St. Martin's Lutheran Church
203 S. Defiance Street + Archbold, OH 43502
Pastor Steve Basselman

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

2025 Thankoffering Sunday

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living. How do you live in response to the reality of the resurrection?

Today is also Thankoffering Sunday and we are using this yearly observance to lift up all of the ministries at St. Martin's.

Regular text is spoken by the Pastor or Worship Leader
Bold text is spoken by the Congregation

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE **FUGUE AND FINALE ON "ABBOT'S LEIGH"**
– ARR. LOVELACE

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

OPENING HYMN** ***"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)
O Lord, you have been our refuge and our strength!

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all the generations. (Psalm 90:1)
O Lord, you have been our refuge and our strength!

You created the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. (Psalm 90:2)
O Lord, you have been our refuge and our strength!

Through ministries and fellowship opportunities of the past, and through ministries of the present,
You have built your people into a spiritual house of living stones. (1Peter 2:5)

We equipped the saints for the work of ministry to meet the needs of the past.
We strive to welcome, work and witness for ministry in the present and into the future.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, it is in Baptism that we are first reconciled to God, and through Baptism that we hear the call to be reconciled to one another. In the community of faith, words are spoken and actions are done out of love for God and one another. But we are a broken humanity, and in our flawed ways those same words and actions can create feelings of inadequacy, strained relationships and God's work left undone. Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for personal reflection

Forgive us Lord,
When we have spoken kind words to faces, but hurtful words were spoken in gossip.

Forgive us Lord,
When we have not valued the gifts others have offered in ministry.

Forgive us Lord,
When we have allowed old hurts to cloud our judgement for new ministry.

Forgive us Lord,
When we hold too tightly to tradition for its own sake and miss opportunities for sharing the Gospel.

Hear this word from God: "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I am He who blots out your transgressions. I will not remember your sins." (Isaiah 43:18-19,25) Be at peace, freed and forgiven. Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ!

AMEN! Thanks be to God!

*Greeting & Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in this faith community. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make our fellowship an example to all. Give us open hearts, open hands and open minds to respond with love to the world, caring for those for whom you care. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Job 19:23-27a

23 "O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
24 O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
25 For I know that my redeemer lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
26 and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
27a whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 17:1-9

1 Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings.

3 Examine my heart, visit me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
4 I have not regarded what others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.
5 My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;
and my feet do not slip.
6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings.

7 Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.
8 Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings,
9 from the wicked who assault me,
from my deadly enemies who surround me.
Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

When our Lord Jesus returns, we will be gathered up to meet him. So I ask you, my friends, [2]not to be easily upset or disturbed by people who claim that the Lord has already come. They may say that they heard this directly from the Holy Spirit, or from someone else, or even that they read it in one of our letters. [3]But don't be fooled! People will rebel against God. Then before the Lord returns, the wicked one who is doomed to be destroyed will appear. [4] He will brag and oppose everything that is holy or sacred. He will even sit in God's temple and claim to be God. [5]Don't you remember that I told you this while I was still with you?

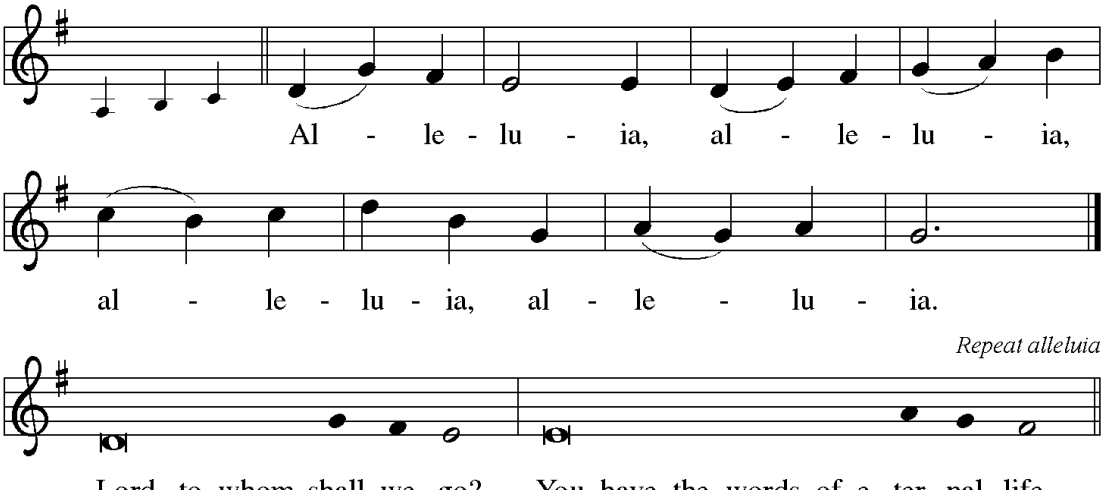
[13]My friends, the Lord loves you, and it is only natural for us to thank God for you. God's Spirit made you holy, and you put your faith in the truth. [14]God used our preaching as a way of inviting you to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. [15]My friends, that's why you must remain faithful and follow closely what we taught you in person and by our letters.

