



Martin Luther

Evangelical Lutheran Church & School



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Christ's Love, Our Calling.

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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	Austin Wenker	Johanna Yenter	Johanna Yenter
Greeters	The Bergs	The Wendlands	The Wendlands
Ushers	Gordy Korthals, Erich Busse, Will Busse, Sam Busse	Daryl Duchatschek, Myles Wendland, Scott Heinzelman, Chad Marine	Jerry Keup, Nathan Smith, Aaron Wintheiser, Dan Smith

This Week at Martin Luther

Sunday	8:00 & 10:30 Worship 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).
Monday	
Tuesday	9:00 Assemble newsletter; volunteers welcome 10:00 Bible Class—Topic: Broke to Bankrupt—Does my faith let me file? 6:00 Sisters in Scripture
Wednesday	7:50 School chapel No Confirmation Classes 6:30 Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Usher: 8) K-Grade 4 of Day School sing
Thursday	9:00 Thanksgiving Day Worship (Usher: 4) No School
Friday	No School
Saturday	5:30 Worship with Communion (Usher: 10; Greet: Busse)
Sunday	8:00 & 10:30 Worship with Communion (Usher: 3, 5; Greet: Groth, Nimmer) 9:10 Family Bible Hour 9:10 Sunday School (meet in church), Youth Group (meet in church basement)

HOSPITAL REPORT Released from Mercy: Mrs. Sandy Duchatschek.

FUNERAL On Wednesday, November 16 the Lord called home the soul of Mrs. Darlene Christiansen whose funeral and burial took place on Saturday, November 19. May the Lord comfort all who mourn with the certain hope that He will bring all believers in our Savior Jesus together again in heaven.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Alyssa Brown and Brian Brown in memory of Charles and Florence Wagner.

FAMILY BIBLE HOUR. Join us 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 start Part 2 of *A Heart at Peace*. “The only heart that truly knows peace is a heart purified in God’s undeserved and unearned forgiveness.”

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

CALL RECEIVED On November 6, Pastor Ericson received a divine call to Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Pastor invites your comments, questions, and prayers during the next few weeks as he considers this call.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS Martin Luther is hosting an **Advent Tea!** Please plan on joining us for an afternoon of fellowship, beautiful music and delicious treats as we, the women of Martin Luther, prepare our hearts for Advent. Invite your female family members, friends and neighbors for a Christ-centered preparation for the holiday season on Saturday, December 10, at 2:00 p.m. There is no charge for this event. We recommend that you make your reservations early and hope to see you all there! **Get involved:** Want to get involved? We are looking for a variety of Nativities to display during this event! Feel free drop off your nativities at the office or come to Advent Tea at 1:00 p.m to set yours up! We are also looking for volunteers to help bring treats, set up and clean up. Sign-up sheets are located on the tables in the commons or contact Grace Seeger, jgseeger@gmail.com or 920-267-6032, with any questions.

FOOD AND ASSISTANCE DRIVE This is the last weekend to provide **non-perishable food items** at church to be distributed to needy families. 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 Help us promote this event. Please take a yard sign, posters and handouts that are available at the display in the extended narthex. We still need a few people to sign-up for characters. If you are willing to bring a salad or dessert, please add your name to that list. There are also a few supplies that are still needed. Thanks!

Attendance at Worship		Bible Study		2016 Offerings and Other Income
Thursday	16	Family Bible Hour	N/A	Last week Receipts/Average needed
Saturday	56	Tuesday 10:00	8	\$8,799/\$13,358
Sunday 8:00	72	Sisters in Scripture	5	2016 Receipts/Expenses
Sunday 10:30	102	Voters' Mtg. forum	32	\$558,117/\$575,742
Total	246	Voters' Meeting	22	

OFFERING ENVELOPES for the new year are now available in the extended narthex. Please pick yours up today, but do not use the new envelopes until 2017. If you do not see envelopes in your name, please check with the office and we will prepare a packet. Now is also an excellent time to plan our year-end offerings and to plan our giving for the new year. Online giving can be updated by clicking "Giving" on the Martin Luther website, martinlutheroshkosh.com.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS are available for pickup this weekend. Please stop by the garage at the end of the parking lot after any service this weekend to pick up the wreaths you ordered.

