

**ST. MARTIN LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL**  
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**Wed. March 15 & Sun. March 19, 2023 ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent**

<p>Wed. Sermon Theme:          “The Problem is with Jesus Himself”          Text: Matthew 26:57-68          First Reading: Isaiah 42:14-21          Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14          Holy Gospel: Matthew 26:57-68          Color: purple</p>	<p>Sunday Sermon Theme: “I Can See”          Text: John 9:1-41          Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:14-21          Epistle Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14          Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41          Color: purple</p>
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**Wed. @4:30 pm ~ Vespers**  
**Anthem: Gr. 3&4**  
 Hymns: 427, 685, 668, 879

**Sun. @8:00am ~ Traditional ~ communion**  
 Hymns: 545, 551, (841, 420, 744), 646(tune 648)

**Wed. @7:00 pm ~ Vespers**  
 Hymns: 427, 685, 668, 879

**Sun. @10:30am ~ SOJ, Team A**  
 Hymns: 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.

**Visitors:** Please put your home address and phone number on the attendance pad.

**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 if you have questions or are not a member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation. Thank you!*

**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.	Wed.	Sunday	Sunday	Wed.	Wed.	Sunday	Sunday
<b>Date</b>	March 15 @4:30pm	March 15 @7pm	March 19 @8am	March 19 @10:30am	March 22 @4:30pm	March 22 @7pm	March 26 @8am	March 26 @10:30am
<b>Ushers</b>	Riemer/Goerlinger	Hanson	Donaldson	Aschliman	S. Krueger & Czarnecki	Christopher son	Wisnefske	Goerlinger
<b>Comm. Assist.</b>			Al Mueller					Jim Klingbeil
<b>Altar Guild</b>			Rosie Schroeder & Shelly Maas					Doris Camann & Nancy Ulman
<b>Elder on Duty</b>	Randy Wedde	Dennis Schroeder	Scott Behnke	Blair Sawall	Steve Krueger	Klint Barkow	Bob Seide	Dave Steenbock
<b>Power Point Presenter</b>	LeAnn Hopp	Donna Krueger	Dennis Federwitz	Sue Aschliman	LeAnn Hopp	Donna Krueger	Kandi Krueger	Carol Eanone
<b>Acolytes</b>	Caden Brzezinski	Lily Loose	Madison Harbaugh	Kayleigh Wedde	Brianna Birling	Halle Curtis	Rhianna Miller	Emily Hagman
<b>Bulletin Assem.</b>	Rosalee Roloff & Grace Kirchner				Carol Steenbock			
<b>Fellowship</b>			Worship Choir				Teachers	

**Introit for the Fourth Sunday in Lent ~ Psalm 27:4-6**

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
**for he will pluck my feet out of the net.**  
 One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:  
**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**  
 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
**I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**  
**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 the Fourth Sunday in Lent ~**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

- Sun. March 19 **DS1C ~ 8:00 am**  
Fellowship ~ Worship Choir  
Bible Study ~ 9:15 am  
Sunday School ~ 9:15 am  
**SOJ, Team A ~ 10:30 am**
- Mon. March 20  
Mission Mats ~ 2:00 pm  
SOJ rehearsal ~ 5:00 pm  
Women's Bible Study ~ 6:30 pm  
ALL LATE WORK needs to be turned in by 3:00 pm to your teacher
- Tues. March 21  
Men's Lenten Breakfast @Christus ~ 7:00 am  
Nursing Home Communion ~  
    The Pines ~ 9:30 am  
    Greentree ~ 10:15 am  
    Kindred Hearts ~ 11:00 am  
Council ~ 6:30 pm
- Wed. March 22  
Chapel ~ 8:10 am – all are welcome to attend  
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE ~ 9:00 am  
Shepherds Meeting ~ 9:30 am  
**Vespers ~ 4:30 (Gr. 1&2 sings) & 7:00 pm**  
PS Gr. 7&8 Confirmation ~ 5:30 pm  
Soup Supper ~ 5:00 – 7:00 pm
- Thurs. March 23  
Quilting Bee ~ 8:30 am  
Community Meal, St. Martin serves ~ 5:30 pm  
Athletic Social ~ 6:00 pm
- Fri. March 24  
End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter for school year
- Sun. March 26 **DS1 ~ 8:00 am**  
Fellowship ~ Teachers  
Bible Study ~ 9:15 am  
Sunday School ~ 9:15 am  
**SOJC, Team B ~ 10:30 am**  
WRLHS Rep Meeting ~ 1:00 pm at WRLHS

**THE BULLETIN:** This week's bulletin is sponsored by Josh & Jodi Behnke in thankfulness for all the years of God's Blessings for their 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on April 5. **Sponsorship for the Bulletin in full or in part is \$30.00.** Available dates: April 23; June 4, 11, 25.

