



# Martin Luther

Evangelical Lutheran Church & School



# WELS

Christ's Love, Our Calling.

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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

	<b>Saturday 5:30</b>	<b>Sunday 8:00</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30</b>
<b>Organist</b>	Johanna Yenter	Lois Werner	Lois Werner
<b>Greeters</b>	The Busses	The Groths	The Ericsons
<b>Ushers</b>	Gordy Korthals, Erich Busse, Will Busse, Sam Busse	Daryl Duchatschek, Myles Wendland, Scott Heinzelman, Chad Marine	Steve Nimmer, Joe King, Brian Brown, Joe Pahlow, Will Pahlow, Caleb Hanneman

## This Week at Martin Luther

- Sunday 8:00, 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion  
9:10 Sunday School (meet in church)  
9:15 Voters' Forum—No Bible Class; Youth Group (Church Basement)  
11:30 Voters' Meeting—Annual report, school staffing decisions and much more  
3:00 Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup  
6:30 Open gym basketball (high school age or older)
- Monday Pastors' Conference at Immanuel, Campbellsport
- Tuesday 10:00 Bible Study "Idols We Never Knew We Had"—Success
- 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, T1 at M3
- Friday 8:00 Moms' Group  
9:00 Reading Buddies
- Saturday 5:30 Worship with Holy Communion (Usher:4 ; Greet: Laridaen )
- Sunday 8:00, 10:30 Worship (Usher: 3, 7; Greet: Grubbs; Hanneman)  
9:10 Sunday School (meet in church)  
9:15 Bible Class—Ephesians study (Commons); Youth Group (Church Basement)  
6:30 Adult Open Gym Basketball

**HOSPITALIZED** No one was reported to be in the hospital this week.

**TUESDAY AM CLASS** We begin a new Bible class where we study the way people make idols of everyday objects and practices of our lives. Join us to discuss how we avoid making the Lord less than the first love and priority in our lives.

**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS** There is no class this week. We continue a study of the Bible book Ephesians next week. 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** Our Sisters in Scripture group is "on hold" until after the WELS Women's Ministry online Bible study concludes. The online study runs through February 11.

**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.

**CHURCH TREASURER NEEDED** After faithful service, Mr. Richard Sickinger is stepping down from the position of treasurer. If you are interested in serving in this position, please speak with President Dan Smith or one of the pastors. According to the bylaws the treasurer is to be a male voting member of the congregation who is appointed by the Servant Leadership Board to serve on the Finance Committee. The Treasurer is responsible for the management of the congregation's bank accounts, provides accounting oversight, and approves disbursements made for invoices and payroll. The Treasurer typically will sign checks weekly and meet with the Finance Committee monthly.

**PATHWAYS TO CHRIST RETREAT** It's not too late to still sign up for this year's retreat, which will focus on the hymn "Speak, O Lord." For more information on the retreat, visit our website at [pathwaystochirst.org](http://pathwaystochirst.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](http://menofhisword.org) to register and to get details about schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, cost, etc. Early registration deadline is February 11.

<b>Attendance at Worship</b>	<b>Attendance at Bible Study</b>	<b>2018 Offerings and Other Income</b>		
Saturday	87	Family Bible Hour	17	Last week Receipts/Average needed
Sunday 8:00	58	Tuesday 10:00	9	\$8,626/14,116
Sunday 10:30	107	Tuesday 6:00	n/a	Year to date Receipts/Expenses
Total	252			\$28,355/33,533

Anniversary offering to date for stained glass windows: \$21,632

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** for 2018 are available in the school hallway. **2017 DONATION STATEMENTS** are available at the information center. Please check them for accuracy.

### **INTERESTED IN ATTENDING DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY?**

Plans are in the works for holding a class at Martin Luther again this spring, but we want to know what times work best for people before setting a schedule. Contact Nate Smith at [natosmith79@gmail.com](mailto:natosmith79@gmail.com) or 237-9548 if you are interested or know someone who is. Find out more at [daveramsey.com/FPU](http://daveramsey.com/FPU).

**PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP** will be held on Sunday, January 28, at 3 p.m. Families with children eligible for 3- or 4-year-old Pre-K or Kindergarten in the fall of 2018 are invited to attend. You will meet teachers and future classmates and learn about our program and the enrollment process. Information will also be shared about the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. Martin Luther will be entering into this program for the 2018-2019 school year. Questions may be directed to 235-1612 or [office@martinlutheroshkosh.com](mailto:office@martinlutheroshkosh.com).