[16]God our Father loves us. He is kind and has given us eternal comfort and a wonderful hope. We pray that our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father [17]will encourage you and help you always to do and say the right thing.

New Living Translation

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel Reading — Luke 20:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

27 Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] 28 and asked
him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but
no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. 29 Now there
were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; 30 then the second 31 and
the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. 32 Finally the woman
also died. 33 In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had
married her."

34 Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in
marriage, 35 but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection
from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. 36 Indeed, they cannot die anymore,
because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the
resurrection. 37 And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story
about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and
the God of Jacob. 38 Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are
alive."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Children's Message — *MacKenna Whitacre*

Message — *"Shaped By the Resurrection"*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

(Please remain seated until the end of the hymn introduction)

HYMN OF THE DAY** ***"Christ, the Life of All the Living"

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** – *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.
(We greet one another with the words "Peace be with you")

OFFERING OF GIFTS **"IN THEE IS GLADNESS"**
CHANCEL CHOIR - *ARR. KALLMAN*

In thee is gladness, gone is all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By thee are given the joys of heaven, thou the only Savior art.
To serve thee ever, forsake thee never, we bow before thee, love and adore thee.
Alleluia!

In him is gladness, gone is all sadness, he who once was dead is raised.
Jesus is giving life to the living now and ever let him be praised!
Here where they laid him, death has not stayed him, the tomb once somber holds him no longer.
Alleluia!

Now is the story of Easter glory sung with glad voices, the world rejoices. Alleluia!

*OFFERTORY *"Gracious Spirit"*

*THANKSGIVING, RENEWAL & PRAYER

Dear Christian friends: we are called by the Holy Spirit to offer ourselves to the Lord of all creation in thanksgiving for all that God has done and continues to do for us.

We renew our Christian promise to help those in need - to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, comfort the exhausted and outcast, welcome the stranger, and be a loving neighbor to all people.

We look back with thanks and we look forward in hope. So with thanksgiving for the past and hope for the future, we dedicate ourselves and our lives to the mission which God gives us as the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.

We dedicate our lives to your service, O God.

Called together into the Spirit's loving embrace, let us pray for the renewal of the church, and all those in need:

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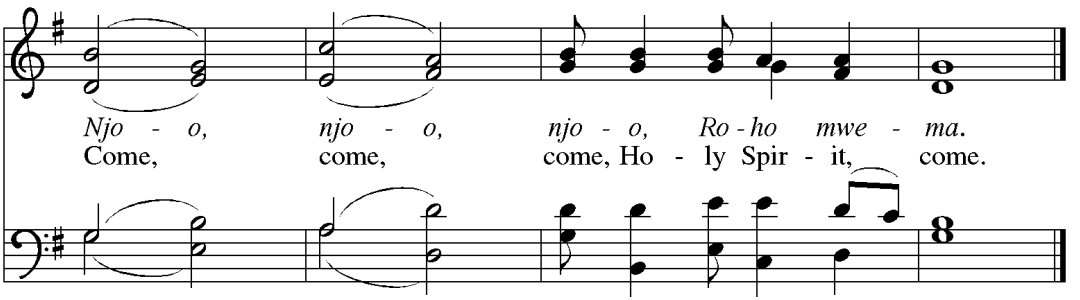

Gracious God, you have gathered us into one body, blessed us with abundance, and called us to be your hands in the world. As we offer gifts, remind us that what we give is not only money, but also our time, our talents, and our care for one another. Use all that we bring today to lift up those who struggle, to strengthen those who serve, and use the community we are given to help others as well as ourselves.
Gracious Spirit, fashion us all anew.
(sing) Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come.

