

Martin Luther Church & School

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Welcome to Martin Luther!

We want to extend a warm welcome to everyone here today, especially our guests. We would love to be of service to you and pray that the message you hear today be a blessing for you. Please sign the Friendship Register and be sure to include whatever information might help us serve you better and after noting the name of those worshipping with you, say "Hello"!

If this is your first time with us...

- Please be advised that the congregation stands for the last verse of each hymn we sing.
- Large print hymnals are available in the narthex. Hearing assistance is provided by T-coil.
- If you need to quiet your child during the service, please make use of the parents' room attached to the narthex, the extended narthex and school hall, or the church basement.
- If you have questions or need assistance with anything, please ask an usher.
- Understand that our offerings are part of how we at Martin Luther Church and School express our thankfulness to God and return part of the blessings he has given us.
- When we celebrate Lord's Supper we do so as a unified body of believers having one confession and practice of Christian faith (1 Cor. 10:17). All visitors who wish to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper are asked to talk to a pastor before the service begins.



Hearing Loop Installed

Switch hearing aid to T-coil setting



Martin Luther offers online giving. Visit bit.ly/mlgive or scan this image using your phone's QR code reader.

Organist

5:30 Saturday

Johanna Yenter

Greeters

The Laridaens

Ushers

Tim Price, Scott Price, Steve Hennig, Nathan Hennig

8:00 Sunday

Johanna Yenter

The Wendlands

Russ Moss, Alex Moss,
Rebecca Moss, Jerry Braasch,
Peter Krahn

10:30 Sunday

Johanna Yenter

The Wendlands

Jerry Keup, Nathan Smith,
Jeff Gibson, Aaron
Wintheiser, Dan Smith

This Week at Martin Luther

- Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 Worship with Communion
9:10 Sunday School (meet in front of church); Youth Group (church basement)
9:15 Family Bible Hour (Commons)
- Monday 9:00 Clean Church
6:00 Finance Committee
7:00 Servant Leadership Board
- Tuesday 10:00 Bible Class: "More Righteous than Teachers of the Law?"
6:00 Sisters in Scripture
- Wednesday 6:30 Faculty Bible Study
3:15 & 6:30 Worship (Usher: 3) "Don't You Fear God?"
4:15–6:00 Lenten Supper—Potato soup and hot ham sandwiches (Faculty serves)
4:30 Confirmation Classes
7:30 Choir
- Thursday 6:00 Free Supper at Rising Son
6:30 Campus Ministry at Rising Son
- Friday 8:00 Moms' Group
9:00 Reading Buddies
- Saturday 8:00–12:00 Property cleanup and work day
5:30 Worship (Usher: 10; Greet: Potter)
- Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 Worship (Usher: 4,5; Greet: Lund, Ericson)
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9:15 Family Bible Hour(Commons)

HOSPITAL REPORT No one is reported to be in the hospital at this time.

YOUTH GROUP High school age youth are always invited to join us for Sunday morning Bible Study in the youth room (beside the kitchen in the basement) from 9:15 to 10:15.

FAMILY BIBLE HOUR We begin a new study looking at John 19:28-37. We will be using a video presentation by Pastor Leon Ehlert which he gave at the "Pathways to Christ Retreat" in 2015. We look at part of the suffering Jesus endured on the cross which fulfilled prophecy.

SISTERS IN SCRIPTURE We will be finishing Revelation this week. We will then be taking a two week break before starting a study on the book of James. If you would like to join us, please contact Paula Nimmer (233-1069). Hope to see you April 5th at 6:00.

TUESDAY AM BIBLE CLASS is studying the topic "Hard Sayings of Jesus," where we look at the challenging or confusing teachings from Jesus. Join us as we study the clear meaning of what Jesus teaches us for our Christian lives. This week we consider "More Righteous than Teachers of the Law?"

ANNUAL REPORT AND MEMBER DIRECTORY is now available the extended narthex.

EASTER FLOWERS Sign up in the extended narthex. Flowers are \$10.00 each or you can bring your own. Please make checks payable to Martin Luther Church. Contact Ellen Hennig, 920-235-8954, with any questions.

CALL RETURNED Pastor Ericson has returned (declined) the divine call extended to him by Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Monroe, Michigan. Please keep our brothers and sisters at Zion congregation in your prayers as they continue to call for an associate pastor.

Attendance at Worship		Attendance at Bible Study		2016 Offerings and Other Income
Wednesday	166	Family Bible Hour	21	Last week Receipts/Average needed
Saturday	42	Tuesday 10:00	8	\$12,237/\$13,358
Sunday 8:00	45	Tuesday 6:00	7	2016 Receipts/Expenses
Sunday 10:30	329			\$111,261/\$112,543
Total	582			No internal borrowing

EASTER BREAKFAST SIGNUP Easter Breakfast will be served from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. on March 27. We are looking for volunteers to help serve, clean up, or make food donations. Please see the sign up board in the extended narthex for more information. Thank you!

PRAYER CHAIN We're starting an online "prayer chain" at Martin Luther! Both "pray-ers" and prayer requests are needed! Sign up at the link given below. Then submit a prayer request whenever you have one, and pray for others' requests when you receive them by email. We plan to print out prayer requests and place them in the church narthex for those who do not use email. If you would like to submit a request, you can also speak with one of the pastors. We are using a third-party website to coordinate prayer requests; sign up using the link you received if you are on the church email list, or at prayerchainonline.net/Account/Register/1117 online.

WORSHIP VIDEO is available live at 8 a.m. and archived at youtube.com/martinlutheroshkosh.

