

St. Martin Messenger

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50+ Wedding Anniversaries in

April:

- *16 Daroll & Nancy Mueller
Henry & Doris Steenbock
- *17 Ed & Betty Heideman



75+ Birthdays in April:

- *1 Elaine Miller
- *5 Arlen Sasse
Faye Schmoll
- *6 Elizabeth Satre
- *9 Vila Klotzbuecher
Doris Ebert
- *10 Beatrice Reeck
- *12 Beverly Behnke
Dorothy Suehring
- *14 Dorothy Laux
Gene Rohde
- *15 Norman Pietz
- *16 Lester Kasper
- *17 Leona Gould
- *19 Ethel Hass
- *20 Carol Wick
- *22 Gladys DuMee
- *27 Edna Kasuboski
- *29 Delbert Owen

If your anniversary or birthday is not listed, please contact the church office so we can update our records.

St. Martin Telephone: 823-6538

NAME EXTENSION

Church Secy	2110
School Secy	2112
Principal	2113
Pastor Burg	2115
Maintenance	2116
Daycare	2210
Library	2211
1 st Grade	2212
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Kindergarten	2214
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“If you don’t know where you are going, you might not get there.” - Yogi Berra

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Martin Lutheran Church,

Last month I wrote to you about vision. Vision is an optimistic view of our future. Most of us sense a bright future for St. Martin but can we put it into words? Can we put those words into action?

On April 12 our congregation will be having a meeting called a “Mission Statement Workshop.” The goal of this meeting is to create a mission statement for our congregation. Some of you may think, “Why bother? We have had plenty of other mission statements over the years.”

The problem with this attitude is that old mission statements don’t work with new members and new staff. Just as new wine will break old wine skins, so new members and new staff need a new formulation of our mission. Even long term members need to stop and look at things from a new perspective to see if we are really being good stewards of our time.

When discussing topics like mission and vision, it is easy to get bogged down in varying definitions and trendy terminology so let me give you a few examples of mission statements.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Luke 24:46-48 He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

And most famously,

Matthew 28:19-20 While you are going, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

How do you like those mission statements? Given that they were spoken by Jesus, it is hard to disagree with them.

Our goal is not to reinvent the wheel. The above statements are our mission statements but what they lack is personalization for our place, our time and our skills. Again this month, I invite you to participate in this process so that we can stand united behind our formulation of Christ’s mission.

Your servant in Christ,

*Pastor Christian
Burg*

PASTORAL ACTS:

Funerals:
02/26/08
03/13/08

Paul H. Timm, Age 92
Myrna M. Kirchner Age 88



Kamp-Schroeder if you have any questions or wish to volunteer at 752-3174 (home), or 823-6538, Ext. 2218 (work).



THRIVENT MATCHING FUNDS ~ St. Martin Lutheran School received checks totaling \$4,700, as a result of the following contributors: Daniel Beckwith, Darla Beckwith, Christian Burg, Denise Cesar, Steven Conradt, Dorie Daharsh, Douglas Federwitz, DuWayne Federwitz, Virginia Federwitz, Sue Hamberger, Pauline Jerabek, Debra Kamp-Schroeder, Vilas Krueger, Beth Mack, Sandra Mirsberger, Mark Priebe, Barbara Sawall, and Arlene Schultz. Thank you!!



ST. MARTIN PRESCHOOL APPLICATIONS

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UPCOMING DATES AVAILABLE TO SPONSOR THE SUNDAY RADIO BROADCASTS: April 13 & 27; **OR BULLETINS:** April 27. The radio broadcast is \$86 and the bulletin \$25.

WOULD YOU LIKE TRANSPORTATION TO THE SHUT-IN COMMUNION SERVICE? Just call the church office, at 823-6538, Ext. 2110, and leave your name and address. We will get back to you and arrange it.

THANK YOU to the anonymous donor for our new Lutheran Service Book hymnals.

THE SEWING BEE'S SPRING RUMMAGE SALE will be Saturday, May 3rd. Remember when you do your Spring cleaning. There will be more information later in the bulletin.