O God of majesty, saints and angels delight to worship you, and by grace we join their unending hymn. Bless those who serve among us in worship ministries, that in worship we may sound forth the joy of your presence and make music to the glory of your name;
Gracious Spirit, fashion us all anew.
(sing) Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come.

O God of wisdom, in your goodness you provide faithful teachers for your church. Bless those who serve in Christian education and youth ministries. Help us all to study your word and engage your world, that together we may grow in knowledge and love, pursue what is good, and seek to do your will;
Gracious Spirit, fashion us all anew.
(sing) Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come.

O God of mercy, your Son washed the feet of his disciples and commanded us to love one another as he loves us. Bless those who carry out service ministries in their words and through their actions. Send us with the will to serve others as Jesus was the servant of all;
Gracious Spirit, fashion us all anew.
(sing) Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come.

O God, creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for the many gifts we receive from your abundance. Bless those who serve among us to organize, coordinate and distribute our resources on our behalf; those who call us to exercise care and stewardship for all your gifts. Move us to respond in gratitude to your gracious goodness;
Gracious Spirit, fashion us all anew.
(sing) Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come.

Compassionate God, we pray for all in need. For those who are thirsty for love, for justice, for peace, for belonging; give the water of life. For those who are suffering or in pain, bring your healing balm and peace.
Gracious Spirit, fashion us all anew.
(sing) Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come.

God who reaches every people, strengthen us in the power of your Holy Spirit, turn our hearts to see those with us now, gathered at worship to give thanks and praise to you. Urge us on to the fullness of life, building each other up in Christ. Lift your Spirit on all of our hearts so that we may be moved to respond to your call.
Gracious Spirit, fashion us all anew.
(sing) Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come.

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

We Are Sent to Serve

*Benediction

Go in peace and with the courage of faith. Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,
and love your neighbor as yourself. *(Matthew 22:37-39)*
Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God through him. *(Colossians 3:17)*
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless us now and forever.
Amen

CLOSING HYMN** ***"For the Fruit of All Creation"

(Please sing Verse 3 in Unison)

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and share the Good News.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE **IMPROVISATION**

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THANKOFFERING SUNDAY *has traditionally been an emphasis on the Women of the Church ministries. St. Martin's is blessed to have many active ministries, so we lift them up today. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, we give and serve in response.*

How can you connect with an active ministry at St. Martin's?
Is God calling you to start something new?

Women of St. Martin's Mission in Action (AKA: Sewing Group)

Team Leaders: Kris Jemmott & JoAnn Liechty

They meet twice each month (except December) on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays to produce quilts to send to Lutheran World Relief and Fulton County Christmas Cheer, in addition to quilts for our high school graduates!

Lutheran World Relief Kit Collection

St. Martin's has an emphasis on the ministry of Lutheran World Relief for Rally Day each year to collect supplies for the various kits that are distributed around the world through LWR. School Kits, Personal Care Kits, and Baby Care Kits.

Sharing the Warmth ***Team Leader: Bridget Lovejoy***

Coats are purchased using budgeted funds and donations from members of our congregation. Each November an open house is held and welcomes anyone who needs a coat.

Laundry Buddies ***Team Leaders: Jane Sonnenberg & Yanira Reyes***

Six other churches have joined St. Martins in sustaining the Laundry Buddy program that launched in 2018. Twice a month, St. Martins provides the leadership for the community - wide program that provides quarters and fellowship for families with laundry needs. Jane Sonnenberg serves as phone coordinator and Yanira Reyes is the in-person contact at the laundromat on Stryker Street.

Coffee Hour ***Team Leaders: John & Lexie Poulson***

Each Sunday volunteers provide snacks and drinks for a time to build relationships in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

Thursday Ladies Breakfast Group *Leader: Gwen Grisier*
This group meets every Thursday at 7 am at the Home Restaurant.

Tuesday Men's Breakfast Group *Leader: John Poulson*
The Tuesday morning men's group meets 7-8am at McDonald's in Archbold.

Friendship Circle
This group meets monthly for Bible study and fellowship and organizes support for purchasing back to school supplies, back to school clothing, and Christmas gifts for children and day to day expenses for families working hard to make ends meet.

