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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

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| | Saturday 5:30 | Sunday 8:00 | Sunday 10:30 |
| Organist | Austin Wenker | Johanna Yenter | Johanna Yenter |
| Greeters | The Laridaens | The Grubbs | The Ericsons |
| Ushers | Tim Price, Scott Price, Steve Hennig, Nathan Hennig, Matt Hennig | Aron Groth, Colton Hayes, Nick Jones | Jerry Keup, Nathan Smith, Aaron Wintheiser, Dan Smith |

This Week at Martin Luther

- Sunday 8:00, 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion (Usher: 1, 8; Greet: Hennig, Hanneman)
9:10 Sunday School (meet in commons); Youth Group (church basement)
9:15 Voters' Forum, Voters' Meeting at 11:30
- Monday 9:00 Clean church
6:30 FCE meeting
- Tuesday 9:00 Newsletter submissions due in the office
10:00 Bible Class—What's a Christian to Think about Claimed Visits to Heaven?
4:00–8:00 Red Robin Fellowship Dinner, 600 S. Koeller St.
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)
7:30 Dartball, M3 at T1
- Friday 8:00 Moms' Group
9:00 Reading Buddies
- Saturday 5:30 Worship (Usher: 10; Greet: Potter)
- Sunday 8:00, 10:30 (Usher: 1, 8; Greet: Hennig, Hanneman)
9:10 Sunday School (meet in commons); Youth Group (church basement)
9:15 Bible Class (Commons)

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Stanley Christensen in memory of Darlene Christensen.

TUESDAY AM CLASS On Tuesday, Nov. 7 we begin a new class based on "*Timely Topics, Timeless Truths.*" The first two weeks we consider the sub-topic, "What's a Christian to Think" and the subject for us to think about is, "Are people's claimed visits to heaven for real?" Join us at 10:00 AM to hear what the Lord says and discuss how we react to heavenly visit claims.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS will not meet this week due to the voters meeting forum in church.

SISTERS IN SCRIPTURE This week we will be finishing up our study of "Your Identity in Christ." Our next study is entitled "Prepared to Answer." Do you wish that you had a firmer foundation to express the love of your Savior? Do you ever wish you could share your faith with others? Join us as we study the lessons that Jesus gave us from the Bible that will equip us to open up a dialog about our Savior.

CALL RECEIVED Pastor Ericson has received a divine call to be lead pastor at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Wisconsin Rapids. He will share more information at the voters' forum. Pastor appreciates your thoughts and prayers as he considers this call.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS are needed to help in the school library on Wednesday mornings and Fridays. Contact Karen Berg at karenberg@martinlutheroshkosh.com if interested.

JESUS CARES BIBLE CLASS for people with special needs—all ages welcome. Nov. 14, 6-7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran, 913 Nebraska St. Call the Grace office for more details, 920-231-8957.

VOTERS MEETING PREVIEW We hold our Voters meeting this Sunday with open forum between services and business meeting right after the 10:30 AM service. While reports will be ready from all Committees, the main item is passing the 2018 budget which is currently projected to be \$736,541, a 4.02% increase from this year (\$707,904). **Finance** reports we are currently experiencing more costs than offerings for the first time this year. As in the past we need our members to end the year with increased offerings if we are to meet our current budget. Please consider how you can help our church meet our ministry expenses. **Recommendations** will be shared for action that will make us part of the State’s School Voucher program. **Ratification** will be asked of members to have Mr. Fred Otto become Youth Discipleship Chairman in place of Richard Stockton whose job shift change has caused him to step aside.