VBS IS SET FOR AUGUST 4-8

VBS is looking for five (5) Bible Story teachers. A teacher would teach the same Bible Story to all of the classes and you would only have to do this for one day. Classroom teachers, snack helpers, and craft helpers are also needed. Seventh & eighth graders - we look forward to having you help as teachers aides too. Please contact Deb

FROM THE PARISH NURSE:

HEALTH TIPS

Dust Be Gone

An allergy to dust mites can show up as chronic congestion or even as asthma. It calls for special attention to minimize your exposure:

- *Focus on your bedroom* - About 98 percent of dust mite allergens are inhaled from the bed. Cover pillows and your mattress with dust-proof or allergen-impenetrable covers, which can be purchased in many department stores. Avoid wool and choose instead bedding made with synthetic materials. Wash bedding every other week to kill dust mites. Wash your sheets, blankets, pillowcases, mattress pads and bedcovers in hot water - at least 130 F.
- *Clean with a difference* - Instead of a dry cloth or dust mop, dust with a micro-fiber dusting product, or a damp mop or rag. Use a vacuum cleaner with a double-layered microfilter bag or a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter to remove dust from carpet and upholstered furniture. Clean your bedroom at least once a week and keep dust-collecting clutter, such as books, newspapers and knick-knacks, to a minimum.
- *Control your environment* - Keep windows and doors closed as much as possible. Maintain a relative humidity level of 30 percent to 50 percent. Use a micron-grade allergen filter with the furnace and air conditioning systems if possible, and change the filters frequently.



FROM CHAIRMAN OF ST. MARTIN

Easter will be past as you read this - He is Risen indeed! What do we do with our time. I'm sure each of you as members of St. Martin has a different answer. Once again I'm asking each of you for approximately 50 minutes of your time each Sunday morning at approximately 9:15 a.m. Please join nearly 50 of your fellow members in Bible Class. Not only is it a time for social interaction ... it is a time for Christian growth. No one will call on you for a question/answer! I promise you the rest of the week will be spiritually stronger for you.

God's blessing on St. Martin. In my mind God has blessed this congregation in ways beyond what I could have

imagined in the last months. Groundbreaking for the new SMART building. Dedication of our new hymnal. Rev. Daniel Burns acceptance of our call to be our Associate Pastor. A staff and support group of individuals that work in harmony ... and the list goes on and on. It is my prayer that each of you and your families take time to attend the upcoming installation service of Pastor Burns and welcome him and his family to our family at St. Martin.

DuWayne Federwitz, President

RADA CUTLERY ~ The Ladies Aid has a selection of Rada Cutlery available to view and purchase at all Ladies Aid meetings, or you can call Elverna Schwenke for more information at 754-5609.

who came and enjoyed soup and fellowship together. Ya all come back now ya hear!!!

YOUR ECONOFOOD RECEIPTS ARE adding up....as of March 21st, we have \$179,750 in receipts. Great job - keep up the good work.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Perfect Attendance - February 2008

<u>Pre-3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>
Caleb Christopherson	Alissa Hansen
Caretta Mehlberg	Abigail Krueger

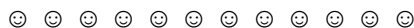
<u>Pre-4</u>	<u>Grade 5</u>
Leah Harbath	Emma Sagert
Klay Barkow	Elizabeth Sigl
Morgan Federwitz	Teddy Tetzke
Nicole Kirchner	

<u>Kindergarten</u>	<u>Grade 6</u>
James Boyer	Morgan Anderson
Tyler Tetzke	Barbara Boyer

<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Grade 7 & 8</u>
Erin Aschenbrenner	Emilie Aschenbrenner
Nathan Federwitz	Rachel Kirchner
Austin Fuhrman	Ali Moon
Corwin Mehlberg	Courtney Rindt
Donovan Rindt	

Grade 2
Callie Krake
Dalee Kruzicki

Grade 3
David Aschenbrenner
Sarah Boyer



FROM THE YOUTH GROUP:

The youth group had a successful soup supper with the help of many people. We have a few that we need to personally thank. Mary Klemp and Gerry Mueller for making homemade bread. All the adults who helped set up, serve and clean-up. Lisa Harbath for making the soups all day on Wednesdays. Kate Krueger and Creative Converting for supplying napkins and paper plates. Everyone who donated cheese, pies, bars and money. The biggest thank you to all

YOUTH NEWS

We still have a couple of openings for St. Louis. Please contact Sue if you are interested.