Mary Martha Circle *Leader: Kris Jemmott*
This group meets the first Wednesday each month at 1pm and journeys through various study topics.

Furniture Ministry Program *Team Leader: Jerry Rohrs*
This ministry has served the area under Jerry Rohrs' leadership for 40 years and is beginning a transition to a possible new format and leadership.

Puerto Rico Mission Trips *Team Leaders: Darren & Jane Sonnenberg*
In February 2024, 11 people traveled to Puerto Rico to repair a roof destroyed from Hurricanes. The roof repair is through "Techos Pa' Mi Gente" which is "roofs for my people." Another trip is planned for 2026.

Christian Education Ministries
Youth Sunday School
Cecily's Class
Vacation Bible School
Worship Rewind
7th & 8th Grade Catechism

Youth Ministries
Wednesday Kids Klub
Sunday Night Middle School Youth
Monday Morning High School

Music & Worship Ministries
Chancel Choir
Altar Guild
Worship Arts Team
Bell Choir
Usher Teams
Strikepoint Bell Choir

Other on-going ministry areas:
Landscaping Team
Monday Night Chosen Zoom Group
Wednesday Night Adult Small Group
Funeral Meal Team
Welcome & Decorating Team
Library Ministry
Technology Team
Monday Night Zoom Bible Study

St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Acolyte	-Alexa Schneider
Lector	-John Poulson
Organist/Pianist	-Matthew Wachtman
Percussion	-Mike Short
Usher Team Leader	-Jim & Janet Wyse
Sound System	-Bill Phelps
Altar Guild	-Joan Meyer & Jessica Short
Offering Counters	-Jo Ann Benecke & Jo Ann Liechty

The St. Martin's Webstore is open! If you would like to order some apparel you can go to https://stmartinsarchbold.itemorder.com, click the link in your Friday email, or scan the QR code provided.

Scan Me

We are looking for people who would like to **provide the Wednesday Night meals**. Erinn Thompson is organizing this, so you can contact her if you would like to help. You can also scan the QR code provided or click the link in your Friday email to sign up!

The Nominating Team is requesting members of Congregation to prayerfully consider serving in any of the upcoming vacancies on Church Council listed below. Any member may submit a name for consideration, but please keep in mind that candidates must be voting members, attend worship and participate in Holy Communion regularly, and be an active participant in at least one ministry team. The following vacancies are available for the 2026-2028 term:

Council President
Council Secretary
Member-at-Large

Please contact Cameron Thompson or a member of the Nominating Team (Janet Wyse or Jan Delaney) no later than December 1st, 2025, with your considerations. Thank you!

If you are out and about and see Halloween Candy on sale, please consider buying to donate to our **Parade of Lights** Float in November. There will be a place to leave donated candy in the entryway.

TODAY, Sunday, November 9th 3pm continues the **St. Martin's Concert Series** with **Piano Duo** Jeff & Vanessa Nicholas performing 4-handed piano works by Brahms, Dvorak and more.

Calling all instrumentalists: flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, horns, trombones, baritones, tubas, percussionists, and anyone else who can make a joyful noise (maybe even a kazoo)! St. Martin's will once again have a Christmas Float in the annual *Parade of Lights* on **Friday, November 28**. We'll play a few favorite Christmas carols while riding on a semi-truck trailer—spreading cheer and music through the streets of Archbold! If you'd like to join the fun, please let **Matthew Wachtman** know by **November 9.**

End of Year Giving: If you would like your end of year giving to go toward 2025, please have it in to Jo Ann Liechty by December 20th.

There will be a Parent's Night Out Event on December 13th! Drop your kids at the Outback from 6-8:30pm and get any last-minute Christmas Shopping or wrapping done! It will be a night of games, friends, & faith-filled activities for the kids. Sign up through Jake or the QR code listed in the Friday email or on our website!

Sunday Night Middle School Youth will be meeting inside the church instead of the lodge for the next several weeks as Christmas Cheer is starting to set up!

NEW MINISTRY CONVERSATION! Jake and Pastor Steve have been having conversations with the Archbold Elementary Principal since the end of last school year. They would like to have a conversation with anyone who might be interested in developing and implementing an after-school program to provide possible tutoring assistance for students. There will be an informal conversation for anyone feeling the call to such a ministry on **Thursday, November 13 at 6pm.**

Monday Night Zoom Bible Study will not meet this Monday, November 10 and the **Chosen Zoom** Group will move to Tuesday, November 11 at 8pm.

