



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 worshiping 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	Sunday 8:00	Sunday 10:30
Organist	Pastor Paul Meier	Lois Werner	Lois Werner
Greeters	The Potters	The Hennigs	The Hannemans
Ushers	Robert Walker, Ralph Watkins	Aron Groth, Colton Hayes, Nick Jones, Jeremy Seeger	Jerry Keup, Nathan Smith, , Dan Smith, Aaron Wintheiser

This Week at Martin Luther

Sunday	Christian Education Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 Worship 9:10 Sunday School (meet in church), Youth Group (meet in church basement) 9:15 Family Bible Hour—1 Cor. 9:1-2 Our Support for Christian Ministry 11:30 Voters' Call Meeting to address departure of Mr. Seeger (Grades 3-4)
Monday	3:00 Faculty Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 Bible Study—Matthew 8 Jesus makes the unclean clean. 6:00 Sisters in Scripture 6:30 Choir 7:10 Soul Care Committee
Wednesday	3:15 & 6:30 Worship (Usher: 8)—Matt. 27:1-5, Turn to Jesus; Do Not Turn Away 4:15–6:00 Lenten Meal 4:30 Confirmation Class
Thursday	5:00 Supper at Rising Son campus ministry, 634 Wisconsin Street 6:00 Worship at Rising Son chapel, 634 Wisconsin Street (all are welcome)
Friday	Grandparents Day at Martin Luther School 8:00 School Chapel 6:30 "Movie Night" —All are invited to attend and see movies from every class!
Saturday	5:30 Worship with Lord's Supper (Usher: 4; Greet: Berg)
Sunday	8:00 & 10:30 Worship with Lord's Supper (Usher 1, 5; Greet: Lienhard, Nimmer) 9:10 Sunday School (meet in church), Youth Group (meet in church basement) 9:15 Family Bible Hour

HOSPITAL REPORT No one was reported to be in the hospital this week.

FAMILY BIBLE HOUR We continue our study of 1 Corinthians taking a look at how we live Christian lives and carry out God's ministry while living in the corruption of today's world. Join us in learning and discussing everyday Christianity.

TUESDAY AM BIBLE CLASS We continue studying the Gospel of Matthew looking at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. Come join us in discussion of the life and times of Jesus.

SISTERS IN SCRIPTURE We will be working on questions from lessons 5 and 6 this week.

YOUTH GROUP Sunday mornings Youth Group meets from 9:15 to 10:15 to spend time with Christian peers, study God's Word, and enjoy breakfast treats. High school students are invited to attend any week they can. We meet in the lower level of church next to the kitchen.

2016 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2017 DIRECTORY is available on the information center in the extended narthex.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY will be held here at Martin Luther Church on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. from March 20 through May 15. To register or see a list of each night's topic, go online to fpu.com/1038735. Questions may be addressed to Nate Smith, natosmith79@gmail.com.

JESUS CARES BIBLE CLASS is a special needs ministry that meets next on March 14, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 913 Nebraska St. For more information call 920-231-8957.

ECM CALL On Sunday, February 12, we called Miss Barbara J. Noon to be our Early Childhood Ministry Director. Miss Noon currently is serving as ECM Director for Beautiful Savior Preschool of Clarksville, TN. She is a 1999 graduate of Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN and graduated from Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, MN in 1993. Miss Noon has capabilities in music as well as in early childhood ministry. Please keep Miss Noon, her current church, and our call to her in your prayers.

OPEN GYM BASKETBALL is held each Sunday evening this spring at 6:30. Anyone from 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 at b.evers@martinlutheroshkosh.com.

Attendance at Worship		Attendance at Bible Study		2017 Offerings and Other Income
Saturday 5:30	70	Family Bible Hour	13	Last week Receipts/Average needed
Sunday 8:00	106	Bible Foundations	4	\$11,517/\$13,468
Sunday 10:30	95	Tuesday 10:00	7	2016 Receipts/Expenses
Total	271	Tuesday 6:00	4	\$81,698/\$112,021

BAKE SALE Our Sunday School bake sale raised over \$300. Thank you to everyone who helped make this sale a success. Proceeds benefit our mission project, WELS Christian Aid and Relief.

