



Martin Luther

Evangelical Lutheran Church & School



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Welcome to Martin Luther!

We extend a warm welcome to everyone here today, especially our guests. We pray that the message you hear today would be a blessing for you. Please sign the Friendship Register and be sure to include whatever information might help us serve you better!

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 |
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| Organist | | Lois Werner | Lois Werner |
| Greeters | ThePotters | The Grubbs | The Nimmers |
| Ushers | Gordy Korthals, Erich Busse, Will Busse, Sam Busse | Aron Groth, Colton Hayes, Nick Jones | Dennis Zorn, Brad Evers, James Dean, Jason Laridaen, Scott Selenka |

This Week at Martin Luther

- Sunday 8:00, 10:30 Worship with Communion
9:10 Sunday School (meet in church)
9:15 Bible Class—Idols: Success (Commons); Youth Group (Church Basement)
- Monday
- Tuesday 10:00 Bible Class—1 John 4:7-5:12 God's love and ours & Believe in Jesus
6:00 Sisters in Scripture
- Wednesday 4:30 Confirmation Class
7:00 Choir
- Thursday 6:00 Worship at Rising Son Chapel, 634 Wisconsin Street (all are welcome)
- Friday 8:00 Moms' Group
9:20 Reading Buddies
- Saturday 5:30 Worship (Usher: 10)
- Sunday 8:00, 10:30 Worship (Usher: 1, 5)
9:10 Sunday School (meet in church)
9:15 Bible Class (Commons); Youth Group (Church Basement)

HOSPITALIZED Sandy Duchatschek at Mercy Medical Center.

FAMILY BIBLE HOUR continues "Idols We Never Knew We Had," looking at the idol of Success. Join us in the Commons to discuss how Success can endanger our faith in the Lord.

TUESDAY AM BIBLE CLASS continues the study of 1 John where we find the greatest weapon against false doctrine is the love God gives us to practice in our lives as Christians. Join us as we encourage each other to commit our life and love to the Lord alone.

SISTERS IN SCRIPTURE We are nearing the end of our study of the book of Job. This week we will be starting with chapter 38. We are looking for ideas for our next study. If you have any suggestions that you would like us to consider, please share.

MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DATES:

November 5, 10 am Special Anniversary Worship (No 8 or 10:30 services) Service led by Pastor Joel Zank, our area District President; November 5, K-8 and Sunday School Sing at 10am; November 5, Anniversary Banquet Meal at noon; history displays and program to follow.

100TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET Please join in our congregation's celebration of our 100th Anniversary! Printed invitations for the banquet meal with RSVP cards can be found at the display in the extended narthex. Also, if there is someone you think would like to join us, perhaps a former member who has relocated, there are postcard invitations for you to use to send them.

T-SHIRTS COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH are available for order this Sunday between services and after services. Adult shirts are \$5 and youth sizes are \$3. Payment must be made at the time of purchase with either cash or a check made payable to Martin Luther Church. Shirts may also be purchased at the office any time during office hours through Friday September 29.

THE NEW LUTHER MOVIE *RETURN TO GRACE* will be shown at the Oshkosh Marcus movie theater on Monday, October 16. You can order tickets at \$10.00 per ticket from tugg.com or by paying \$11.00 to the church office and we will order you a ticket. Only a few tickets left!

COFFEE HOUR THANK YOU Thank you for the outstanding turnout we had for the coffee hour in honor of Pastor Sauer. We had an overwhelming abundance of treats! It was a wonderful thing to see that so many willing hands contributed to this. What a blessing, we as a church and school, had for this fellowship opportunity.

PEW CUSHION TURNING For all of you who enjoy the comfort of our pew cushions, we need your help on Friday, September 29, to vacuum and turn the pew cushions. This project is supposed to be done every six months, but hasn't been done in over two years. Come and join in the fun! We will start at 9:00. If you want to come earlier and get started, that's fine. We will need several vacuums and extension cords to speed up the process.

| Attendance at Worship | | Attendance at Bible Study | | 2017 Offerings and Other Income |
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| Thursday | 8 | Family Bible Hour | n/a | Last week Receipts/Average needed |
| Saturday | 36 | Tuesday 10:00 | n/a | \$10,543/\$13,357 |
| Sunday 8:00 | 249 | Tuesday 6:00 | 3 | Year to date Receipts/Expenses |
| Sunday 10:30 | 109 | | | \$491,991/\$462,743 |
| Total | 402 | | | |

DISTRICT REFORMATION SERVICE There are no more seats available for the October 28 Reformation 500th Anniversary celebration by our Northern Wisconsin District.

MILITARY MEMBERS Could you help us compile a list of Martin Luther members who have served or who are currently serving in a branch of the US armed forces? If you would like to submit information about a family member (also a Martin Luther member) who served but whom the Lord has since called home to heaven that would also be appreciated. Please supply as much of the requested information below as you can and return (or send by email) to the church office. You may also email our congregation's liaison to the Lutheran Military Support Group, Roger Grosnick, at rgrosnick@gmail.com. Please supply: name; branch of service; highest rank achieved; dates of service; where you served. If there is further information or a military life experience that you would care to share, that is also welcome.

LIVE NATIVITY Names are being added to the list for the Live Nativity and that's great! Please continue to sign up where you are willing to help. Thanks for the response for gallon milk jugs. If you have some at home ready to bring in, we can use those, but then we should have enough. Next month we will have some handouts that you can take to work and help us start to spread the word to "save the date". If you have any ideas that you wish to share in planning the Live Nativity, please share with Carmen Jones or Paula Nimmer.