**THE RADIO BROADCAST:** This week's radio broadcast is sponsored by Josh & Jodi Behnke in thankfulness for all the years of God's Blessings for their 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on April 5. **Sponsorship for the Radio Broadcast, in full or in part, is \$110.00.** Available dates: May 7, 28; June 4, 11, 25.

## AS WE GATHER ~

Recently published health guidelines suggest that it is of significant benefit that each adult walk about 10,000 steps each day. The guidelines do not suggest where or how or even when that walking should be done during the course of a day. It simply commends the walking itself. Walking is important for our lives! Paul wrote to the Christians at Ephesus to "walk as children of light" and to seek what is "good and right and true" (Ephesians 5:8b, 9b). May our walking with our Lord be blessed each day—no matter how many steps we take along the way!

**Prayers for Hospitalized or Recuperating:** Marilyn Blanke, Jean Handrich, Walter House, Bentley Koepke, Duaine Kussmann, Joe Novak, Wendy Perry, Brenda Roth, Lyle Sanderfoot, Jeff Schneider, Diann Schroeder, Gerry Schroeder, Marilyn Siebert, Lori Tomsovic, Brenda Wedde, Jenni Yaeger.

**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:



Tammy & Corey Higgins, Halley, Caedyn, Alyssa, Riley  
Robert & Lisa Hill, Matthew, Mason, Myles  
Rebecca Hilley  
Jeff & Corinne Hoffman, Brittany, Erin  
Chris & Tracy Hoffmann, Patron, Parker, Piper

**A Special Thank You** for the donation from the Jody Schultz memorial, which went to the School General Fund from family and friends.

**Fun Fair:** Thank you to everyone that helped in any way, by either bringing a dessert, donating items for your child's classroom raffle basket, volunteering your time, or coming to this year's Fun Fair. We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. From PTL and Fun Fair Committee

**Stewardship Message:** Psalm 142:5 – "I cry to you, O LORD; I say, 'You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.'" The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves us through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, He is in control, so we can follow His Word in confidence.

**Life Thoughts for Lutherans:** Jesus clearly instructs us not to regard physical impairment as reason for condemnation to death (John 9:3). Yet our culture often uses disability as excuse for abortion and euthanasia. The Lord our God works wonders through our neighbors' brokenesses just as He does through our own. So we may cheerfully, compassionately, courageously persuade our communities to turn away from doctor-assisted deaths.



## Lenten Soup Suppers

(From 5:00 pm- 6:30 pm)

\*Fresh bread and cheese served weekly\*

A suggested donation for dinner is \$5.00.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Chili, chicken noodle soup, loaded baked potato. Homemade cookies.

March 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Chili, chicken noodle soup, vegetable beef. Ice Cream.

We are looking for donations of **Cheese, Milk, Butter**, anyone willing to help provide the **Weekly Desserts**, or any monetary donations would be greatly appreciated!! Any food donations can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall marked "Soup Supper," monetary donations can be dropped off in the office, in the Youth mailbox. Proceeds will go towards Youth Group Missions.

Thank you in advance for supporting St. Martin.

If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Doell at [ndoell@stmlc.org](mailto:ndoell@stmlc.org).

**No Youth Group** meetings during Lent.

**Spring Church Pew Cleaning Time:** The Altar Guild will be gathering on Tuesday, March 28, at 2:00 pm to give the church pews a fresh look before Easter. The more help we have, the sooner we can finish. If You are so inclined, your help would be appreciated.

