



Martin Luther

Evangelical Lutheran Church & School



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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
Organist	Austin Wenker	Sue Pieper	Sue Pieper
Greeters	The Laridaens	Brenda Lund	Cheryl Howarth
Ushers	Gordy Korthals, Erich Busse	Aron Groth, Cody Groth, Fred Otto, Erich Otto, Nick Jones	John Hanson, Rich Naumann, Jason Laridaen, Scott Selenka

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)
9:15 Bible Class (Commons); The Call to Faith for Paul and Us
- Monday
- Tuesday 10:00 Bible Class—In the city of Philippi, The Story of Lydia
- Wednesday 4:30 Confirmation class
7:00 Senior Choir
- Thursday 6:00 Service at Rising Son 634 Wisconsin St.
- Friday 8:00 Mom's Group
9:20 Reading Buddies
- Saturday **No Service --Live Nativity** 4-pm, (Set-Up begins at 8am)
- Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 Worship (Usher:1, 6; Greet: Wendland)
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FLOWERS on the altar are given by Dale and Barbara Zorn in Honor of their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS We begin a look at the video "*To the Ends of the Earth*" where we find joy in seeing how the Lord makes us part of His Gospel Plan. Join us in the Commons between services for study and discussion of the spread of the Gospel yesterday and today.

TUESDAY AM BIBLE CLASS We continue the Bible study series based on the new WELS video "*To the Ends of the Earth*" which uses the life of Paul. This week we study how the Gospel work was done in a foreign culture at Philippi. Join us for this new study.

"TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH" the new WELS video about God's message of love and salvation using the life of the Apostle Paul is available at \$2 per copy from the office or Scrip table. The video helps explain the blessings we have in Jesus. Give the video as a gift to others.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICES are held at Rising Son Chapel, 634 Wisconsin St. at 6 p.m. The final service of the year will be December 6.

OCM CARDS may be purchased at the office or from Amy Busse to benefit our Oshkosh-WLA Bus. The cards are sold for \$10 with \$4 from each going to the bus. Make checks to WLA Bus.

MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12, at the home of Jerry and Mary Braasch (3482 W. Lone Elm Ave, Van Dyne). A \$10 exchange gift is optional. Martin Luther members, spouses and friends are all welcome to join us for this Christmas celebration! Hope to see you there!

COUNTERS NEEDED We're in need of additional offering counters for May and September. Please contact Financial Secretary Joe King or the office if you would be able to help.

3rd QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS are at the Information Center. Please check them for accuracy and use them to determine your giving plan to the end of the year and for 2019.

Attendance at Worship		Attendance at Bible Study		Offerings and Receipts/Expenses
Thursday	14	Family Bible Hour	17	Last week's offering/Average needed
Saturday 5:30	61	Tuesday 10:00	9	\$6,607/\$9,154
Sunday 8:00	57			Year-to-date Receipts/Expenses
Sunday 10:30	109			\$370,877/\$328,244
Total	241			Stained glass window repair: \$25,561

MITTEN TREE Our tree Is up. Help us share the spirit of giving this Christmas by choosing a “mitten” from our mitten tree. Take the tag from the “mitten” you choose, and purchase a gift or gift card for the recipient. Please wrap your gift, and place it under the tree. Gift cards may be dropped off at the office or placed in the collection plate. (Our Scrip Program offers a convenient way to purchase your gift cards.) When returning your mitten gifts, make sure all tags are visible on the gift cards or purchased gifts so we know who the gift is for. **If you have chosen a mitten for MLC or Seminary students, we ask that you bring them in by 9:00 a.m. Monday, December 3,** so we can get them mailed out before the students leave for Christmas break. (Please note this date is earlier than posted in the November newsletter article.) **All other gifts should be under the tree by 9:00 Monday, December 17.** Thank you!

