



Martin Luther

Evangelical Lutheran 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. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- Hearing assistance is provided by telecoil. Switch your hearing aid to the T setting.
- 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.

Assisting in worship today

	Saturday 5:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Organist	Naomi Strusz	Naomi Strusz	Naomi Strusz
Greeters	The Potters	Ms. Brenda Lund	The Hannemans
Ushers	Robert Walker, Ralph Watkins	Russ Moss, Rebecca Moss, Jerry Braasch, Peter Krahn	Steve Nimmer, Joe King, Brian Brown, Joe Pahlow, Will Pahlow, Caleb Hanneman

This Week at Martin Luther

- Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 Worship with Communion
9:10 Sunday School (meet in Commons), Youth Group (meet in church basement)
9:15 **VOTERS MEETING—Elections, 2017 Budget** (No Bible Class)
At 9:15 we hold an open forum in church for discussion and we vote on budget, elections, 2017-2018 tuition rates and other action items after the second service.
- Monday 9:00 Clean Church
- Tuesday 10:00 Bible Class—Topic: Dual Citizenship—Can my Pastor talk politics?
6:00 Sisters in Scripture
- Wednesday 7:50 School chapel
3:00 Newsletter submissions due in the office
4:30 Confirmation Class
6:30 Choir
- Thursday 6:00 Worship at Rising Son chapel, 634 Wisconsin Street (all are welcome)
7:00 Campus ministry Bible study at Rising Son campus house
7:30 Dartball G3@M3
- Friday 8:00 Moms' Group
10:00 Reading Buddies
- Saturday 5:30 Worship (Usher: 9; Greet: Berg)
- Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 Worship (Usher: 2,7; Greet: Wendland)
9:10 Family Bible Hour—Topic: Broke to Bankrupt—Does my faith let me file?
9:10 Sunday School (meet in church), Youth Group (meet in church basement)
9:10 Basic Bible Foundations (Room 9 at end of upstairs hallway)

HOSPITAL REPORT At Mercy: Mrs. Sandy Duchatschek.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Chad and Melanie Marine in honor of their 12th wedding anniversary.

FAMILY BIBLE HOUR No class this Sunday due to the Voters' Forum. Join us next week in the commons between services, from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Our fall series is "Timely Topics, Timeless Truths." See calendar above for current topic.

TUESDAY AM BIBLE CLASS is also following the series, "Timely Topics, Timeless Truths. If you missed the Sunday class you can come on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Commons room.

SISTERS IN SCRIPTURE This week we will finish the question in chapter 6 and start on chapter 7 of *A Heart at Peace*. "The only heart that truly knows peace is a heart purified in God's undeserved and unearned forgiveness."

BAPTISM On Sunday at 10:30, Craig and Tara Sickler bring daughter Grace Caroline Sickler for baptism. Sponsors are Chris Fenske and Evan and Jennifer Draeger. Congratulations and the Lord's blessings to Grace and family!

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 6:30 PM with Children of the Day School in K-4th Grade singing and also held on Thursday, Nov. 24 at 9:00 AM.

YOUTH GROUP On Sunday, November 13, the Youth Group will have a pizza lunch and bake cookies. All high school age youth are welcome to join us for this activity starting just after the second service, about 11:45 a.m. We will be baking about 40 dozen cookies to share with the shut-in members of our congregation during the Christmas season. All supplies will be provided but if you have an extra rolling pin to share we'd appreciate it. We'd love to have you join us for the mixing, rolling, baking, tasting, and fun. Every Sunday we meet in the Youth Room (near the kitchen) for Bible Study! We'd love to have you join us as we turn to God's Word together.

CALL RECEIVED On Sunday, November 6, Pastor Ericson received a divine call to Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The congregation was established in 1984 and has 92 members. Pastor will share more information at Sunday's informational forum, and invites your comments, questions, and prayers during the next few weeks as he considers this call.

FOOD AND ASSISTANCE DRIVE From now through Thanksgiving, we will be collecting **non-perishable food items** at church to be distributed to families in need. We also invite you to consider a **cash, check, or gift card donation** for a family that is experiencing hardship as a result of recent health issues. Please place donations in the church narthex or bring to the office.