**2017 SLB MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN** Please submit your year-end articles and reports for the 2017 Annual Report to the office as soon as possible.

**MEN'S CLUB Planning Meeting is moved** from 7:30 on Wednesday, February 7, to **6:30 on Thursday, February 8**. It will be abbreviated due to Dartball at 7:30. Bring your ideas or give them to one of the Men's Club members – hope to see you there.

**PEER PRESSURE PRESENTATION** Christian Family Solutions (CFS) will be giving a presentation on peer pressure on Monday, February 19, at 6:30 pm in our gymnasium. There will be an assembly program during the school day for Martin Luther students in grades 3-8, and the presentation in the evening is geared toward parents and adults. From the description on the CFS website, "*Parents will be given strategies to help empower their family members. All recommendations are based on Scripture, which is highlighted throughout.*" A detailed flyer is posted on the FCE bulletin board outside the office.

**JESUS CARES BIBLE CLASS** for people with special needs—all ages welcome. Feb. 13, 6-7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran, 913 Nebraska St. Call the Grace office for more details, 920-231-8957.

**ADULT OPEN GYM BASKETBALL** meets at 6:30 on Sunday nights. Anyone from high school age and up who is interested in playing basketball, getting exercise, and enjoying Christian fellowship is encouraged to attend. Open gym dates will be posted on the online church calendar for easy access. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Evers.

**CHURCH LIBRARY—RESOLUTIONS** As we start a new year, why not make a resolution to spend a few moments at the beginning or end of each day with an uplifting message from one of the many devotional books from the church library. Some devotionals available are: *Everyday with the Savior*; *Christ in Our Home*; *Together with Jesus*; *My Daily Devotion*. Devotionals for children include *Little Visits with Jesus* and *At Home with Jesus*.

**WLA NEWS** Sunday, January 28, is **Let's Celebrate** day at WLA! Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship in celebration of the blessings our gracious God has given us. There will be performances by the WLA band and choirs and association grade school choirs, the ever popular silent auction, and, new this year, a fashion show featuring items from Second Impressions Thrift Store! Questions? Contact Aaron Bilitz at [abilitz@wlavikings.org](mailto:abilitz@wlavikings.org).

**FVL NEWS FVL Musicfest 2018** will be held on Sunday, January 28, with performances beginning at noon. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. and events will run until 4 p.m. Musicfest is currently seeking items or basket donations for the Silent Auction. Find out more at [www.fvlhs.org/fvl-musicfest](http://www.fvlhs.org/fvl-musicfest) or call Megan Beyer at 920-560- 5122.

**VALENTINE'S DAY GIFT** Looking for the perfect Valentine's Day gift? Here it is! Show your spouse how much your marriage means to you and give the gift of a weekend away to pay attention to each other, apply God's truth, and practice actions you can take to unravel the mystery of marriage. The setting will be the Radisson in La Crosse, March 9-11. Space is limited so register now. Visit [wels.net/adult-discipleship](http://wels.net/adult-discipleship) for more information and to register.

**CAMP BIRD FOR LUTHERANS** Registrations is now open for Camp Bird, a youth camp for children in grades 5-8. The price for each child is \$150 per week. Swimming, canoeing, boating, hiking, challenge course, kickball, volleyball, archery, handicraft, campfires, Bible study, games, camp songs and many other activities are waiting for you! Three weeks are available in July: Sunday, July 8 – Friday, July 13; Sunday, July 15 – Friday, July 20; Sunday, July 22 – Friday, July 27. For more information or to download the registration form, please visit [campbird.org](http://campbird.org).

**BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS** We will begin a new offering of our Basic Bible Foundations class for adults on Sunday, February 25, between services in Room 9, from 9:10 to 10:20 a.m. The class is for anyone who may be interested in membership at Martin Luther or in reviewing the basic doctrines of Scripture. The class will meet on February 25, March 4 and 18, and April 8, 15, and 22. Child care will be provided for those who need it; please contact the office or one of the pastors if you will need child care or if you have any questions about the class.

**SENIOR CHOIR** resumes rehearsals this week in the balcony, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Join us!