This Week at St. Martin's

TODAY – November 9- Thankoffering
Worship, 9am
Sunday School, 10:20am
Adult Sunday School, 10:30am
High School Youth, 10:30am
Concert Series: Piano Duo, 3:00pm
Middle School Youth, 6:30pm

Monday – November 10
Friendship Circle, 7pm
Church Council, 7pm

Tuesday – November 11
Men's Breakfast, 7am @ McDonald's
Sewing, 9am
Community Meal, 5pm @ St. John's Christian
The Chosen Study Group on Zoom, 8pm

Wednesday – November 12
WPW Meal, 5:15pm
Worship, 6pm
Kids Club, 6pm
Catechism, 6:30pm
Adult Circle, 6:30pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Thursday – November 13
Women's Breakfast, 7am @ Home Restaurant
Bulletin Deadline, 8am

Saturday – November 15
Sharing the Warmth Event, 9am

Next Sunday – November 16
Worship, 9am
Sunday School, 10:20am
Adult Sunday School, 10:30am

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Worship Services: 9:00 am each Sunday, live broadcast on Facebook
6:00 pm each Wednesday, Informal Service

We welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. – Romans 15:7

Online Giving - Mobile Access

Mobile users can now access the giving page to set up recurring donations or make one-time donations directly from phones using this QR code.
To change or delete recurring donations you will still need to go to:
https://givingtools.com and sign in to your account.

Last Week at St. Martin's. . .
Week of 11/2/2025, Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	$3,963.25	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	$7,329.00
Benevolence Received	$458.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	$713.00
Other Designated Income	$2,073.67	**AS OF 10/31/2025**	
Total Income	$6,494.92	YTD Operating Received	$285,181.20
Worship: Sunday/Wed/Total	163/22/185	YTD Operating Expenses	($299,835.84)
		Net Income/(Deficit)	($14,654.64)

St. Martin's Prayer Line

For our prayers in worship this morning and our daily devotions in the coming week, we remember:

- The Bethel Parish of Dodoma, Tanzania, and Mission Partner Congregation of Redeemer, Toledo, may they continue to carry out God's ministry in their areas of mission.
- Those caught in the fighting between Israel and Palestine, the Ukraine; those recovering from recent natural disasters and the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief and other relief agencies.

For those who need healing, may they know the healing hand of God:

Bob Alley, Louise Beldon's brother-in-law, health concerns
Tim Anderson, Bjorlin cousin, cancer
Beverly Bettison, friend of Angie Avers, health concerns
Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son
Jan Delaney, knee replacement
Jim Hayes, brother of June Hayes, health concerns
Jeanise Hoeffel, Jane Sonnenberg's sister
Jayne Jewell, Diana Ziegler's cousin
Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon Blair, Leukemia
Sue Keil, Jake's mom
Bonnie R. Lauber
Nan Levenson, Ken Collins' mother, health concerns
Anne McCarty, health concerns
Ed Miller, Joan Smith's son-in-law
Ann Ott
Dorothy Gifford, Diane Parsons' sister, cancer
Thana Morong
Dick Nagel, health concerns
Conrad and Karen Perry, Andi Erbskorn's brother and sister-in-law
Bruce Pearson, Trudel family friend, cancer
Bill Phelps
Elizabeth Ryan, friend of Aaron & Marissa Schmidt
Peg Roth
Eric and Susan Rupp, Greg Rupp's brother and sister-in-law, health concerns
Mary Schwartz, Dianne Parsons' sister
Al & Lois Siewert
Joan Smith
Brad Welsh, brother-in-law of John & Chris Shafer, cancer
Joyce Winzeler
Paul Wyse, health concerns
Joe Wyse
Homebound – Milla Kohv, Jerry & Alice Geiger

For those who need God's protection and the assurance of God's presence:

All members, family & friends who serve in our military: Patrick Cirenza (June Hayes), Bradly & Victoria Nilsson, Kennedy Hartung, Brendon Johns, Kasyn Schaffner

Any prayer requests to add or remove can be sent to the Church Office by Thursday of each week: stmartin@the-welcome-place.org **We include a person's name and details only with their permission.**