The high school 3 on 3 tourney and co-ed volleyball tourney was rescheduled to Saturday, April 5th due to the lock-in on Friday, March 28th.

Lock-in Friday, March 28th from 8:00 pm to 7:00 am. Cost is \$10.00. Permission slips on the youth board. Loads of pizza, fun and fellowship.

April 6: Youth meeting, 6:30-8:30 - Kelsey
April 13: No youth meeting
April 20: Youth meeting, 6:30-8:30 - Katie
April 25-26: Confirmation Retreat

April 26th spring raking from 10:30 until we are done. Please contact Sue Hamberger if you need help with your yard. 823-6682

LWML NOTES:

Two dates to remember: The quarterly meeting of LWML will be held on Tuesday, April 15, at 8:30 in the Chapel. The zone Spring Rally is hosted by St. John's, Mattoon, on Saturday, April 12, 9:00 am, registration at 8:30, cost is \$4.00. We remind everyone to bring used stamps and place in the container in the office, it is an ongoing project which has earned funds for LWML.- Ladies of St. Martin, and one Christus lady at Greentree, have made 24 baby caps and 12 baby afghans for Global Health Ministries. Thanks, ladies, they will be so appreciated!- ** Please take a moment to look at the LWML Bulletin Board, located at the corner of the office hallway.**- A number of St. Martin women are planning to attend the Young Women's and Young at Heart Retreat in Antigo, on April 5.- We are happy that with our mites and our Mission Projects we are able to assist in proclaiming to many around the World, "The Lord is Risen, Indeed."

may contact DuWayne Federwitz, Pastor Burg, or Principal Jiter.

FROM THE BOARD OF PARISH EDUCATION:

Your Servant Depart in Peace According to Your Word

“Early on the first day of the week, while it was dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.” (John 20:1)

That very first Easter morning started out as a very sad day for Mary Magdalene. But it quickly turned into the best day of her life. It was the day she realized it was possible to be FOREVER ALIVE! Imagine how excited she was to know that she could still be with Jesus, even after He died. Many people get very sad about death. Some are even afraid of death. The reason people are afraid of death is because they are still learning what happens to them after they die. When Jesus rose from the dead, He conquered the fear of death. Christians don't have to worry about dying. As Christians we know that when we die, we'll go straight to Heaven to LIVE with Jesus forever. Remember, Jesus loves you and He is making a home for you in Heaven! Lord Jesus thank You for Your faithful presence and grace now and forever.

Mission Statement Development:

Pastor Burg will be leading the congregation through the development of a congregation Mission Statement on Saturday, April 12, from 9:00-12:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Don't we have a Mission Statement? Yes, we do. Then why is there a need to develop a new Mission Statement at this time? There may be several reasons. One, we have just completed several major projects: two boilers, bell tower, organ, approved school building addition, more vacated space (the chute area) for ministry use, and the school attendance is rising. Another may be that we have new leadership: Senior Pastor Burg, Associate Pastor Burns, Principal Jiter, and will soon have a new office manager. One more reason may be that we will soon be paying off the new addition (within three years), what will Phase 2 and Phase 3 look like? A well developed Mission Statement will help us create visions, set goals, and make plans for the future at St. Martin Lutheran Church and School. **Make your attendance a priority on this date and at these times.**



Tentative Agenda:

- 8:30 Fellowship Time with juice, rolls and coffee
- 9:00 Topics
 - I. Purpose: Why do we exist? What are our values?
 - II. Four Views of the Great Commission
 - III. Mission: What are we supposed to be doing?
- 11:00 Break
- 11:20 Topics
 - IV. Creating a Shared Mission for St. Martin
 - V. Communicating the Mission
- 12:30 Dismissal (depart earlier if finished)

Be a part of guiding the next few years of St. Martin Lutheran Church and School. If you have any questions you

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HELP - USHERS NEEDED - adults and youth (high school) for all services, but especially the 10:30 a.m. service. If interested please call the church office, 823-6538, Ext. 2110, and get on an usher group. Each group ushers approximately once per month. Please consider volunteering. Thank you.

