

ST. MARTIN LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
Preaching, Teaching and Reaching With God's Word

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 4 & 7, 2008

Reading: Acts 1:12-26
Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11
Gospel: John 17:1-11
Liturgy: 8am – Communion
10:30am - Worship
7pm - Communion
Color: White
Music: 8am - Chimes - Grades 5 & 6
Hymns: 465, 476, 461, (457), 491

NOTE: The confirmands will have their examination before the congregation at the 10:30 service. If you wish to follow along, The Small Catechism is on page 321 in your hymnal.

COMMUNION STATEMENT: *Because the Bible is very explicit about who should attend this sacred meal, (cf. 1 Cor. 10:16, 17; 11:27-30) we, being guided by God's Word, invite to the Lord's Table those Christians who have been baptized into the family of God; who believe that they are saved by Grace through faith in Jesus Christ; who accept that "In", "With", and "Under" the bread and wine they also receive the true body and blood, of Christ; who are able to examine themselves, realize their sinfulness, and as a result seek the forgiveness of sins; and who through the worthy reception of this sacrament want to be strengthened in faith and better enabled to do the will of God in their lives.*

USE OF CARE CARDS: Members and visitors are asked to complete the cards while the offering is being received. The cards should be passed to the person closest to the center aisle and the ushers will collect them on their way to the rear of the church.

PRAYER CHAIN: Call any one of the four leaders directly with requests. Daytime call Kathy, 823-6606 or (alt) Betty, 715-250-1817, or Donna, 823-3301. Nighttime call 823-4481 or (alt) Karen, 823-3445.

ACOLYTES: 8:00 - Jean-Luc Sutton & Andrew Staats; 10:30 - Thomas Tetzke & David Yonker; (Wed) 7:00 - Miranda Hagberg. Next weekend: 8:00 - Daniel Barker & Beau Stueck; 10:30 - Taylor Carpenter & Ali Moon; (Wed) 7:00 - Andrew Schmidt.

April 27, 2008

| 2007 | 2008 |
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| 491 | 515 |

Communion

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THE RADIO BROADCAST is sponsored this weekend in honor of Dylan Buelow's 4th birthday on May 10th, by his mother Teresa. The 8:00 service is broadcast live on WJMQ (92.3) FM. Sponsorship for this worthwhile expression of St. Martin's concern for sharing the Word of God with those unable to attend church is \$86.

A GIFT of \$50 has been donated to the SSG. Warren S. Hansen Fund in honor of Warren's birthday which is May 2nd, by Beth & Jim Karlson.

A GIFT OF \$35 was given to the Radio Broadcasts in memory of Myrna Kirchner, by her family.

MILDRED STEINBACH MEMORIAL ~ \$145 was given to the General Fund by family and friends.

OUR 2008 CONFIRMANDS:

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| Alexander Anderson | Anthony Krause | Courtney Rindt |
| Keaton Anderson | Heidi Krause | Miranda Ruby |
| Logan Artz | Gregory Kriewaldt | Tyler Sawall |
| Zach Aschebrook | Cole LaViolette | Aaron Schmidt |
| Kyle Grzesiakowski | Mackenzie Liesenfelder | Samantha Steenbock |
| Brittany Hoffman | Bryce Mares | Burgundy Tessen |
| Rachel Kirchner | Megan Pingel | Mandy Trautmann |

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING on Sunday, May 18th, in the church proper, starting at 9:15am. The only item will be the discussion/passage of the budget for St. Martin Lutheran Church and School for the period July 1,2008 through June 30,2009. (Copy of proposed budget in the May Newsletter)

OUR CHURCH IS BLESSED to have many people who care enough to give of themselves for the good of others. A big thank-you goes out to Melissa Anderson, the Superintendent of Sunday School, and all the teachers and helpers. Board of Parish Education



BUILDING BLOCKS:

For the people worked with all their hearts. (Nehemiah 4:6)

Contracts for 20 suppliers and sub-contractors were approved. Six categories are under further review and/or reference checks.

WE NEED YOUR HELP..... The Senior Choir plans to sing for Pastor Burn's installation, but we need more voices. **ALL** singers are invited to join with the choir. We will practice before the service on May 18th at 3:20 p.m. in the Music Room. Any questions, please call Virginia Fietsch at 823-2238.

