



Pentecost 21 • October 11, 13-14, 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 | Austin Wenker | Sue Pieper | Sue Pieper |
| Greeters | The Bergs | The Lienhards | The Ericsons |
| Ushers | Tim Price, Scott Price, Steve Hennig, Nathan Hennig, Matt Hennig | Aron Groth, Cody Groth, Fred Otto, Erich Otto, Nick Jones | Jerry Keup, Nathan Smith, Aaron Wintheiser, Dan Smith |

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* “Blessed Is the Man Whose Quiver Is Full”
- Monday 6:00 Worship Committee
7:00 Servant Leadership Board
- Tuesday 10:00 Bible Class Matthew 21:33-43 Parable of the Tenants
6:30 Dare to Discipline, Continuing Ed for Parents
6:30 Basic Bible Foundations (Room 9)
- Wednesday 4:30 Catechism Class
6:00 Day School Team
7:00 Senior Choir
- Thursday 6:00 Worship at Rising Son Chapel, 634 Wisconsin St.
- Friday 8:00 Moms’ Group
9:20 Reading Buddies
- Saturday 5:30 Worship (Usher: 9)
- Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 Worship (Usher: 1, 8; Greet: Lund, Howarth)
9:10 Basic Bible Foundations
9:10 Faith Explorers (meet in church); Youth Group (meet in church basement)
9:15 Family Bible Class
2:00 FVL Dedication Service of New Addition—tours available after service

HOSPITAL REPORT: Released from Mercy—Mrs. Kristalee Wilcox and daughter Jaylee, born Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS We continue our study *Families Under God* and this week we start unit two as we consider children as blessings from God. Join us in discussing how best to live for the Lord in His love for us.

TUESDAY AM BIBLE CLASS We continue our “Parables in Matthew” Bible study.

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.

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 as he deliberates this call.

BASIC BIBLE FOUNDATIONS We have begun a new session of our Basic Bible Foundations class, offered both on Sundays between services and on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in Room 9. It’s not too late to join the class! Childcare is provided if needed. The class reviews the basics of what the Bible and we as a church teach and serves as a path to church membership.

| Attendance at Worship | | Attendance at Bible Study | | Offerings and Receipts/Expenses |
|------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|----|--|
| Saturday 5:30 | 80 | Family Bible Hour | 7 | Last week's offering/Average needed |
| Sunday 8:00 | 50 | Tuesday 10:00 | 8 | \$9,753/\$9,154 |
| Sunday 10:30 | 91 | Tuesday 6:30 | 19 | Year-to-date Receipts/Expenses |
| Total | 221 | | | \$302,656/\$240,790 |

Anniversary offering to date for stained glass window repair: \$25,206

Other Income/Expenses are listed on the Treasurer's Report available at the Information Center.

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.

JOB OPENING UPDATE Martin Luther is looking for an **After School Care Aide** for **Thursdays & Fridays only**. 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Scrip 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.

LAWN MOWING HELP NEEDED FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS 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 questions.

CHURCH CLEANING Our volunteers are steadily declining for this. 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 jot down 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.

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 or jennylusmith@gmail.com with questions.

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. 8th, 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 or 920-216-2342.

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 “Why?.” 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 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.**

AREA REFORMATION FESTIVAL Our area WELS congregations are invited to a joint Reformation festival on Sunday, October 28, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac. Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary president Rev. Paul Wendland will be the guest preacher. The WLA choirs and band will participate as well. What an opportunity for us to come together and rejoice in the full and free forgiveness we have through Christ our Savior!

WLA NEWS—Class of 2019 **Grandparents Day**—October 19. **WLA Fall Concert** is October 21 at 7 p.m. **WLA Community Blood Drive**—October 24.

FVL NEWS—**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 Theatre presents “The Election”** October 18 at 7:00 p.m., October 20 at 4:00 p.m., and October 21 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available online at fvlhs.org. **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.

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 6 positions current men have completed eligibility per our bylaws. 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/Bylaws or talk to a current SLB chairman.

Servant Leadership Board Committees described using our Bylaws.

Administration Committee consists of President, V.P. and Secretary with Pastors and Principal as advisors.