



Epiphany • January 6-7, 2018

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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 Lienhards	The Stocktons
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 Sunday School (meet in church) 9:15 Bible Class Ephesians Study(Commons); Youth Group (Church Basement)
Monday	9:00 Clean Church
Tuesday	10:00 Bible Study “Use of Psychoactive Medications—dangers” 7:10 Soul Care
Wednesday	4:30 Confirmation Class, 6:30 CDS Team
Thursday	7:30 Dartball G3@M3
Friday	8:00 Moms’ Group, 9:00 Reading Buddies
Saturday	5:30 Worship with Holy Communion(Usher: 4; Greet: Potter)
Sunday	8:00, 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion(Usher: 3, 8; Greet: Lund, Brich) 9:10 Sunday School (meet in church) 9:15 Bible Class (Commons); Youth Group (Church Basement)

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Pastor and Joanna Ericson.

HOSPITALIZED Released from Aurora--Mr. Walter Koerwitz

TUESDAY AM CLASS We continue our series on “Timely Topics, Timeless Truths.” The topic this week is “A Christian’s use of Psychoactive Medication—a crutch, a blessing or a danger.”

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS We begin a study of the Bible book Ephesians. The Apostle Paul guides God’s people to understand better the truths of God’s purpose and grace and to appreciate the high goals the Lord has for His church.

SISTERS IN SCRIPTURE Because of the on-line Bible Study starting January 15th, the weekly gathering of SIS will not take place until further notice.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY ON-LINE BIBLE STUDY Ladies join us for the first WELS Women’s Ministry on-line Bible Study. To join the group follow the directions in the e-mail you received this week. If you want group pricing on the book *2000 Demons: No Match for My Savior* or have any questions contact Paula Nimmer by January 3rd.

OCM CARDS are available in a limited quantity and may be purchased at the office to benefit our Oshkosh to 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 “Worship Notes” sheets are available in the narthex. This is a tool for children or adults to help follow along with and apply each week’s worship theme.

ANNIVERSARY THANK-OFFERING We have sent a check for \$7410.92 to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church of Fayetteville, North Carolina. Thank you for the many offerings that combined to make it possible for us to help this Mission congregation as part of our 100th

Anniversary celebration. We continue to gather offerings for the Stained Glass Window repair to be completed next summer.

PATHWAYS TO CHRIST RETREAT Just a reminder that the early bird registration deadline is January 8. 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.

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!

Attendance at Worship	Attendance at Bible Study	2017 Offerings and Other Income		
Saturday	72	Family Bible Hour	n/a	Last week Receipts/Average needed
Sunday 8:00	n/a	Tuesday 10:00	n/a	\$14,953/\$13,357
Sunday 9:00	81	Tuesday 6:00	n/a	Year to date Receipts/Expenses*
Sunday 10:30	n/a			\$680,757/\$693,061
Total	153			

*YTD figures now include \$10,115 paid from the parking lot fund to the mortgage principal.
Anniversary Offering to date: Stained Glass Windows \$19,257

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2018 are available outside the office. 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.

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.

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.

LIVE NATIVITY SIGNS If you took home signs for the Live Nativity, please return them to the box in the extended narthex and check off your name. Thank you for helping promote the Live Nativity!

JESUS CARES BIBLE CLASS for people with special needs—all ages welcome. Jan. 9, 6-7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran, 913 Nebraska St. Call the Grace office for more details, 920-231-8957.

FVL NEWS: A **Spring Girl's JV soccer Coach** is needed. If interested, contact Shawn Hill at shill@fvlhs.org. FVL is looking forward to working with many volunteers in the ***Let the Children Come*** expansion project. Catalyst Construction, FVL's construction management firm, is working to organize this process. A Time & Talent Information Form, along with a list of volunteer opportunities, is posted at fvlhs.org/fvlbuilds. This form can also be used by any business/company that would like to be part of the bidding process. Any individual or company that would like to donate time or materials can submit one as well. A special Informational Meeting is set for 6:30 pm on 1/8 at FVL for anyone who is interested in learning more. Plan to park and enter at the bell tower. Hope to see you there!

WLA NEWS: Plan to attend **Let's Celebrate** on Jan. 28 from 11:30 to 3:30 PM. This is the 25th Anniversary of "Let's Celebrate" and this year all the churches in the WLA Association are invited to set up a display featuring their church. Martin Luther's coordinator of our display is Mrs. Jennifer Smith.