LIVE NATIVITY There's just a few weeks left before our Live Nativity, Saturday, December 3. We still need help with characters, food, and supplies. Please check the display to see where you can help out. Also, "check out" a yard sign, and take posters and handouts that you can share. We need to get the word out so people add this event to their calendar!

PHOTO DIRECTORY SESSIONS—Sign up online: Please go to the photography website quicksmartphoto.com. You will see a link, "Click here to schedule your Martin Luther Church Directory Portrait Appointment." You will be able to see open times and book your own appointment. So far over 100 families and individuals have signed up for a photo session.

Additional dates in December: Because some families/individuals have not signed up, we have added four dates. They are Sunday, December 4, from 9:00 a.m. to noon; Monday, December 5, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM; Monday, December 12, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.; and Tuesday December 13, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please sign up to reduce the number of phone calls that need to be made. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the extended narthex.

Attendance at Worship		Bible Study		2016 Offerings and Other Income
Thursday	10	Family Bible Hour	16	Last week Receipts/Average needed
Saturday	81	Tuesday 10:00	8	\$10,073/\$13,358
Sunday 8:00	98	Sisters in Scripture	7	2016 Receipts/Expenses
Sunday 10:30	116			\$549,318/\$558,889
Total	305			

NEWSLETTER submissions are due in the office by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16. Volunteers are needed on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 9:00 AM to assemble the December Newsletter.

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

PATHWAYS TO CHRIST RETREAT Sisters in Christ, please join us for the 17th Pathways to Christ Retreat, March 10–12 at LaSure’s Banquet Hall in Oshkosh. The 2016 theme is taken from Proverbs 14:30, “A Heart at Peace Gives Life To The Body.” On Friday night we will begin the retreat with a Forgiveness Workshop: Conflict vs. Peace. On Saturday Mr. Kenneth Kramer will share insights and tools from his book *A Heart at Peace: Biblical Strategies for Christians in Conflict*, “which equips readers to view conflict from a biblical perspective, providing the antidote for the deadly poison that conflict injects into our relationships. The solid and direct law-and-gospel narrative in its pages helps the reader relate the content to real life and deal with this destructive, damaging force.” Sound intriguing? Come and find out how to address conflict head-on. Also, on Saturday, Amber Albee Swenson will continue our theme focusing on the need and healing effects of forgiveness. On Sunday Pastor Leon Ehlert will share with us a Bible study and lead us in worship. Additional information along with registration forms can be downloaded from our website, pathwaystochrist.org. If you don’t have internet access, contact the church office.

FVL NEWS—Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin (LVW), a WELS high school marching band open to all WELS members in grades 8-12, is hosting its annual Preview Day on Saturday, November 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. at FVL. Band students are encouraged to attend as well as those interested in color guard or front ensemble. For more info on LVW Preview Day, visit lutheranvanguard.org or contact the LVW director, James Neujahr, at jneujahr@fvlhs.org.

WLA NEWS—Freshman Registration for next year takes place on Tuesday, November 15, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. 8th Grade students and parents can come even if they have not yet decided to enroll at WLA next year.

SEEKING A NEW MEMBER PHOTO COORDINATOR We are seeking a New Member Photo Coordinator who would contact new members of the congregation, take a photo, write up a brief biography, and post the photo and biography on the new member photo board. If you are interested, please contact one of the pastors or Jason Laridaen, Soul Care committee chairman. The goal of this ministry is to help welcome and introduce new members to the congregation.

LUTHERAN MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP OFFERING Today we have a Veterans Day door offering for the Lutheran Military Support Group. This new WELS organization assists deployed service members and their families, and helps those returning home in their transition to civilian life. Roger Grosnick is our congregational liaison. If you would like to contribute, please place your offering in the ammo can or door offering basket. Checks can be made to LMSG.

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Today we give thanks for the Lord’s blessings eternal blessings in Christ given to members of our congregation who were called home to heaven within the past year. They are: Jerry Smerling; Edith Piel; Myrtis Taylor; Dennis McHugh; Virginia Disch; Shirley Schoenrock; Donald Strohecker; Lawrence Mehlberg; Brantley Brandenstein; Don Hoffmann; Harold Quade; Virginia Ruch; Myra Oestreich; and Henry Krueger.