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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>	Cindy Becker	Cindy Becker	Cindy Becker
<b>Greeters</b>		The Wendlands	The Wendlands
<b>Ushers</b>	Tim Price, Scott Price, Steve Hennig, Nathan Hennig, Matt Hennig	Daryl Duchatschek, Brad Evers, Myles Wendland, Chad Marine, Scott Heinzelman, Greg Martin,	Jerry Keup, Nathan Smith, Aaron Wintheiser, Dan Smith

## This Week at Martin Luther

- Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 Worship  
9:10 Faith Explorers (meet in church); Youth Group (meet in church basement)  
9:15 Family Bible Class—New Class *Families Under God* (meet in Commons)
- Monday 7:00 Servant Leadership Board-- Pastors at Seminary symposium on "Leadership"
- Tuesday **No Bible Class** (Pastors at Seminary symposium)
- Wednesday 4:30 Catechism Class  
7:00 Senior Choir
- Thursday 9:00 Newsletter submissions due  
6:00 Worship at Rising Son Chapel, 634 Wisconsin Street
- Friday 8:00 Moms' Group  
9:20 Reading Buddies
- Saturday 5:30 Worship (Usher: 10; Greet: Berg)
- Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 Worship (Usher: 3, 8; Greet: Groth, Ericson)  
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**HOSPITALIZED** At Mercy: Mrs. Gladys Dedrick

**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS** We begin a new study *Families Under God* and this week we stress we are families who stress the importance of serving a loving Lord by living in His love with family and friends. Join us in discussing how best to live for the Lord in His love for us.

**WORSHIP NOTES** A "Worship Notes" sheet with one side for children and another side for adults and teens is available each week on the wooden stand in the narthex.

**TUESDAY AM BIBLE CLASS** **No Bible Class this week** as the Pastors are away at our seminary's annual symposium. We will resume our Bible study next week looking at the "Parables in Matthew."

**THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICES** began Thursday, September 6, at 6:00 p.m. at Rising Son Chapel, 634 Wisconsin Street. All members and guests are invited to attend along with the college students who worship at the chapel. Chapel services continue through December 6.

**FAITH EXPLORERS** (Formerly our Sunday School Program) has resumed and is for children age 4 through Grade 8. It begins each week at 9:10 and dismisses in the school hallway at 10:20. Today is our Craft Sunday and we invite all parents, grandparents, and family members to join us.

**YOUTH GROUP** We've begun a new year of Martin Luther Youth Group! Any and every high school age member is invited to attend. We will start the day with Faith Builders, a teen Bible Study, at 9:15am in the youth room (located beside the kitchen in the basement). Join us for some time in God's word, time with Christian peers, and time to enjoy a breakfast treat. Additional youth activities will be planned throughout the year as well.

**CALL RECEIVED** This past week Pastor Ericson received a divine call to Crown of Glory Lutheran Church in Orlando, Florida. Please keep Pastor Ericson and family in your prayers and share with him your thoughts as he deliberates this call over the next few weeks.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS** Parenting is a full time calling in a constantly shifting world with kids who grow and change every single day. You have an incredible job as a mom or dad and you're raising great kids! To help you prepare your children for not just this life, but for eternal life, we're offering continuing education for Christian Parents. Dare to Discipline is a study written by renowned parenting author/speaker Dr. James Dobson. Classes will be held for just four weeks on Tuesdays, October 2, 9, 16, & 23 @ 6:30pm. Babysitting provided. Information and a sign up are posted in the extended narthex. Please sign up so material can be ordered for you. Please contact Nate or Jenny Smith @ [natosmith79@gmail.com](mailto:natosmith79@gmail.com) or [jennylusmith@gmail.com](mailto:jennylusmith@gmail.com) with questions.

<b>Attendance at Worship</b>	<b>Attendance at Bible Study</b>	<b>Offerings and Receipts/Expenses</b>
Saturday 5:30 57	Family Bible Hour 16	Offerings/Tuition/Other Income
Sunday 8:00 71	Tuesday 10:00 8	\$9725/\$1500/\$809
Sunday 10:30 125	Tuesday 6:00 n/a	Year-to-date Receipts/Expenses
Total 269		\$234,803/\$144,857

Anniversary offering to date for stained glass window repair: \$24,566

**LAWN MOWING HELP NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER 30 AND BEYOND** Many thanks to all those members who have already cut the church lawn and/or signed up for future dates. If you haven't taken a turn yet, we could use your help. Please consider organizing a team (2-3 individuals, family or friends) to lend a hand and sign up for an open week. The sign-up sheet is at the Information Center desk. Contact Steve Nimmer with any questions.