SCHOOL NEWS:

CALENDAR – March

- March 31-April 11 Gr. K-7 Stanford Testing ~ GET PLENTY OF REST & BRING #2 PENCILS
- 4 End of 3rd Quarter
- 10 Report cards sent home with your child
- 17-18 Upper Grade Musical at 7:30 pm
- 17 Upper Grade Dress Rehearsal 9:00 a.m.
- 23 Lifetouch – spring pictures 9:00 a.m.
- 24 St. Martin Gr. 6 acolyte training during school hours
- 24 Gr. 7&8 Weidner Center show – dress in nice clothes 10:00 a.m.
- 29 Gr. 3&4 Class Trip ~ 8:00 – 2:50

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK was a great success as the students enjoyed LUTHERAN SCHOOLS ~ *Securing Each Child's Future* based on Jeremiah 29:11. A special thank-you to all the staff members who helped orchestrate the activities during the week, the local merchants who displayed the posters made by grades 2-4, to grades K-1 for the table toppers in the Fellowship Hall and the Student Council members who organized the week's activities. Happy 122nd Birthday St. Martin Lutheran School!

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART NEWS:

Jump Rope for Heart was held at St. Martin Lutheran School on Tuesday, March 4, 2008. The 7th graders designed all of the stations with an underwater theme. The top grade collectors were Gr. 1 ~\$515; Gr. 5~\$425; Gr. 4~\$325; Gr. 3~\$262; Gr. 8~\$240; Gr. 7~\$215; Gr. 2~\$195; Gr. 6~\$170; K~\$162. The grand total collected for the American Heart Association was \$2509.00. Our top donator was Tiffany Bricco with \$175.00 and 2nd ~ Amber Krueger with \$145.00.

This year our Jump Rope for Heart event was very successful. We selected Mr. Boettcher as our person to honor because of all his years of service to St. Martin. Through causes like Jump Rope for Heart, we can help children lead healthy lives. Thanks to Mr. Boettcher for inspiring us!

GRANDPARENTS DAY is set for Friday, May 9th from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mark your calendars for this event. We will be starting with a lunch with the students provided by the school. Anyone wishing to be an adopted grandparent, please contact Mrs. Sawall in the mornings at 823-6538 ext. 2112. Watch for more information.

MUSICAL NEWS:

Please do not schedule any appointments 3 weeks before the Upper Grade (April 17 & 18) and Lower Grade (May 22) musicals. This is so everyone is there for practices, and we will not need to practice after school so often.

- ◆ Upper Grade Musical is set for Thursday & Friday, April 17 & 18 at 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Lower Grade Musical is set for Thursday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m.

GR. 7&8 MATH CONTEST: Congratulations on a great job. Students scoring 15 or more are to be commended! Scores of 15-19: Ali Moon, Elena Mederas, Rachel Kirchner, Aaron Ziemer, Cole LaViolette, Beau Stueck, Kolin Kubitz, Jesse Shaw, Nathan Jerabek, Greg Kriewaldt. Scores of 20-24: Anthony Krause, Brittany Hoffman, Tyler Sawall, Mike Krueger, Matt Betz, Luke Eggers, Zach Aschebrook, and Zachary Lapp.

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PREREGISTRATION CONTINUES: In order to get a better count on our projected enrollment for next year, I would like as many pre-registrations as possible. Most classes are below 20 students, but some have the potential of exceeding that amount. One of the strengths of our school is the excellent student/teacher ratio. I want to keep it that way. Pre-registrations help the Board and me make the best possible enrollment decisions. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. **PRESCHOOL:** Forms are available in the school office for 3 – 4 year olds and for 4-5 Pre-Kindergartners for the next school year.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES: We all need to have “outreach eyes”. We need to be on the outlook for students and parents who may benefit from our school. The best would be for you to talk to them, but if you are uncertain or would like for me to follow up on one of your conversations, then let me know. I would be happy to talk to the prospective family. This is the time of the year families begin thinking about making changes.