100TH ANNIVERSARY 2017 marks the 100th Anniversary of Martin Luther Church. The planning process for marking this milestone has begun. A few big celebration possibilities include a history display sharing the rich history of our congregation noting the steady stream of blessings; faith and fellowship opportunities to focus on spiritual growth in the past, present, and future; and a celebration Sunday with special worship services and an anniversary party. We'd love your input, your ideas, and your help! Please speak to the Adult Discipleship committee (Mike Strusz, Rita Newmann, Sara Smith, or Jenny Smith) or to one of the Pastors. A suggestions envelope is also on the Lenten Meal dessert sign-up bulletin board in the extended narthex.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR THE LITTLE SCOOPS! If you have a child entering Pre-K or Kindergarten next year, come and join us on Tuesday, April 4, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for an evening of activities, ice cream, and fellowship! Spread the word to family or friends with 3, 4, and 5-year-olds who may be interested in learning more about Martin Luther's Early Childhood Program. RSVP on our Facebook event page or to the office. We hope to see a bunch of "little scoops" here on April 4!

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS We will be collecting new hygiene and cleaning items for local homeless shelters and crisis agencies, February 19 – March 12. Supplying these items to the shelters will help them direct their limited resources to providing qualified staff, counseling, food and shelter to those they serve. The most requested items include laundry detergent, garbage bags, dental and hair care items, diapers and baby care and tissues. Your donations will remain in this community. Thank you! More info is available at thefamily.net or 800-236-9364.

FVL NEWS—FVL hosts the WELS National Band Festival March 17-19. The festival will bring 110 musicians and 20 directors from 19 WELS high schools across the U.S. to FVL. Rehearsals are held throughout the weekend and the Festival Concert is Sunday, March 19, at 2:00 p.m. **Spring Musical**—The FVL Spring Musical will take the stage on March 10 and 11 at 6:30 p.m., and on March 12 at 2:00 p.m. Dinner Theater is offered for the Saturday show. Visit fvlhs.org or FVL's Facebook page for more information and to order tickets. These shows do sell out, so get your tickets early! **Family Open House**—FVL's Family Open House is **March 7** from noon to 7 p.m. Parents and middle school students are invited for personal tours and a drawing for tuition discount coupons. Make reservations online or contact Rylee Kohls, rkohls@fvlhs.org. **Summer Youth Programs**—Deadlines are fast approaching for FVL Youth Sports Summer programs in baseball, softball, football, and track. These are open to middle school students. Go to the "Youth Sports" page at fvlschools.org to register. **International Program Hosts:** FVL's International Program needs host families interested in sharing their faith and culture with an international student. Students stay for 9 months and pay their own expenses. Host families receive a stipend to offset costs. Contact Laura Gucinski at lgucinski@fvlhs.org.

HOST FAMILIES STILL NEEDED—FVL is hosting the WELS National Band Festival March 17-19. Host families are needed to provide "bed and breakfast" from Thursday evening, March 16, through Sunday noon, March 19. Housing is needed for groups of 2 or more. Students bring their own sleeping bags. They will also need to be transported to and from FVL each day and provided with an opportunity for Sunday worship. Register online at goo.gl/8fJZFp or contact housing coordinator Shari Graham at sgraham2851@gmail.com or 920-841-2851.

WLA NEWS—WLA Children's Theater presents "The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet" for association grade schools on March 23 and 24, and for the public on Friday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, March 25, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available at wlavikings.org/seuss or in person at the WLA office. **Plenary Board Meeting** is on March 28 at 7:00 p.m. to approve the proposed 2017-18 tuition rates. **Salty Earth Pictures:** The WLA Videography class and members of Faith Lutheran Church are inviting you to come with us on a special trip to see the studios of Salty Earth Pictures on Saturday, April 8. Salty Earth Pictures is a professional cinema studio located in Fort Atkinson and has produced a number of Christian films. You can check out their works by visiting saltyearthpictures.org. A coach bus will leave WLA at 7:45 a.m. and return around 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$30. If you are interested, call the WLA office at 920.921.4930 **Second Impressions Thrift Store:** The Second Impressions thrift store is now open. It is located at 325 Winnebago Dr, Fond du Lac. Store hours are Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations are accepted Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and during store hours. Items we could use more of include tools and hardware, toys, arts and crafts, and children's and men's shoes. To volunteer or for info, call 920-907-9900.

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP continues for the next five weeks. Our theme is "Repent: Turn to Jesus!" Services are Wednesdays, 3:15 and 6:30 p.m. at Martin Luther and Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. at Rising Son, 634 Wisconsin Street, except for Thursday March 23. **LENTEN SUPPERS** are served Wednesdays from 4:15 to 6:00 p.m. in the church basement. Anyone is invited to bring a dessert for these suppers; see the sign-up board in the extended narthex.