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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>	Austin Wenker	Johanna Yenter	Johanna Yenter
<b>Greeters</b>	The Bergs	The Groths	The Ericsons
<b>Ushers</b>	Robert Walker, Ralph Watkins	Aron Groth, Cody Groth, Fred Otto, Erich Otto, Nick Jones	Dennis Zorn, James Dean, Jason Laridaen, Scott Selenka

## 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—*Families Under God* #3 “Create a Family Altar”
- Monday
- Tuesday 9:00 Assemble October newsletter in Commons  
10:00 Bible Class
- Wednesday 4:30 Catechism Class  
7:00 Senior Choir
- Thursday 6:00 Worship with Holy Communion at Rising Son Chapel, 634 Wisconsin Street
- Friday 8:00 Moms’ Group  
9:20 Reading Buddies
- Saturday 5:30 Worship with Holy Communion (Usher: 9; Greet: Laridaen)
- Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion (Usher: 1, 5; Greet: Grubbs, Nimmer)  
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**HOSPITALIZED** Released from 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.

**TUESDAY AM BIBLE CLASS** We resume our “Parables in Matthew” Bible study this week.

**THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICES** are held at Rising Son Chapel, 634 Wisconsin St. at 6 p.m. All members and guests are invited to attend along with the college students worshipping there.

**FAITH EXPLORERS** (Formerly Sunday School program) has resumed and is for children age 4 through Grade 8. It begins at 9:10 in church and dismisses in the school hallway at 10:20. We will have a special family activity on Sunday, October 7.

**YOUTH GROUP** Any and every high school age member is invited to attend. We 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** Pastor Ericson has 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.

**BASIC BIBLE FOUNDATIONS** We will begin a new session of our Basic Bible Foundations class the week of October 7. It will be offered both on Sundays between services and on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in Room 9. Childcare will be provided as needed. The class is for anyone interested in learning or reviewing the basics of what the Bible and we as a church teach.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to run for office for our Servant Leadership Board. Confirmed men 18 yrs. old or older are needed for nomination to all 11 positions. However in 6 positions current men have completed eligibility per our By Laws. The 6 positions open are Vice President, Adult Discipleship, Worship, Worker Care, Property and Evangelism/Outreach. For job descriptions see the October Newsletter or the Constitution/By Laws or talk to a current SLB chairman.

**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	68	Family Bible Hour	16	Offerings/Tuition/Other Income
Sunday 8:00	76	Tuesday 10:00	n/a	\$7545/\$2429/\$2514
Sunday 10:30	91	Tuesday 6:00	n/a	Year-to-date Receipts/Expenses
Total	249			\$249,996/\$178,851

Anniversary offering to date for stained glass window repair: \$25,066

**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.

**SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG!** Senior choir has started 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 [stevhennig@martinlutheroshkosh.com](mailto:stevhennig@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 "The Journey of Grief—Part 1." This support group helps us make sense of grief we feel at the loss of a loved one or after a traumatic event.

**GRACE FOREVER YOUNG** will hold its next meeting Thursday, October 4, at 11:00 a.m. in the Qually Room. At our last business meeting it was voted to eliminate the payment of dues for now to encourage more people to join. Chicken, potato salad, and coleslaw will be purchased for the lunch. Dessert volunteers are Gloria Wacholtz, and Carol Wilson. Our program includes a humerous tape recording made to celebrate the 500 birthday of the Reformation, and is narrated by a gentleman impersonating a friend of Luther, named Lester Methuselah Gutenberg. Come and join us and learn why he chose that name! If you'd like to come, please call Lois Mueller (920-385-1817) or Clayton Wellman at 688-5153.

**NEW VIDEO ORDERED** This is the last video of four and features the Apostle Paul 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 is \$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.**

**AUCTION** Tickets for the March 2 event 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. 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.

**WLA NEWS**—The WLA Plenary Board has 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. **Parent Teacher Conferences** are September 24. **Homecoming** skit night is October 5; football game is October 6. WLA is hosting two 1-hour **Christian estate planning seminars** to help thankful Christians create a God-glorifying legacy. Wills, trusts, powers of attorney as well as charitable giving will be discussed. Pastor Dennis Kleist, our WELS Christian estate planning counselor, and attorney JoAnn Gromowski will be the presenters, 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 11.

**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. **FVL General Board** meets 9/25 at 7 PM. To date \$777,000 of the \$1 million goal has come in for funding *Let the Children Come*. The purchase of bonds to fund the rest of the project will be shared at the meeting. **Strategies and Resources to help children read** is offered by FVL Schools on October 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). **Grandparents** are invited to spend the day at FVL on 10/4 7 10/5 starting at 8:15 AM with coffee & muffins, Register by 9/27 at [fvlhs.org](http://fvlhs.org) or phone 920-239-4441.

**RECYCLE MEDITATIONS DEVOTIONALS FOR PRISON MINISTRY** Leave expired copies 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.