FROM THE BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION: *“And the Son of Man will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left.” (Matthew 25:33)* When growing up on the farm, I'd often wonder why Jesus spoke of the blessed as sheep and the cursed as goats. The sheep I knew certainly didn't seem very smart. Unlike the independent-minded goats, sheep are hopelessly helpless. They are easy prey for predators because they are neither quick nor strong. Yet it is precisely the sheep's shortcomings that make it an ideal comparison. Like the sheep, we are totally dependent on Jesus, our Shepherd. It is not the virtues of the sheep but the mercy of the Shepherd that ensures our eternal safe pasture. (From Portals of Prayer)

HEARING HELP AVAILABLE: The church is equipped with an **Oval Window Audio Induction loop Assistive Listening System**. It is currently in-use. Please switch your hearing aid to “T” (Telephone) or request assistance. For best reception you may in the center sections the rear 5-8 rows. Also, the entire left side and most of the center left pews with the exception of the area near the center isle. Avoid sitting close to the pulpit on the right short side. There is no signal in the balcony. Let an usher know if you having difficulty. We hope that this system improves your time of worship.

OLSON AND HANSEN FUND TEAM: The children and parents of St. Martin Lutheran School will benefit from the newly established Arno and Eleanor Olson Fund which will now be part of the Clintonville Area Foundation. Starting this summer, the Fund will make available \$2000 in tuition grants to families sending their children to St. Martin Lutheran School. The Arno and Eleanor Olson Fund will team with the current SSG Warren S. Hansen Memorial Fund to have available a total of \$4500 tuition monies to qualified families. A special “Thank You” to Eleanor and the late Arno Olson for their generosity in creating this ongoing opportunity for the children, and especially for cooperating with the established, generous SSG Warren S. Hansen Memorial Fund in providing assistance to parents desiring a Christian education for their children. Anyone wishing to contribute to these funds may do so by contacting the church office or Principal Jiter.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILIES & FRIENDS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

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| Stephen Beyer | T. J. Hansen | Joel T. Mathre |
| David Buchholz | Matthew S. Durr | Ronald Huebner |
| ✠ Warren Hansen | Andrew Gehling | Kevin Timmer |
| Matthew Handrich | Brad Krueger | Gregory Caskey |
| Peter Stephenson | Jeff Nelson | Milt John Malueg |
| Matthew Krueger | Tom Nelson | Joseph M. Johnson, Jr. |
| Ricky Heiman | Josh McKay | Matthew Gehling |
| Robert Schultz | Oscar Prado | Eden Olson |
| Tom Rawlings | Michael Berndt | Kyle Moesch |
| Caleb Schauder | Pastor Tom Vanderbilt | Nathan Fye |
| Jacob Roloff | Brittney Schuemann | Eric Wiesehan |
| Andy Wiesehan | Chastity Arndt | Mark Prudom |
| Bruce Caskey | | |

THE BIG PICTURE (44 weeks)

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| <u>GENERAL FUND</u> | | <u>PROPOSED S.M.A.R.T. CENTER</u> | |
| Budgeted this fiscal year | \$ 550,000 | Received to date | \$ 1,544,650 |
| Received this fiscal year | \$ 551,600 | Recd after vote (24wks) | \$ 195,346 |
| Needed weekly | \$ 12,500 | <u>CURRENT OPERATING DEBT</u> | |
| Received last week | \$ 10,745 | From Special Funds | \$ 64,552 |

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

- Sun 4 **Communion**, 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:10 a.m.
Bible Class, 9:15 a.m.
Worship w/Confirmation Examination, 10:30 a.m.
Youth, 4:00 p.m.
- Mon 5 School Board, 6:30 p.m.
- Tue 6 Evangelism, 6:00 p.m.
Elders, 6:00 p.m.
- Wed 7 Choir, 6:00 p.m.
Communion, 7:00 p.m.
- Thur 8 Sewing Bee, 8:30 a.m.
Shut-in Communion, 2:00 p.m.
New Member Class, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri 9 Grandparents Day, 11:30 a.m.
- Sun 11 **PENTECOST**
MOTHER'S DAY
Communion, 8:00 a.m.
NO Bible Class
Communion w/Confirmation, 10:30 a.m.
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THE LUTHERAN HOUR ~ Next Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus will speak on *"Not About Mothers"* (Acts 2:21). A mother's sacrificial love and work is another way of understanding all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ. Tune into the Lutheran Hour broadcast each Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. on WJMQ (92.3) FM or WFCL (1380) AM.

PART-TIME CHURCH CUSTODIAN: A part-time church custodian is needed for about 20 hours per week including weekends. You may pickup an application and job description at the St. Martin Lutheran Church office between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm during the week. If you have any questions contact Principal Jiter at 715-823-6538 or jjiter@stmlc.org.



SMILE.... Biblical Humor

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany ?

A. German Shepherds.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah - He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Introit

I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will make music. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Collect

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING

Acts 1:12-26

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, 'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and " 'Let another take his office.' So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.