



Pentecost 23 • October 25, 27-28, 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 |
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| Organist | Lois Werner | Lois Werner | Lois Werner |
| Greeters | The Laridaens | The Wendlands | The Wendlands |
| Ushers | Robert Walker, Ralph Watkins | Daryl Duchatschek, Myles Wendland, Scott Heinzelman, Chad Marine, Greg Martin, Brad Evers | John Hanson, Rich Naumann, Gene Sauer, Bill Hubbard |

This Week at Martin Luther

- Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion
9:10 Faith Explorers (meet in church); Youth Group (meet in church basement)
9:10 Basic Bible Foundations (Room 9)
9:15 Family Bible Class *Families Under God*—Speak to each other in love
1:30 WLA Association Reformation Festival at St. Peter's, Fond du Lac
- Monday
- Tuesday 10:00 Bible Class—Matthew 22:1-10 The Parable of the Wedding Banquet
7:00 Senior Choir
- Wednesday 4:30 Confirmation Classes
- Thursday 6:00 Worship at Rising Son Chapel, 634 Wisconsin St.
- Friday 8:00 Moms' Group
9:20 Reading Buddies
- Saturday 9:00 Mens' Club Breakfast at Delta Restaurant
5:30 Reformation Worship (Usher: 10, Greet: Laridaen)
- Sunday **Daylight Saving Time Ends**
8:00 & 10:30 Reformation Worship (Usher: 2, 5; Greet: Wendland)
9:10 Faith Explorers (meet in church); Youth Group (meet in church basement)
9:10 Basic Bible Foundations (Room 9)
9:15 Family Bible Class

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Sue Radtke in memory of Chuck Radtke.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS We continue our study *Families Under God* as we consider “Speaking to Each Other in Love.” Join us in the Commons between services as we study how our Lord blesses families and as we encourage each other to faithfully live for the Lord.

TUESDAY AM BIBLE CLASS We continue our “Parables in Matthew” Bible study. We see the graciousness of God and hear His Word guide us in Christian living. Joins us for learning and fellowship.

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.

FALL CLEANUP DAY is set for Saturday, October 27, at 8 a.m. In case of bad weather we will also have a cleanup day on November 3. Contact Matt Brock with questions at 920-522-2184.

PART TIME JOB OPENING Martin Luther is looking for an **AFTER SCHOOL CARE AIDE** for **Thursdays & Fridays only**. The hours are approximately 2:45 to 5:30 p.m. Responsibilities include feeding the children a snack, supervising play and monitoring child pickup. 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.

CHURCH CLEANING Volunteers are needed for a variety of small tasks to be completed each month to maintain our church. There is a list of duties on the information desk and you can come anytime and pick one or more items to do and check off what has been completed. This is an extremely flexible way to give of your time. If you find you're at church or school for another event or activity, take a minute to see if there is a small item that you could help out with. It could be as small as sweeping the narthex, or vacuuming a few rugs. Any help is greatly appreciated. Contact Paula Nimmer with questions.

| Attendance at Worship | | Attendance at Bible Study | | Offerings and Receipts/Expenses |
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| Thursday | 20 | Family Bible Hour | 28 | Last week's offering/Average needed |
| Saturday 5:30 | 51 | Tuesday 10:00 | 8 | \$6,211/\$9,154 |
| Sunday 8:00 | 54 | Tuesday 6:30 | 19 | Year-to-date Receipts/Expenses |
| Sunday 10:30 | 130 | | | \$321,011/\$254,367 |
| Total | 255 | | | |

Anniversary offering to date for stained glass window repair: \$25,211.

Because annual tuition income is a fixed amount, we are no longer including it under weekly offering or "average needed" above. All non-offering income is listed in the Income Projection report available at the Information Center. Refer questions to Robert Wilcox, Finance chairman.

3rd QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS are at the Information Center in the extended narthex. Please check them for accuracy and use them to determine your giving plan to the end of the year. Also use them to establish your offering commitment for 2019.