PRESCHOOL DONATION REQUEST Martin Luther Preschool is seeking a donation of a Little Tikes or Step 2 type outdoor playhouse. Contact Sara Smith, saraleighsmith1@yahoo.com or 920-216-2342.

HURRICANE RELIEF If you would like to donate for hurricane relief, please consider doing so through WELS Christian Aid and Relief. We have congregations in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, and in the Caribbean that can use our aid or distribute aid in our name to their communities. Visit wels.net online for more information or to donate, or send donations to WELS Christian Aid and Relief, N16 W23377 Stone Ridge Dr, Waukesha WI 53188.

MENS CLUB The Lord provided a beautiful day for the six golfers at our annual golf outing. All six had great scores but Sue Radtke had the lowest score for the ladies and Dale Zorn had the lowest score for the men. Other winners were Longest Drive on Fairway, Steve Nimmer; Closest to the Pin, Gary Werner; Longest Putt, Bob Walker. The Shortest Drive was a tie between Sue Radtke and Dale Zorn. Thank you to those who provided prizes, Duane Hanneman, Bob Walker, Gary Werner and Dick Butt. It was another fun time for Christian fellowship sponsored by the Men's Club. **You are invited to attend** our next meeting, October 4 at 7:30 p.m., for the annual sheepshead tournament. Ladies and gents are both welcome.

WLA NEWS—Fall Play: WLA is happy to present Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat! Children's theater presentations for association grade schools will be Monday and Tuesday, October 30-31, with public performances Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 2-4, at 7:00 each evening, and one final show on Sunday, November 5, at 2:00 p.m. Watch for tickets to go on sale in October. **Standing Up to Bullying:** Mark your calendar for October 18 and plan to attend Standing Up To Bullying presented by Christian Family Solutions. This presentation for parents will be held in the auditorium at 6:00 p.m. WLA students and association grade school students will attend age-appropriate presentations during the school day.

FVL NEWS—Set Builders Needed: FVL needs fall play set builders; contact Shawn Hill at shill@fvlhs.org if you wish to help. **General Board Decision on Building Project:** The FVL General Board meets on September 27 at 7:00 p.m. to address the proposed building project for the 2018-19 budget. The meeting is open to the public.

ST PAUL APPLETON ANNIVERSARY St. Paul Lutheran Church of Appleton is celebrating its 150th anniversary. You are welcome to celebrate God's goodness with them at these special events: Kick off meal September 30 at Liberty Hall in Kimberly (RSVP requested at 920-733-6701 or office@stpaulappletonwi.com); worship on October 1 at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. with refreshments and displays in between; special worship services each Sunday of October 2017.

SLB NEWS: Membership: Transfer to M.L.: Joshua & Melissa Brich; Evelyn and Fiona from Riverview, Appleton. Releases: Craig and Denise Gonzales; Kierra, Joshua, and Trevor Daniels; Mr. Davis Whiteman; and Mrs. Hope Boivin. Baptism: Caleb Lucas Krahn on 8/22/17. Deaths: Debra Paulsen on 8/22/17 and Betty Krause 8/26/17. Membership totals are 778 baptized & confirmed, 217 baptized not confirmed for a total of 995 souls. **Worker Care Committee** made motions that were passed to reflect an increase in Day School Staff wages of \$2198 due to increased teaching loads of Mrs. Jennifer Smith and Mrs. Becky Korthals. These changes covered the help given to second grade and changes in the departmental teaching loads. We did not call a part-time teacher for the Second grade, but were able to use current staff. **Outreach/Evangelism** announced the date of Oct. 22 from 1-3 PM for Trunk or Treat. **Property & Grounds** encourages all members to take part in an Oct. 14 & 15 clean up of the church property—outside and inside. Please mark your calendars. The wood from the birch tree that was cut down that is on the church lawn is free to anyone—just haul it away. **Principal Hennig** informed us of student testing using a new ACT/Aspire test which will take place in spring instead of fall. Also members of the Christian Day School team will be assembling information as to what we need to do to become part of the State’s School Choice Program. The goal is to start with the 2018-2019 school year. **Finance** reported that we will need offerings averaging \$55,000 per month if we are to meet our projected expenses for this current year. Please consider how you can help meet and exceed our needs. Also Finance needs all projected budgetary needs for 2018 by their October 9 meeting. If you have questions, please contact Robert Wilcox, Finance Chariman. **100th Anniversary motion** was passed directing members who wish to give a special gift to either give an offering towards the preservation and repair of our stained glass windows or give an offering towards assistance to the mission church of Beautiful Savior, Fayetteville, N.C. Use a “Designated Envelope” from your packet or one that will be provided.



IDOLS WE NEVER KNEW WE HAD

A wood-carved animal figurine. A chiseled stone statue. A golden goddess. Do you have an idol worship area set up in your home? We would say “Definitely not! I don’t bow down to idols!” But sometimes we do worship idols and make them our gods, not even realizing they are there. Our upcoming study will bring to light these idols that hide themselves so easily in our homes and hearts, and through God’s guidance and power we’ll get help to avoid worshipping these false gods. Our series continues in the school commons room **next Sunday, 9:15 a.m.**, with “Success.”



Chili Cook-Off!

FCE is sponsoring a chili cook-off on October 1st and we would like to welcome all members of Martin Luther to submit their tastiest chili!

Tasting will begin at 5:00 and cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners!

Please let us know if you will be attending and/or entering your chili in this fun event.

____ Yes, I want to show my amazing skills and participate in the chili cook-off!

Name _____

Phone number _____ email _____

____ No, I do not want to make any chili, but would still love to come and sample some!

Number of family members that will be attending _____

★ Please return to the chili cook-off box located in the extended narthex.

If you have any questions please contact Johanna Yenter
johannayenter@yahoo.com or 920-203-9421