**Direct Choice Dollars®** - During this special time of year, we pause to reflect on all that we have to be thankful for: family, friends, faith ... One way eligible Thrivent Financial members can show their thanks is by directing Choice Dollars to St. Martin's Lutheran Church. If you're a Thrivent member who has Choice Dollars, take this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable outreach funds by directing them to St. Martin's Lutheran Church. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) before March 31st to learn more or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

### A WORD FROM YOUR WOLF RIVER PRINCIPAL:

- ❖ **WRLHS Trivia Event!** Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> starts at 1:30 pm (doors open at 12:30). Free babysitting, popcorn and drinks. **Cost** \$10 per person or be a Sponsor! For more info: call 715-745-2400 or visit WRLHS website at [www.wrlhs.org](http://www.wrlhs.org). Join us for an afternoon of Fun & Fellowship!!
- ❖ Wolf River Lutheran High School Rep meeting on March 26 at 1 p.m. at Wolf River Lutheran High School.

**Mission Mats ~ Silent Auction Item:** There will be a silent auction for a crochet afghan. It will be on display in the office and during soup suppers. The size of the blanket is approx. 34" x 39". It is perfect for a baby blanket or lap blanket. Stop in the office or during soup suppers to place a bid on the blanket. The proceeds will be going towards the shipping costs of the sleeping mats.



**Donations to give to the Office:** If you need to get a donation to the office and it is closed, please put a note on the check or in an envelope indicating what it is for. Place your check/envelope in the offering plate, locked box across the hallway from the office labeled church & school (indoors) or locked box outside the main office doors labeled church & school (outside). These places are checked regularly. Thanks for your cooperation.



**Vacation Bible School:** Save the Date-mark your calendars for Monday August 7 through Thursday August 10 from 9:00 – 11:30 am. More information will be provided in the next few months.

**Clintonville Red Cross Blood Drive:** Wednesday, March 22, 2023 from Noon to 5:30 pm at Clintonville Lanes, 250 County Hwy I, Clintonville. For appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

### Worship Choir & SOJ schedule:

March 20 ~ SOJ rehearsal, 5:00 pm  
 March 29 ~ Worship Choir rehearsal, 5:30 pm  
 April 3 ~ SOJ rehearsal, 5:00 pm  
 April 9 ~ Easter, Worship Choir sings, 6 & 8 am  
 April 17 ~ SOJ rehearsal, 5:00 pm  
 April 19 ~ Worship Choir rehearsal, 5:30 pm

### SOJ TEAMS ~ 10:30am

March 19 ~ Team A  
 March 26 ~ Team B  
 April 2 ~ Youth  
 April 9 ~ Team C

### Holy Week Schedule:

April 2 ~ Palm Sunday, services 8:00 am – DS1 w/communion & SOJ (contemporary) 10:30 am-no communion  
 April 6 ~ Maundy Thursday, services 4:30 & 7:00 pm – Traditional w/communion  
 April 7 ~ Good Friday, services 1:30 & 7:00 pm  
 April 9 ~ Easter, services 6:00 & 8:00 – Traditional w/communion & 10:30 am – SOJ (contemporary) w/communion

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### ATTENDANCE & OFFERING INFORMATION

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Members-</b>		
Wednesday	no separate record	221
Sunday	377	262
<b>Communion-</b>		
Sunday	43	102
<b>General Offering Weekly:</b>		<b>\$15,829.00</b>
General Offering Budget Weekly:		\$12,980.77

**Anthem ~ 4:30 pm -- Grades 3&4 – “Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”**

**FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 42:14–21*

<sup>14</sup>For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant.

<sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools.

<sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them.

I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them.

<sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, “You are our gods.”

<sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see!

<sup>19</sup>Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD?

<sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear.

<sup>21</sup>The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

*Psalms 22:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?**

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, **and by night, but I find no rest.**

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy, **enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

<sup>4</sup>In you our fathers trusted; **they trusted, and you delivered them.**

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were rescued; **in you they trusted and were not put to shame.**

<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and not a man, **scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**

<sup>7</sup>All who see me mock me; **they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;**

<sup>8</sup>“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; **let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”**

<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me from the womb; **you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.**

<sup>10</sup>On you was I cast from my birth, **and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.**

<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near, **and there is none to help.**

**SECOND READING**

*Ephesians 5:8–14*

<sup>8</sup>For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

