~ Last Sunday of the Church Year

<p>Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:4-6 Epistle Reading: Jude 20-25 Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24-37 Wed. Sermon Theme: "Mercy" Text: Jude 20-25 Sun. Sermon Theme: "Stay awake, for surely the Master is coming soon" Text: Mark 13:24-37 Color: green</p>	<p><u>Liturgy:</u> Wed. @6:30 pm ~ DS3- communion, pg 184 Hymns: 523, 663, (627, 628) 680</p> <p>Sun. @8:00 am ~ DS3- no communion, pg 184 Hymns: 523, 663, 680</p> <p>Sun. @10:00 am ~ SOJ, Team A- communion Songs: printed on the screens</p>
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All church services are fully printed on the screens.



Welcome to St. Martin Lutheran Church ~ Record of Attendance: Please legibly write all of the names who are attending (including any children) in the attendance pads at the end of the pews every time you worship and for communion registration. This information is needed for the yearly district reports.

Visiting or Interested in becoming a Member? Please write your home address, email and phone number in the attendance pad. Thank you for visiting our church.

COMMUNION STATEMENT: *This morning, St. Martin joyfully celebrates the Lord's Supper. We do this in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith (Matt. 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25). Because great harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29) can come to those who do not believe, those who doubt the Lord's presence in this holy meal, or do not wish to repent of all sins, we ask that you first speak to Pastor Jason or Pastor Hayden if you have questions or are not a member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation. Thank you!*

We are offering gluten-free wafers and available upon request.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS: Please call Kathy Roth Pfalz at 715-823-6197. If you would like to be included in the prayer in church, please contact the main office or one of the Pastors with your request.

	Wed.	Sun.	Sun.	Wed.	Thurs.	Sun.	Sun.
Date	Nov. 20 @6:30pm	Nov. 24 @8am	Nov. 24 @10am	Nov. 27 @6:30pm	Nov. 28 @9am	Dec. 1 @8am	Dec. 1 @10am
Elder on Duty	Andy Eberhardt	Dennis Federwitz	Bob Seide	Klint Barkow	Duane Reetz	Dave Steenbock	Randy Wedde
Ushers	Hopp	Riemer	Goerlinger	Barkow/ Czarnecki	Pringnitz/ Hanson	S. Krueger	A. Pingel
Comm. Assist.	Need a Servant		Randy Wedde	John Justman	Need a Servant	Al Mueller	
Altar Guild	Linda Wagner		Rosalee Roloff	Carla Wengelski/ Diane Conradt	Linda Wagner	Rosalee Roloff	
Power Point Presenter	LeAnn Hopp	Cora Lang	Carol Eanone	Heather Barkow	Need a Servant	Dennis Federwitz	Kathy Sawall
Acolytes	Ben Froh	Emily Hagman	Elizabeth Martin	Kameron Kersten	Casen Mauel	Liam Wudstrack	Barrett Prickette
Bulletin Assem.	Kathy Sasse			Beth Klotzbuecher			
Fellowship		Board of Evangelism				Worship Choir	

THE BULLETIN: This week's bulletin is sponsored by Ken & Terry Flattley in celebration of their 41st Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 26. Sponsorship for the Bulletin *in full or in part* is \$30.00. Available dates: Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23.

THE RADIO BROADCAST: This week's radio broadcast is sponsored in memory of Robert Edwards who passed away 9 years ago on Nov. 24, 2015 by his wife Diane and family. Sponsorship for the Radio Broadcast, *in full or in part*, is \$110.00. Available dates: Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23.

Prayers for Hospitalized or Recuperating: Clarence Fenner, Terry Flattley, Marie Fredrick, Milo Holth, Walter House, Pete & Judi Kirchner, Bentley Koepke, Duaine Kussmann, Wendy Perry, Lyle Sanderfoot, Debbie Schley, Jeff Schneider, Diann Schroeder, Gerry Schroeder, Marilyn Siebert, Lori Tomsovic, Jenni Yaeger.

