

THIS SUNDAY, May 12th, 2024
Worship w/Holy Communion

Refreshments: Harrington Family through Kuck Family

Altar: Dawn Prueter & Mary Lee

Prayer Partners - 8:00am: Marianne Nelson & Ray Parlberg

Greeters - 8:30am: Elaine Knight, Jackie Lee, Carla Miller & Kathy Haddrill

11:15am: Judy Crawford

Acolytes - 8:30am: Addison Reif

11:15am: Caressa Brown

Lay Assistant - 8:30am: Frank Sauder

11:15am: Chris Matzke

Tech Booth - 8:30am: Paul & Adelle Kuck, Larry & Sandy Gotham

11:15am: Brenda & Lisa Kenny, Ivan Chinery

Ushers - 8:30am: Les Davis, Dawn Prueter & Wayne Benkert

11:15am: Darin Peterson, Dave & Carmen Sawchuk

Readers - 8:30am: Tracey Racquepaw

11:15am: Carol Matzke

NEXT SUNDAY, May 19th, 2024
Worship w/Holy Communion

Refreshments: Lamb Family through Muschiana Family

Altar: Dawn Prueter & Mary Lee

Prayer Partners - 8:00am: Tim & Veronica O'Connell

Greeters - 8:30am: Louie & Janet Schultz, Elysia Novess & Ruth Barritt

11:15am: Sharon & Larry Prested

Acolytes - 8:30am: Rory Reif

11:15am: James Ortiz

Lay Assistants - 8:30am: Larry Prueter

11:15am: Dave Sawchuk

Tech Booth - 8:30am: Paul & Adelle Kuck, Larry & Sandy Gotham

11:15am: Jeff, Krista & LeAnn Crawford

Ushers - 8:30am: Mike & Larry Prueter, Jeff Wendt, Jeff Jones & Frank Sauder

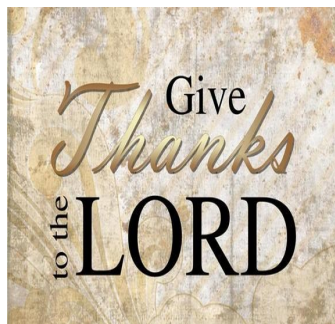
11:15am: Dale Trinklein, Matt McFatrige & Gary Ranke

Readers: 8:30am: Dawn Prueter

11:15am: Carmen Sawchuk

**GIVING IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PASS
ALONG THE JOY OF OUR FAITH IN CHRIST.**

“You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, Which through us will produce thanksgiving to God” (2 Corinthians 9:11).



News & Notes - May 12, 2024

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Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- Psalm 119:105

Penny Pinching Mission Project

I have run out of ideas for the Penny Pinching Mission. What do you still have left in your home that could be used by someone else? I had a school request for yarn but doubt if you have any left according to all that was donated earlier this year!

Any kitchen, bathroom, and living room items that are in good and/or working condition for women who have gone through a program at the Emmaus House to make a positive change in their lives and are now working and eager to live on their own — questions, ask Ruth Barritt.

Kristal Bells on Mother's Day... HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Mothers, stepmothers, grandmas, aunts, and other special friends are invited to join our children in ringing our colorful, joyful Kristal Bells at either worship service today on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th, 2024. ALL children are welcome, even students as young as 2 or 3 years of age can ring if they know their colors. Also, at 10:00 a.m. join the children to hear God's Word and enjoy the special breakfast treats!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR LIFECLINIC

You are invited to take a plastic baby bottle coin bank:

Starts: Mother's Day (Sunday, May 12th, 2024)

Empty bottles available: Thank you for helping!

Ends: Father's Day (Sunday, June 16th, 2024)

Return filled bottles to our church: Thank you, again!

Let's help LifeClinic to assist mothers and babies with love, care, and support. Simply fill the empty baby bottle with coins, paper bills, or a check (payable to: LifeClinic) and return your baby bottle to our Narthex Welcome Center.

Questions about our Baby Bottle Campaign for LifeClinic?
Contact Stephanie at music@stmartinbirchrun.org or (989) 372-4065.