SCHOOL SURVEY As part of school accreditation, you are invited to take a survey on school climate. Copies of the survey are available in the extended narthex. Surveys may also be completed online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q5DFQ56>.

LITTLE MERMAID JR. T-SHIRTS Order forms for T-shirts for Little Mermaid Jr. went home last week. T-shirts are \$4 and you can add your name or last name to the back of the shirt for an additional \$4 per shirt. T-shirt orders are due **Thursday, March 17**. It is very important that we get the forms in on time to allow enough time to get them printed and back to us. **Each student in PK-8 is encouraged to purchase a shirt as part of their costume for the musical.** There is an order form in the extended narthex for any congregation members who would like to order.

LITTLE MERMAID JR. Tickets for our school musical will be presold after school the week of April 4-8. Tickets are \$4 per seat. Seats do not have to be purchased for Martin Luther students. All seats will be reserved on a seating chart on a first-come, first-served basis. Please make plans to stop after school on that week in order to reserve the best seats available for your family.

ESSAY CONTEST Our eighth annual essay contest for grades 7 & 8 was recently held in connection with Christian Education Week. This year's third place essay was written by Rachel Kempinger, second place was written by Tess Grunske, and first place was written by Meghan Selenka. Congratulations to these winners, and to all the 7th and 8th graders who exhibited both spiritual and intellectual maturity while addressing the topic of how to let their gospel lights shine to middle school students in Oshkosh who are struggling with social pressures.

Thank you to this year's judges: Mrs. Heidi Pethan, Rev. Roger Grosnick, and Mr. Dave Schroeder, WLA principal. Also, thank you to businesses in the community that provided items for the prize packages. Prizes were generously donated by Oaks Chocolates, Tamara's the Cake Guru, The Fire Escape, and Verve A Credit Union. If you would be interested in judging or donating a prize in the future, please contact Laura at slselenka@gmail.com.

OPEN GYM BASKETBALL has begun and meets Sunday evenings at 6:30. Anyone high school age and up who is interested in playing basketball, getting exercise, and enjoying Christian fellowship is encouraged to attend. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Evers.

THE PASSION OF CHRIST An old and seldom used meaning for the word "passion" is "suffering." So the *passion* of Christ, as it is used in many of our Lenten hymns, simply means the *suffering* of Christ. In Lent, we focus our attention on Christ's sufferings for our sins and the sins of the world. There is a tract now available in our tract rack (just to the left of the library shelves in the extended narthex), "How to Meditate on the Passion of Christ." This little booklet was written by Martin Luther almost 500 years ago, but it contains deep insights and helpful suggestions about how we also can find great comfort and peace when we consider what Scripture teaches in regard to the suffering and death of Jesus. What exactly happened to Jesus on that cross? Why did it have to happen the way that it did? And what does his suffering mean for us today? Pick up a copy of this tract today and, after you read it, share it with a friend or relative.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BAKE SALE NEXT WEEKEND The Sunday School will be holding a bake sale after each church service next weekend, with proceeds going to this year's mission project, the WELS Mission to the Children in northern Mexico. Donations can be dropped off at the office Friday during school hours or before Saturday or Sunday services, packaged for sale.

SCHOOL WISH LIST Help us stock some of our art closet and classroom supplies. Find an item you would like to donate on the large apple in the extended narthex. Details are located inside the pocket. Cash or checks made out to Martin Luther School may be placed inside the pocket of the item you wish to donate. Thank you for your support!

OUTREACH Do you like to have fun? Do you like spending time with your family? Do you like meeting new people? If you answered yes to at least one of these questions the Outreach Committee is the place for you. We are looking for at least 20 volunteers that want to make a difference in our church, school, and community by spreading the good news of God's word as well as by sharing the missions of Martin Luther Church and School. This gives you all a wonderful opportunity to be part of something fun and spiritually fulfilling. The Outreach Committee is open to all confirmed members of Martin Luther. The next meeting is March 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the commons. Please call, email or see Scott Heinzelman, Outreach Committee Chairman, 573-1584, saheinzelman@gmx.com or Dan Smith, Vice President, 979-1572, dan.smith@dexelteam.com with any questions.

WLA NEWS—WLA Drama presents Anne of Green Gables March 18 at 7:00 p.m. and March 19 at 2:00 and 7:00 pm. Adults are \$5; age 18 and under are \$3. To purchase, visit wlavikings.org. **Wisconsin State-wide Parental Choice Registration “Help Night” is Tuesday, March 15th**The registration period for families who qualify for the Wisconsin State-wide Parental Choice program runs through Wednesday, April 20th. Online Application and additional information can be found by clicking on the “For WLA Families” or “For Prospective Families” tabs on the wlavikings.org web page. *A special PARENTAL CHOICE HELP & INFORMATION NIGHT will take place Tuesday night, March 15th, at 6pm in the school's media center.* For more information, please contact Principal Dave Schroeder, Pastor John Boggs, or Mr. Eric Schraufnagel at WLA (920-921-4930). **March 22nd Spring Plenary Board meeting (7pm)**

FVL NEWS—International Program needs host families. Students stay for 9 months. Hosts receive a housing stipend to offset costs. Contact Laura Gucinske at lgucinske@fvlhs.org. **Summer Camps and Youth Sports** are now open for registration. Go to fvlschools.org. FVL's **Family Open House** is March 17 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Parents and middle school students are invited for personal tours and a drawing for tuition discount coupons. Public and homeschooled students are also welcome to attend our Discover FVL event that same day from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Reservations can be made online or contact Heather Knoll (hknoll@fvlhs.org). All are invited to the FVL Choir **Sacred Concert** on Sunday, March 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the FVL Auditorium.