BREAKFAST AT THE DELTA Please join us at 9 AM on Saturday, November 3, for breakfast at the Delta Family Restaurant. Our speaker this year will be Mr. Jeff Loberger, the Director of Mission Advancement at FVL. All members of Martin Luther Church & School and your friends are welcome. Please make your reservations in the Extended Narthex by October 31. Hope to see you there!

VETERANS We would like to recognize church members who are veterans or currently serving in the military, including those who have been called home to heaven, in a special bulletin insert for the Veteran's Day weekend. If you haven't already done so, complete a military service information sheet located on the information center in the extended narthex.

SCRIP PROGRAM is looking for more volunteers to help man the table after church services (especially the 10:30 Sunday service). It is not hard to learn and only takes about 15 minutes after the service. You can sign up for whatever services work for you. Stop by the scrip table if you are interested in helping. Not sure what scrip is, stop and get information. See how you can help the church and school or even get a little break on a student's tuition.

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE goes on now through Nov. 4th. This year our proceeds will benefit the Vulnerable Children's Foundation, which provides a Christian Education to at risk children in Zambia. Stop by the Table in the extended narthex and Order yours today. Extra forms are available on the bulletin board outside the Office.

LIVE NATIVITY The Live Nativity is only five weeks away! Thank you to those who have already indicated how they will lend a helping hand. Needless to say we need a lot more members who are willing to be part of our Town of Bethlehem. For some “characters” we need 2-3 groups in order to provide rotation for warming and eating, so please don’t think you are not needed! Our angel choir needs numerous joyful voices to proclaim our Savior’s birth. As always we need many hands on deck to set-up and take down the town. That production will start at 8:00 on Saturday, Dec. 1. We have a special request this year from the children of the town. They would like some artificial fruit that they can sell and buy. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Parents remember every town needs supervision. We want our children to participate, but adults need to be in the town area at all times. Finally, be sure to sign out lawn signs to help with neighborhood awareness. Also, keep bringing in clean gallon milk jugs. Thank you.

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 “Guilt and Anger.” This support group helps us make sense of grief we feel at the loss of a loved one or after a traumatic event.

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

A NIGHT ON THE BAYOU MARTIN LUTHER DINNER AUCTION is looking for donations of time - Can you or your child donate **Babysitting for a Year** (4 hours child care once a month for a year) What about 4 hours of **Lawn Clean Up**- This would be great for a usher team to donate. Could you be a **Handyman** for a few hours? **House Cleaning** for a half day? **Calling all Woodworkers**- The auction committee is looking for donations. We would love to see donations of a Playhouse, desk, end tables etc. Let your talents raise money for Martin Luther. Donations can be dropped off in the office. Please let staff know that they are for Sara for the auction. Please contact Sara Smith with any questions or donations 920-216-2342 or saraleighsmith1@yahoo.com

WLA NEWS—WLA Theatre presents **Disney's The Little Mermaid** November 1-4. Get your tickets at hometowntickets.com or stop by the WLA office in person. Adults \$10, Students \$7. Thursday, November 1, 7:00 - Student Night, All Student Tickets \$1. **WLA’s offer to purchase 59 acres of land** east of Martin Rd, north of Highway 151 for \$1.35 million has been accepted.

FVL NEWS—FVL’s **8th Grade Student/Parent Welcome Night** is set for Monday, October 29 from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. Students and parents – join us for food, fellowship, and fun. Students can participate in games, dodgeball, and other activities while parents learn about tuition assistance, cocurriculars, the STEM program and more! Visit fvlhs.org to register. **FVL Donations Box** is located by the FVL banner. They seek donations that will be used for Musicfest, Foxfest and golf outing prizes. They seek donations of 1) Travel supplies, 2) New Books, 3) Fishing supplies or 4) gift cards—any denomination/retailer. The items donated will be picked up after November 4. You can also volunteer time to help with the 3 events.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to run for office for our **Servant Leadership Board**. Confirmed men 18 years old or older are needed for nomination to all 11 positions. In 7 positions current men have completed eligibility per our bylaws. **The 7 positions open are Vice President, Adult, Discipleship, Worship, Worker Care, Property and Evangelism/Outreach and Secretary.** See position descriptions at end of Worship insert. Voters election meeting is Nov. 11.