2025 Calendar Sale: The St. Martin Youth Group is selling 2025 wall calendars. They make a perfect gift for family, friends, and businesses. To view a sample online go to: <http://ygp.com/products/wall-calendar> **(Please make check payable to St. Martin and include it with order form.) ONLY A LIMITED QUANTITY ~ 5 CALENDARS LEFT!** Calendars available in the office for pick up at the time of payment.
 # of Calendars: _____ x \$8.00 = _____

<u>ATTENDANCE & OFFERING INFORMATION</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Worship-Wednesday & Sunday	353	386
Communion- Wednesday & Sunday	143	194
Seated Communion		22
General Offering Weekly:	\$10,494.00	
General Offering Budget Weekly:	\$12,884.62	

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

Sun.	Nov. 24	Guest Speaker Vicar Michael Speckhard DS3 ~ 8:00 am Fellowship ~ Evangelism Bible Study ~ 9:10 am Sunday School ~ 9:10 am SOJC, Team A ~ 10:00 am
Mon.	Nov. 25	Women's Bible Study ~ 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study ~ 6:30 pm No Dartball
Tues.	Nov. 26	Chapel w/Baptism birthday ~ 8:05 am; all are welcome to attend Nursing Home Communion ~ Care Partners #59 ~ 9:00 am Care Partners #61 ~ 9:30 am Aster ~ 10:30 am
Wed.	Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Eve No School Office open ~ 8:00 am to Noon Shepherds Meeting ~ 9:30 am The Pines Chapel ~ 10:00 am DS3C ~ 6:30 pm
Thurs.	Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day No School Office Closed DS3C ~ 9:00 am
Fri.	Nov. 29	No School Office Closed
Sun.	Dec. 1	DS1C ~ 8:00 am Fellowship ~ Worship Choir Bible Study ~ 9:10 am No Sunday School SOJ, Team B ~ 10:00 am

WOLF RIVER LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:

- **SHADOW DAY OPPORTUNITIES** - Wolf River welcomes any 8th grader interested in a shadow day or a tour of Wolf River, this invitation is also extended to any possible high school transfer students. Mr. Steinhaus would be honored to set up an individual or family/group tour(s). Please spread the word. Any 7th grader interested in Wolf River is invited to join us on Wed., Dec. 11, 2024 for our 7th Grade Visit Day. Please call the office at 715-745-2400 for more information.

Volunteers Needed for Community Thanksgiving Dinner: Thursday, Nov. 28 from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm at the Clintonville Community Center. Questions, call Pastor Jill Meyer, 715-823-2365.

Snowbirds ~ please call or email (715-823-6538 ext. 2110 or ksawall@stmlc.org) the office with the address & period being gone. New church program did not bring any information over.

AS WE GATHER ~

The Last Sunday of the Church Year is about the last things, the day of judgment when Jesus Christ "will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead," Christ, "whose kingdom will have no end" (Nicene Creed). The last Sunday is therefore known as the Sunday of fulfillment, when all the plans and promises of God's salvation break forth in the resurrection of all flesh and eternal life in the new heavens and earth. This year we hear the Readings appointed for what some churches call Christ the King Sunday. With the vision of the prophet Daniel, we are given a fascinating "apocalyptic" revelation. As such, we are cautioned against over interpreting the symbolism of the four beasts, fiery flames, burning wheels, and the like. The clear point is that God Himself is Lord, king, and ruler over all the nations of the earth. The four nations of Daniel chapter 7 are progressively more evil than the ones before: Babylon, Medo-Persian, Greek, and Roman empires. Not all earthly kingdoms or nations are evil, of course. Yet evil and the devil's madness appear here and there everywhere. Christ is the king not only over all the ancient nations of the world but also over our own! With great and glad celebration, therefore, we gather to rejoice over our assurance that Jesus Christ, the King of kings, rules ultimately over all things, always for our good, our healing, our salvation, and our destiny in the day of resurrection.

Introit for Last Sunday of the Church Year ~ Psalm 39:4-5a, 7-8, 12a

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;

hold not your peace at my tears!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day for Last Sunday of the Church Year~

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Christmas Open House @ Pastor Hayden's House: Pastor Hayden and Rebekah Lukas invite the congregation to join them for their second annual Christmas Open House, 4-7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15. Come celebrate Christmas with us and one another over some festive food and drinks.

Guest Speaker: Michael Speckhard is a 4th year seminary student at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He and his wife Meagan have been married for 9 years and together they have 5 children (Eliza, Levi, Ezra, Delilah, and Andrew). Michael served in the Marines for 5 years before attending Valparaiso University for his undergrad. Their family spent the last year in Howard Lake, Minnesota where Michael served as Vicar at St. James Lutheran Church and School. Michael will graduate from seminary and receive a call this spring. Michael and Meagan hope to be called to a church with a school.