**RECYCLE MEDITATIONS DEVOTIONALS FOR PRISON MINISTRY** Done with your summer edition of the Meditations devotion booklet? We are collecting them for use in WELS Prison Ministry. Leave your used copy at the office by Sunday, September 30, and we will mail them in to the prison ministry office. Copies must be no more than one year old and contain no personal information. Thank you for helping with this important gospel ministry!

**SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG!** Senior choir is starting up again and all high school age and adult members are invited to join us! We meet in the balcony on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Joanna Ericson.

**INTERNAL JOB OPENING** Martin Luther is looking for an **After School Care Aide** for the 2018-2019 school year. We will need someone from approximately 2:45 to 5:30 p.m. Responsibilities include feeding the children a snack, supervising play (both inside and outside), and monitoring child pick-up. A **Custodian** is also needed and the hours are flexible, afternoons or evenings. If this is something you are interested in or know someone who might be, contact Principal Hennig at 235-1612 or [stevehennig@martinlutheroshkosh.com](mailto:stevehennig@martinlutheroshkosh.com).

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** meets on Mondays, 6:30-8:00 PM at Immanuel Lutheran, 338 N. Eagle Street, Oshkosh. A brochure explaining these meetings can be taken from the track rack by

the Office window. This week the topic is “Challenges of Grief.” This support group helps us make sense of grief we feel at the loss of a loved one or after a traumatic event.

**NEW VIDEO ORDERED** WELS Evangelism. This is the last video of four which features the Apostle Paul and is entitled “*To the Ends of the Earth.*” We have ordered 200 copies and will offer them to you for purchase when they are shipped to us. The cost to purchase will be \$2.00. The video is a great gift to give to help another learn about our Lord and invite them to attend church with you. Or invite others to view the video with you. In worship the week of October 20-21 we will celebrate a Synod-wide Mission & Ministry special worship. The new video may be shown at that time and will be ready for you to purchase.

**AUCTION** The school year has started and we are currently collecting donations. Tickets for the March 2 auction will go on sale in November. We are looking for sports tickets, vacation rentals, donations of time, and any handmade items. We are also looking for someone to donate a “Year of Pies,” 1 pie/month for a year and a “Year of Cookies,” 1 dozen cookies/month for a year. The last auction was a great success because of all our wonderful donations and support. We can’t wait to see your creative ideas for this upcoming auction. All donations must be received by Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, at 2:50 p.m. to be in the program. Donations may be brought to the office or given to Sara Smith. Contact Sara Smith with any questions at [saraleighsmith1@yahoo.com](mailto:saraleighsmith1@yahoo.com) or 920-216-2342.

**UW OSHKOSH CAMPUS MINISTRY** has begun. Campus ministry night is a Bible study every other Monday, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Rising Son, 634 Wisconsin Street. Check out the campus ministry website, [risingsonoshkosh.org](http://risingsonoshkosh.org), for details.

**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** are due this week. We will assemble and mail out the October Newsletter will take place on Tuesday, September 25 at 9:00 AM.

**WLA NEWS**—On Tuesday, the WLA Plenary Board approved making an **offer to purchase** 59 acres of land north of Highway 151 and east of Martin Ave. for future relocation of the school. The goal is to have all contingencies removed for purchase by the summer of 2019. **Preliminary Budget Meeting** for the 2019-20 school year will be held on Monday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the WLA Media Center. **8th Grade Visitation Day** is September 21. **Parent Teacher Conferences** are September 24. **Homecoming** skit night is October 5; football game is October 6.

**FVL NEWS**—A **Special Dedication Service** for the Let the Children Come expansion is set for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 14. Guest speaker is WELS Northern Wisconsin District President Rev. Joel Zank. An open house is planned following the service. **Game locations:** All FVL home soccer and football games will be held off campus. Soccer games will be at USA Sports Complex. Varsity football games will be at Kaukauna on 9/21 and 9/28. All JV1 and JV2 football games will be at Xavier Middle School. **Strategies and Resources to help children read** is offered by FVL Schools on 10/10 at 6:30 PM. Open to all parents of grade school age children by presenter Dr. Mark Murphy from Wisconsin Lutheran College. Free child care is available for children 4 & up. Free tickets are available at Martin Luther Office or at FVL Office. More info at [fvlschools.org](http://fvlschools.org).