Women's Widow Window

Together we navigate our new normal as friends in the Lord. Join us this

time at Cracker Barrel in Bridgeport, MI on Wednesday, May 15th, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. Questions? Call Carol Matzke at (810) 938-5600.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (B&B)

Join us on Saturday, May 18th, 2024 in our Fellowship Center at 9:00 a.m. for a time of Breakfast & Bible Study. Bring a friend who likes food and fellowship!

Frankenmuth Credit Union (FCU) Communities United in Prayer (CUP)

Prayer Warriors - Please join us for our FCU CUP gathering on May 24th, 2024 (held on the 4th Friday of each month) from 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. in their community room. All churches, denominations, and community members are welcome to attend as we pray for our local community, state, and nation because, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray, seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7: 14). You can bring your lunch. For more information, go to: www.CompleteWorship.org/communities-united

ONE Worship Service: Sunday, May 26th, 2024

Join us at 10:00 a.m. for one service on Memorial Day Weekend (no Bible Study, no potluck). Other holidays when one service is held (no Bible Study, no potluck) includes 4th of July & Labor Day. Please make note. We are excited to have members of both services worship together on these days as one congregation, praising and serving the Lord together.

Taymouth Historical Memorial Day Service

The Taymouth Historical Association will hold it's 32rd Annual Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 27th, 2024 (Memorial Day) at 1:00 p.m. at the Taymouth Veterans Memorial and Plaza. The service will include an Honor Guard, Birch Run High School Band, special music, and reading of the rolls. Those attending should bring their lawn chair.

Remember, "All gave some, some gave all".

2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Summer is just around the corner, and so is Vacation Bible School! This year, our children and their friends will explore "Hometown Nazareth – Where Jesus was a Kid". Save the dates for this fun, faith-filled week: June 17th – 21st (9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.). Now, all we need is YOU!

Please consider joining us by participating (Preschool – 5th Grade) or volunteering (6th Graders to Adult). We will have more details and an online sign up link (for participants and volunteers) coming soon! Join us bring a friend to VBS 2024 for an exciting week focused on Jesus, the Word of God.

Performing and Visual Arts Camp: www.CompleteWorship.org

For 3rd through 12th graders on July 8th through 19th; information soon!

Acolytes & Parents

In order to continue to serve God in our Worship Services & work within our families' schedules, starting Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend we're having a sign up sheet for Acolyting at each of the services. We're hoping that this will help with worship & your schedules. Please sign up with Mr. Bickel to fill in our schedule together. Thank you!

Looking to serve?

Like to be outside? Want to help the church? The Trustees are looking for members who are interested in joining the mowing team to help care for our property, that He has blessed us with. Training is available & scheduling will be done with the others that serve. If you have questions or are interested you can contact Dale Wesener or Jerry Roethlisberger. Thanks!

Deadlines for Church Publications

Please submit newsletter content about church ministries/events by the 10th of each month to Stephanie Revard: music@stmartinbirchrun.org

Please submit content by the preceding Tuesday for our News & Notes articles to Jennifer Koch: secretary@stmartinbirchrun.org to be included in Sunday's bulletin.

Help us share the Good News of Jesus found in God's Word during worship, Bible Studies, and the many ministries St. Martin Lutheran has to offer. Spread the Good News!

Directions To Our Father's House

Make a Right onto Believethe Boulevard. Keep straight and go through the Green Light, which is Jesus Christ. There, you must turn onto the Bridge of Faith, which is over troubled water. When you get off the bridge, make a Right turn and Keep Straight. You are on the King's Highway—Heaven bound. Keep going for three miles: One for the Father, One for the Son, and One for the Holy Ghost. Then exit off onto Grace Boulevard. From there, make a Right turn onto Gospel Lane. Keep Straight and then make another Right on Prayer Road. As you go on your way, Yield Not to the traffic on Temptation Avenue. Also, avoid SIN STREET because it is a DEAD END. Pass up Envy Drive and Hate Avenue. Also, pass Hypocrisy Street, Gossiping Lane, and Backbiting Boulevard. However, you have to go down Long-suffering Lane, Persecution Boulevard, and Trials and Tribulations Avenue. But that's all right, because VICTORY Street is straight ahead! Amen!!! - Author Unknown