DAILY SCHOOL TOURS: I invite families to come and visit our school. I will arrange for a tour guided by one of our families. Encourage interested families to call the

school to make an appointment. Get the good word out about our ministry here at St. Martin Lutheran School.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE UPPER GRADE MUSICAL:

Setting 1940's, please call Mrs. Cloeter if you have any of these items ~ 823-6538 ext. 2219.

Womens' red jackets and skirts, white Christmas lights, dice, solid colored Men's oxfords, cuff links, double A batteries, tropical brightly colored tablecloth, small one step wooden boxes or sturdy wooden step stools, brass or gold buttons, suspenders, men's felt hats, castanets, argyle socks, fake cigarettes, dark wing tips, band instruments ~ drum, cymbals, trumpet, etc., small narrow table, trench coat, dressing room chair, coconut mugs, colored men's hanky, ear of corn, purses, apple baskets, tea cart, gun holster (1940), small tablets, ladies hats, ladies white blouses w/pointed collars, blonde wigs, gingham short sleeved (girls/womens) blouses.

MORNING GLORY/GOLDEN GUERNSEY CAP TEST PERIOD

Morning Glory/Gold Guernsey Dairy will be performing a “Cap Test” using an alternative cap during the period of Tuesday, April 8th through Monday, April 15th. They had a concern where a newly opened gallon would at times; create a “fan” if you will, when pouring. This would result in a small amount of milk spilling down the outside of the container. They will apply a drop ring cap as currently used on our GISI pints during this “cap test” period. During this “Cap Test Period” there will not be any Kids, Caps and Cash stickers applied to their appropriate fluid products. Following the test period, they will again have Kids, Caps and Cash stickers applied to all of their appropriate fluid products.



DON'T JUDGE ANYBODY'S SCARS

Some years ago, on a hot summer day in south Florida, a little boy decided to go for a swim in the old swimming hole that was behind his house. In a hurry to dive into the cool water, he ran out the back door, leaving behind shoes, socks, and shirt as he went. He flew into the water, not realizing that as he swam toward the middle of the lake, an alligator was swimming toward the shore. In the house, his mother was looking out the window. She

saw the two as they got closer and closer together. In utter fear, she ran toward the water, yelling to her son as loudly as she could. Hearing her voice, the little boy became alarmed, and made a U-turn to swim to his mother. It was too late. Just as he reached her, the alligator reached him. From the dock, the mother grabbed her little boy by the arms, just as the alligator snatched his legs. That began a very incredible tug-of-war between the two. The alligator was much stronger than the mother, but the mother was much too passionate to let go. A farmer happened to drive by, heard her screams, raced from his truck, took aim, and shot the alligator. Remarkably, after weeks and weeks in the hospital, the little boy survived. His legs were extremely scarred by the vicious attack of the animal. On his arms, there were deep scratches where his mother's fingernails dug into his flesh, in her effort to hang on to the son she loved. The newspaper reporter, who interviewed the boy after the trauma, asked the boy if he would show him his scars. The boy lifted his pant legs. Then, with obvious pride, he said to the reporter, "But look at my arms. I have great scars on my arms, too. I have them because my Mom wouldn't let go." You and I can identify with that little boy. We have scars, too. No, not from an alligator, but the scars of a painful past. Some of those scars are unsightly, and have caused us deep regret. But, some wounds, my friend, are because God has refused to let go. In the midst of your struggle, He's been right there, holding on to you. The Scripture teaches that God loves you. You are a child of God. He wants to protect you, and provide for you in every way. But, sometimes, we foolishly wade into dangerous situations, not knowing what lies ahead. The swimming hole of life is filled with peril ~ and we forget that the enemy is waiting to attack. That is when the tug-of-war begins. If you have the scars of His love on your arms, be very, very grateful. He will not ever let you go.

Who says American don't get enough exercise? We all seem to get enough exercise by:

- Jumping to conclusions
- Dodging decisions
- Wrestling problems
- Hitting the ceiling
- Kicking up a fuss
- Climbing the walls
- Shooting off our mouths
- Patting ourselves on the back
- Passing the buck
- Running around in circles
- Beating around the bush
- Wrapping up for the day
- Throwing our weight around

The above usually done to excess, whereas, the following are not done frequently enough:

- Pulling our own weight
- Swallowing our pride