ANNIVERSARY THANK-OFFERING You are invited, in thankfulness, to give a special offering either for repair of our church’s stained glass windows or to pass on the Lord’s blessings to a mission congregation building a new church. The church chosen is Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church of Fayetteville, North Carolina. To give an offering, use a “Designated Gift” or “Anniversary Offering” envelope from your offering envelope box, or one of the special envelopes that are provided today. Please designate your offering as “Anniversary—Stained Glass Windows” or “Anniversary—Mission Congregation” or indicate an amount for each.

| Attendance at Worship | Attendance at Bible Study | 2017 Offerings and Other Income |
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| Thursday 15 | Family Bible Hour n/a | Last week Receipts/Average needed |
| Saturday 38 | Tuesday 10:00 8 | \$14,777/\$13,357 |
| Sunday 10:00 428 | Tuesday 6:00 6 | Year to date Receipts/Expenses |
| Total 481 | | \$565,472/\$567,902 |

Anniversary Offering to date: Stained Glass Windows \$11,409; Mission Congregation \$6,251

LIVE NATIVITY In just three weeks we will be sharing the joy found in the Christmas message with our community through our Live Nativity. We still need characters! Please check the lists to see where you can help. Also needed are fire pits, candles and generators. To promote this event, there are yard signs, posters and handouts at the Live Nativity display in the extended narthex. We are hoping that you may have some business contacts that will allow us to display a poster. If you take a yard sign, be sure to add your name to the sign-out list. Also, share the Live Nativity info on Facebook. Thank you in advance for your help and support in this congregational effort!

PATHWAYS TO CHRIST RETREAT Sisters in Christ, please join us for the 18th Pathways to Christ Retreat, March 9-11 at LaSure’s Hall in Oshkosh. The 2018 theme is “Speak, O Lord.” On Friday night we will begin the retreat with a presentation by Melanie Marine on the “Art of Communication.” On Saturday our three speakers, Natosha Cole, Colleen Oldenburg, and Pastor Brad Wright, will each focus on one of the verses of “Speak, O Lord.” On Sunday Pastor Leon Ehlert will share with us a Bible Study and then lead us in worship. Sound intriguing? Additional information and registration forms, can be downloaded from our website: pathwaystochrist.org. Registration brochures can also be picked up at the display in the extended narthex.

FUNERAL for Mrs. Sandra Duchatschek who died November 4, 2017 was held Wednesday, November 8, 2017. What a blessing for family and friends to know that Jesus makes us His own whom He will assemble in heaven on the Last Day. On that Day we are reunited with loved ones.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE You are invited to bring canned goods or dry food items and place them in or by the box at the rear of church. We will take what is given and give the food to those less fortunate than ourselves for Thanksgiving. Gift cards are also welcome.

LMSG AMMO CAN DONATIONS As Veterans Day approaches, our congregation's Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) is asking for donations in support of our military men, women, and families. LMSG, a partnership of ELS and WELS veterans, is working to grow awareness of and bring Christian support to military members and their families in our congregations and beyond. By placing your gift in the ammo can located at the Information Center in the Extended Narthex, you are supporting the work of local congregations that are ministering to nearby military families, the WELS European chaplain program and global broadcasts of Time of Grace to our military. Thank you for standing shoulder to shoulder with those serving our nation!

GRIEVING HOLIDAY HELP A special "GriefShare" session *Surviving the Holidays*, will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 338 N. Eagle St. on Nov. 13, 6:30 – 8 p.m. This program is intended to bring Christ-centered relief for those mourning the loss of a loved one. Call Pastor Seelman with questions, 920-495-3259.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS are due in the office by Tuesday, November 14.

WLA NEWS—Freshman Registration: Tuesday, November 14, is Freshman Registration for WLA's Class of 2022, 6 p.m. **Blood Drive:** Friday, November 17, WLA will host a Community Blood Center blood drive from 10:00-1:00. To make an appointment, call the WLA office.

FVL NEWS—Lutheran Vanguard of Wisconsin begins its 41st year with its Preview Day for potential band members, color guard or front ensemble on 11/18 from 1-4 PM. Questions? Contact Jame Neujahr at jneujahr@fvlhs.org. **Grade School Dance Camp** on 11/11 and **Grade School Cheer Camp** on 11/18—info and registration at fvlschools.org. **Retire Wisely Seminar** on 11/15 from 10-11 AM—RSVP at rfischer@fvlhs.org.

2018 MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE The 9th annual Men of His Word Conference will be held at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on Saturday, February 24, 2018. Please go online at menofhisword.org to register and to get details about schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, cost, etc. Hope to see you there!

RISING SON SNOW REMOVAL Our campus ministry is looking for someone who would be willing to plow snow from our small parking lot on Amherst Avenue. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact Pastor Ericson.