NEWSLETTER Volunteers are needed on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 9:00 AM to assemble the December Newsletter.

AUCTION UPDATES Like our Facebook page Martin Luther Dinner Auction to see weekly sneak peeks. **Auction tickets-** Give the gift of a night out and support Your Church and School in the process. Auction tickets will be on sale the following dates: Nov 23; Dec. 10, 11, 17, 18. Each \$50 ticket includes hors de vours, beer, wine and soda for the evening, a elegant meal, and a chance to win a trip to Cancun. Remember \$10 from each ticket is tax deductible. This is a great way to put a smile under the tree!

MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, December 7, at the home of Jerry and Mary Braasch (3482 W. Lone Elm Ave, Van Dyne). A \$10 exchange gift is optional. Martin Luther members, friends and spouses are all welcome to join us for this Christmas celebration! Hope to see you there!

MITTEN TREE Our Mitten Tree will be put up this coming week. Help us share the spirit of giving this Christmas by choosing a “mitten” from our mitten tree. Take the tag from the “mitten” you choose and purchase a gift for the recipient. Gift cards may be dropped off at the office or placed in the collection plate. When returning your gifts, make sure all tags are visible on the gift cards or purchased gifts so we know who the gift is for. If you have chosen a mitten for MLC or Seminary students, we ask that you bring them in by 9:00 a.m. Monday, December 5. All other gifts should be under the tree by 9:00 Monday December 12.

PATHWAYS TO CHRIST RETREAT Sisters in Christ, please join us for the 17th Pathways to Christ Retreat on 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.” Our keynote speaker, Mr. Kenneth Kramer, will share insights and tools from his book, [A Heart at Peace: Biblical Strategies for Christians in Conflict](#). We all long for peace in our lives. Instead we are met with challenging conflicts, friction, and frustration. Conflict assaults us in our families and marriages, our friendships and relationships, in our workplaces, and in our churches. When we rely on the worldly offerings of peace, we are left disappointed. So where can we find a true and lasting peace? Where is the peace that gives life to our body? How do we receive “Hearts at Peace”? Come to the retreat and find out how to address conflict head-on. Additional information along with registration forms can be downloaded from our website: <http://pathwaystochrist.org>. Registration brochures can also be picked up at the display in the extended narthex.

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.

PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP will be held Thursday, January 26, at 6:00 p.m. We would like names and addresses of individuals you know who would benefit from learning about their Savior each day. Please drop off any prospect family information at the office or email Mr. Hennig at stevehennig@martinlutheroshkosh.com so we can send them an invitation.

VOTERS MEETING NEWS Elections We had no nominee for President; Vice-President (I) Dan Smith, Secretary Todd Kempinger; Finance Robert Wilcox; Property Matt Brock; Youth Discipleship Richard Stockton; Outreach/Evangelism (I) Scott Heinzelman; Soul Care (I) Jason Laridean; Adult Discipleship (I) Mike Strusz; Worker Care (I) Dr. Gordon Korthals; Worship (I) Tim Price. **2017 Budget** was passed as proposed—copies can be obtained from the office. It is a 4.61% increase to \$713,793. Health care costs and Early Childhood Director are the increase. **Ratification** of Craig Kleinschmit to the Endowment Committee. **2017-2018 Tuition Rates** were approved as passed—a copy can be obtained from the office.

FVL NEWS—FVL will be hosting **8th Grade Registration Nights** on Dec. 1 & Dec. 5 for families interested in enrolling students for 2017-18. Scheduling appointments will be held from 5:30-7:30 pm. Call to schedule your appointment. If these days don't fit your family's schedule, call Rachel in the FVL Guidance Office to set up a personal appointment (739-4441).

WLA NEWS— The Grade School/High School **Winter Band concert** will be held Saturday, December 3 at 4:00pm in the WLA Auditorium. A variety of a sacred and secular music will be performed with several Christmas selections on the program. The [2016 Fall Principal's Newsletter](#) to the families of our Association is now available on WLA's website and Facebook page. The six minute video features news, photos, and video from the Academy through the first quarter of the school year.