Greeting Cards: Christmas Cards are here! The office has a collection of greeting cards available for purchase. They are \$8 per box (Christmas, wedding, anniversary, birthday, sympathy) or \$1.00 for an individual card (baby, sympathy, get well, anniversary, wedding, confirmation, baptism, graduation, birthday & homemade birthday, and homemade Thank you cards). Come check out the cards!

Stewardship Message: Isaiah 51:6 – “For the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment.” The things of this earth that hold our attention, that cause us worry, that tempt us away from the Lord, are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over, but rather to use for the Lord’s purposes. The things of this world are not ends in and of themselves, but only means to be used wisely by the children of the kingdom that has no end.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year ~ The Scriptural Ancient of Days has gray hair (Daniel 7:9). The Word of the Lord pictures Him as aged. And while the world idolizes youthfulness, the Bible speaks flatteringly of getting old. “Elder” is a compliment, long life is blessing, and advanced years embody wisdom and honor, even though they often also entail weaknesses. The Gospel of everlasting life in Christ leaves no room for physician-assisted suicide.

From The Board of Evangelism: The Bible tells us that we are to pray for all people (Timothy 2:1) and that we are our brother’s keepers. We encourage each of you to include five households selected each week in your prayers. This week:

Randy & Gina Goerlinger, Gabrielle
Keith & Sarah Graper, Morgan, Brooke
Kyle & Rebecca Gruetzmacher, Annabelle, Lillian
Kelsey Grzesiakowski, Bentley
Ron & Lisa Grzesiakowski, Kyle



Employment Opportunities ~

- **Substitute Teachers Needed:** St. Martin Lutheran School is looking for substitute teachers for Preschool through Grade 8. If you would like to be put on our substitute teacher list, please contact Emily Ferg, 715-823-6538 ext. 2112.
- **St. Martin Daycare:** is looking for an Infant Teacher, full-time or part-time. Please contact Jen Lang (daycare@stmlc.org) for job description and an application.

2024 Church Contributions: If you want donations to be credited towards 2024, they must be in the church office no later than Friday, January 3, 2025.

Clintonville Christmas Parade: Anyone interested in assisting in creating a float or being a part a St. Martin's float for the Clintonville Christmas parade (Saturday, December 14); please contact Sue Ashliman 715-853-7544 or Mary Krueger 715-250-0840. We are considering a nativity, additional music & choir on the float, and walkers. What a beautiful outreach to our community!

Santa's Workshop: is being held on Friday, December 13, 2024 from 8:00-12:30. We will be looking for volunteers to wrap presents that morning. If interested, please reach out to Bonnie Smith at 715-250-1030. There will be more information sent out via FastDirect and in the December Newsletter. The only donations Santa’s Workshop is looking for this year are small and medium gift bags, along with tissue paper. These items can be dropped off in the school office.

Giving Tree Program for the Nursing Homes/Assisted Living Centers/Shut-ins : We will be collecting GREETING CARDS instead of items for gift bags. As you prepare your own cards to send out this year, please set aside a few for us. Write a short note in each card and drop it in the box in the Narthex. Please do not use saliva to seal it shut, just tuck in the flap. We will collect cards until December 8th and then they will be distributed to the Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Centers, and shut-ins in our area. Please help us share the Blessings of the Christmas season with those so often overlooked. Thank you.

The Lutheran Witness Magazine: It is time for the renewal of the new subscription year. You will receive 11 issues over the 12-month period. The cost is \$27.65 for the year. If you would like to renew your subscription or are interested in subscribing, please contact Kathy Sawall (ksawall@stmlc.org) or 715-823-6538 ext. 2110. Deadline to subscribe is Monday, January 6, 2025. **Please make checks out to: St. Martin Lutheran Church.**

The multi-church group called **Mission Mats** will begin to meet on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 2:00 pm. We meet every Monday on school days. **CLEAN plastic bags can be dropped off after Christmas in the barrel by the office.** You are welcome to contribute to this project that cares for other people at risk all over the world. We are a group waiting to provide instruction, guidance and cooperation. Join us!