Servant Leadership Board Committees described using our Bylaws.

Administration Committee consists of President, V.P. and Secretary with Pastors and Principal as advisors. Duties: Establish meeting agendas and calendar of meetings; Secretary records minutes of all SLB and Voters Meetings and oversees past records; Vice President is in charge of providing lists of candidates to vote on and seek volunteers to work on committees; Initiate mid-range and long –range planning; Initiate new policies or changes to existing policies.

Evangelism/Outreach Committee has an elected Chairman and appointed team members from the congregation. Duties include Advertising (signs, print, website, radio etc.); New members prospect identification; Promote events for outreach (farmer’s market, trunk n treat, annual friendship picnic, etc).

Soul Care Committee has elected Chairman and appointed members. Duties: Member Welcome (greeter program, new member orientation and bulletin board); Member Nurture (Friendship Register, Contact delinquent members, keep membership numbers up to date, Yearbook production, Photo directories); Member Visitation (for home bound shut-ins, shepherding program to keep every member active/accountable).

Youth Discipleship has an elected Chairman and appointed members. Duties: Christian Day School oversight; Sunday School oversight; Teen group oversight; Catechism training oversight

Adult Discipleship has an elected Chairman and appointed members. Duties: Adult Education (Adult Bible classes, Stewardship training and encouragement); Christian Fellowship promotion (Men’s Club, Dart Ball, Other adult social organizations); Service organization oversight (LWMS, Support for Military Vets., etc.)

Finance Committee has an elected Chairman and appointed members. Duties: Offering/Gifts Management; Treasury and Disbursements Management; Fund Management and reports to SLB and Congregation; Member Loan Management; Put together a yearly budget proposal for the SLB and congregation based on known costs and requests from SLB Committee Chairman;

Property Committee has an elected Chairman and appointed members. Duties: Church Facility management (cleaning, maintenance, insurance); School Facility management (cleaning, maintenance, insurance); Parsonage and all other property (oversight, maintenance, insurance); Church/School Grounds (lawn care, snow removal, maintain equipment, garage oversight)

Worship Committee has an elected Chairman and appointed members. Duties: Worship Services (Ushers, service schedule, opening & closing of church for services, maintenance of sound system, organ, and pianos); Worship Facilities (Seasonal decorations, banners, candles, communion ware, vestments, altar vestments, etc); Worship Music (organists, accompanists, music scheduling for Choir, Bells, all school music in worship setting); Special Service Oversight (funerals, weddings, anniversary services)

Worker Care has an elected Chairman and appointed members. Duties: Oversight of Called Worker Care (using Synod guidelines and church policies, maintain rapport with Called Workers, provide job related mediation on behalf of the Called Worker); Human Resources (provide job descriptions and oversight for all non-called workers [secretaries, janitors, all people hired to provide service in church or school]; Evaluating and developing recommendations on employee benefits yearly for action by SLB and Voters); Keep SLB apprised of legal and health issues related to all workers; Managing Employment processes (recruiting, hiring, training)

If you are interested in filling one of the six open positions or wish to stand for nomination for any other office, please contact President Dan Smith, or any other member of the Servant Leadership Board. If you would like to suggest someone for nomination, please contact President Dan Smith or any other member of SLB. We need to identify men willing to stand for election by the end of October. **Time is running out as we vote for the new SLB members at our November 11 Voters Meeting.** If you have questions, talk to an SLB member or one of the Pastors.