



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
Organist	Austin Wenker	Lois Werner	Lois Werner
Greeters	The Laridaens	The Wendlands	The Wendlands
Ushers	Robert Walker, Ralph Watkins	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 Sunday School (meet in commons); Youth Group (church basement)
9:15 Bible Class (Commons)—Idols We Never Knew We Had: Family
- Monday 9:00 Clean Church
6:30 Finance Committee
- Tuesday 9:00 Newsletter submissions due
10:00 Bible Class—What’s a Christian to say when people are spiritual, not religious.
6:00 Sisters in Scripture
- Wednesday 4:30 Confirmation Classes
6:00 Instrumentalist rehearsal
6:30 Day School Team at N. Smith residence
7:15 Choir
- Thursday 5:30 FCE Christmas Party
6:00 Worship at Rising Son Chapel, 634 Wisconsin Street (all are welcome)
7:30 Dartball, M3 at MN
- Friday 8:00 Moms’ Group
- Saturday 8:00 Rehearsal for pre-service musicians
9:00–10:00 Practice, Grades 1-8
10:15-11:15 Practice, Pre-K and K
5:30 Pre-K and K Christmas Service (Usher: 4; Greet: Potter)
- Sunday 8:00 Worship (Usher: 3; Greet: Groth)
9:10 Sunday School (meet in commons); Youth Group (church basement)
9:15 Bible Class (Commons)—Idols We Never Knew We Had: Idols in Religion
10:30 Grades 1-8 Christmas Service (Usher: 8; Greet: Ericson)

FUNERAL On November 29, 2017 the Lord took home Miss Stephanie Zorn. Her funeral was held on Saturday, December 9. At this time of loss we find comfort from our Lord who gathers all believers together to live with Him in heaven where we are free from the curse of sin.

TUESDAY AM CLASS We continue our new class based on “Timely Topics, Timeless Truths.” This week we look at what Christians say about inappropriate posts on social media. Join us at 10:00 AM to hear what the Lord says and discuss claims of being spiritual, but not religious.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS continues the topic “Idols We Never Knew We Had” this Sunday. This week’s topic is “family.” Join us in the commons between services, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

SISTERS IN SCRIPTURE This week we will be looking at Lesson 6. Why does God answer my prayers?

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS The information sheet for ordering poinsettias is in the extended narthex. Each plant will be \$10 and will be available after church on December 25. Please make your order before Sunday, December 17. All checks should be made payable to Christina Evers. If you have any questions please contact at c.evers@martinlutheroshkosh or call 920-248-9157.

MITTEN TREE REMINDER Gifts for the Seminary and MLC Students are due back by this Sunday, December 10th after the second service. We need to get these mailed out before the students leave for Christmas break. All other mitten tree gifts are due back by 9:00 Monday, December 18th.

FCE CHRISTMAS PARTY All members of the church are invited to this special event which will be held on Thursday, December 14, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and will include a spaghetti dinner with salad, breadsticks, and desserts catered by Fazoli's. Tickets will be sold between services on Sunday at the Scrip table. We will have Christmas caroling, crafts, and a scavenger hunt for grades 6-12. We will be helping to stock the Day by Day Warming Shelter and the food pantry. For every item you bring to donate, you will receive a raffle ticket. We have amazing raffle prizes for all ages! Please join us for Martin Luther fun and fellowship!

OCM CARDS are available in a limited quantity and may be purchased at the office to benefit our Oshkosh-WLA Bus. The cards are sold for \$10 with \$4 from each going to the bus. Please make checks out to WLA Bus.

WORSHIP NOTES AVAILABLE Please remember that Worship Notes sheets are available in the narthex. This is a tool that is offered to help enhance the message of the worship service.

ANNIVERSARY THANK-OFFERING You are invited 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 available in the extended narthex. 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
Thursday	14	Family Bible Hour	19	Last week Receipts/Average needed
Saturday	n/a	Tuesday 10:00	10	\$8,836/\$13,357
Sunday 8:00	92	Tuesday 6:00	5	Year to date Receipts/Expenses*
Sunday 10:30	113			\$616,324/\$626,855
Total	219			

*YTD figures now include \$10,115 paid from the parking lot fund to the mortgage principal. Anniversary Offering to date: Stained Glass Windows \$13,156; Mission Congregation \$6,751

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2018 are available in the extended narthex. Please pick yours up today, but don't use them until 2018. 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.

ADULT CHURCH LIBRARY Share the Christmas story with your children reading one of the following books in the Adult Library: *The Very First Christmas*; *The Story of the First Christmas*; *The Christmas Story* and *The Story of Christmas*. And for adults we have: *The Book of Christmas*; *Celebrating Christmas with Jesus* and *Bible Study Series—Luke*.

PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP will be held Sunday, January 28, at 3:00 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.

JESUS CARES BIBLE CLASS for people with special needs—all ages welcome. Dec. 12, 6-7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran, 913 Nebraska St. Call the Grace office for more details, 920-231-8957.

PATHWAYS TO CHRIST RETREAT Just a reminder that the early bird registration deadline is January 8th. We invite you to join us for this spiritually uplifting weekend where we will be focusing on the hymn “Speak O Lord”. For more information on the retreat, visit our website at pathwaystochrist.org. Brochures are available at the display in the extended narthex.

CHRISTMAS VIDEO OFFER The video *My Son, My Savior*, which debuted last year, can be purchased for \$2 from the office or a Pastor. This view of Jesus from Mary’s life is great to give as a gift to family and others whom you can invite to come to worship at Christmas.

ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN-UP The 2018 sign-up calendar for altar flowers is posted in the extended narthex. To donate flowers, please sign up for a date and indicate the occasion or in whose honor or memory they are given. Please provide a check to Martin Luther Church for \$18. If you are providing your own flowers or if you have questions, please contact the office.

WLA NEWS—Christmas concert: You are invited to the WLA Christmas concert, which is held twice: Thursday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. and Friday, December 22, at 1:00 p.m.

FVL NEWS—New student enrollment: Parents enrolling their 8th graders for 2018-19 are asked to complete the online enrollment form to receive a link for making their scheduling appointment. Scheduling appointments are available on the evenings of 12/11 and 12/14. If those dates don’t fit your family’s schedule, please contact the Guidance Office for a more convenient time. The online enrollment application is available on fvlhs.org. **Choir concert:** The FVL Choirs invite you to attend their annual Christmas concert on 12/17 at 4:00 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public; a free-will offering will be taken.

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!