ADVENT TEA Ladies of the congregation are invited to the Advent Tea on Sunday, December 9, at 4:00 p.m. At this event we focus on setting aside the busyness and distractions of the season and focus on the real meaning of Advent and Christmas. The theme this year is *Pondered Them in Her Heart*. We will use the candles of the advent wreath to help us focus our hearts on Jesus. We will have a short worship service as well as tea and treats. Sign up sheets are located in the extended narthex for those interested in attending, providing cookies or treats, or helping set-up and decorate. Questions? Please speak with Christina Evers, Diana Wendland, or Jenny Smith.

LIVE NATIVITY We still need people to be shepherds, towns people and centurions! Please consider how you can help. This is a huge outreach effort to our community, and we could not do this without you. There are a few announcements to share. We will start setting up at 8:00 A.M. Saturday. For those who are taking acting roles in the Town, you should arrive at 3:15 P.M., and proceed to the gym to get into your costumes. For those bringing food, please drop those items off by 3:15. Take down will start at 7:00 P.M. The take-down does not last nearly as long the morning set-up, but we still need many hands to help carry all the items back into church, so please plan to stay a few minutes and help with that process. Again, a huge thank you to all! May there be a warm glow coming from our Town on December 1 as our community is reminded of the true meaning of Christmas. Praise God for sending his Son to be our Savior.

CHRISTMAS ORCHESTRA Do you play an instrument & love Christmas carols? We are looking for instrumentalists of all ages to play Christmas carols before the Christmas Day service. There will be three rehearsals: Saturday, December 8, 10:15-11:15 a.m., Tuesday, December 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 22, 10:15-11:15 a.m. Please sign up on the credenza in the extended narthex by Sunday, December 2. We will use the sign-up sheet to prepare music for

everyone. If you have any questions or need help in getting an instrument to play, please contact Joanna Ericson.

DINNER AUCTION Tickets for the March 2nd dinner auction are now on Sale! Tickets can be bought after select church services or from any committee member. Committee members are Sara Smith, Heather Williams, Maggie Brock, Johanna Yenter, Christina Evers and Amy Heinzelman. Tickets are \$50 a piece or you can buy a table of 8 for \$500. All those who buy a table receive upgraded wine and 8 opportunity tickets. Entree choice must be made at time of ticket purchase. Menu choices (Insert) and payment must be turned into committee members. Contact Sara Smith with any questions 920-216-2342 or saraleighsmith1@yahoo.com

CHRISTMAS CAROLING Faith Explorers would like to invite everyone to join us on Sunday, December 16, at 11:30 after the late service to have a light lunch and then go caroling at a couple of local nursing homes. On December 2, during our Faith Explorer Craft Sunday, the children will be creating Christmas ornaments to give to the residents. All are welcome to join in.

MONTHLY GROUP CLEANING Please share your time on Monday at 9:00 a.m. and help prepare our worship area for our weekend services. The more hands we have, the more we can get accomplished.

SCRIP PROGRAM is a good way to support church and school. We are looking for few more volunteers to help man the table after church services (especially the 10:30 Sunday service). It 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 or not sure what scrip is, take a moment and see how you can help the church and school or even support a family with their student's tuition, just by shopping at stores you already go to.

WLA NEWS—WLA Band Concert will be on Saturday, 12/01 at 4:00 p.m. **WLA Christmas Concert** will be on Thursday, 12/20 at 7:00 p.m. and again on Friday, 12/21 at 1:00 p.m. **Congratulations to Darcy Rahjes**, WLA Cheerleading coach, who was inducted into the Wisconsin Association of Cheer/Pom Coaches Hall of Fame!

FVL NEWS—FVL Christmas Concert is 12/16 at 4:00 PM. **FVL Fox Folk Marionettes** present "The Search for the King" on 12/1 at 11 am & 1 pm at Apple Creek YMCA.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP meets on Mondays, 6:30-8:00 p.m. 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 "What Do I Live For Now?" 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 the next meeting is Thursday, December 6 at The Pizza Ranch. We will not bring any gifts, just enjoy Christian Fellowship. Call Lois Mueller at 385-1817 or Clayton Wellman at 688-5153 with questions or if you would like to join us.

KOINE The WELS hymn band is doing two Christmas Concerts at The Green Bay Distillery on Dec.13 &14 at 5pm. This is a ticketed event & includes a meal. See the office for more info.