



Advent 1 • November 29, December 2, 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
Organist	No Service	Lois Werner	Lois Werner
Greeters		Diana Wendland	Diana Wendland
Ushers		Russ Moss, Rebecca Moss, Jerry Braasch, Peter Krahn	Steve Nimmer, Joe King, Brian Brown, Joe Pahlow, Will Pahlow, Caleb Hanneman

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 Bible Class (Commons); Share the Gospel to All the World
Monday	3:30 Faculty Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 Bible Class—In the city of Philippi, The Story of Lydia
Wednesday	4:30 Confirmation Classes 7:00 Senior Choir
Thursday	6:00 Service at Rising Son 634 Wisconsin St.
Friday	8:00 Moms' Group 10:30 Soul Care Committee
Saturday	5:30 Worship with Holy Communion (Greet: Berg; Usher:10)
Sunday	8:00 & 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion (Greet: Groth, Nimmer; Usher: 2, 7) 9:10 Faith Explorers (meet in church); Youth Group (meet in church basement) 9:15 Bible Class (meet in Commons) 4:00 Ladies' Advent Tea

FLOWERS on the altar are given by Dennis & Elizabeth Zorn in memory of Stephanie Zorn.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS We continue the study of "*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 bought 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 payable 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!

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
Thanksgiving	297	Family Bible Hour	17	Last week's offering/Average needed
Saturday 5:30	59	Tuesday 10:00	9	\$10,764/\$9,154
Sunday 8:00	54			Year-to-date Receipts/Expenses
Sunday 10:30	93			\$400,192/\$353,189
Total	503			Stained glass window repair: \$25,561

FAMILY DEVOTIONS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS Gather around the Advent wreath in God's Word this Advent and Christmas with a devotion booklet available from WELS. Copies are available at the Information Center, or download your own at bit.ly/welsadvent2018. The devotions include a brief order of service designed to fit with the daily devotion that you can read or listen to from the WELS website or from the WELS app on your phone.

POINSETTIA ORDERS The sign-up for Christmas poinsettias is in the extended narthex. See sheet for details; plants are \$10 each. Questions? Contact Christina Evers at 920-248-9157.

MITTEN TREE Our tree is up. Help 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, 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. **All other gifts should be under the tree by 9:00a.m. 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.

CHRISTMAS ORCHESTRA Do you play an instrument and 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 questions or need help in getting an instrument, contact Joanna Ericson.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING Today is our Faith Explorer Craft/Activity Sunday. The children will be creating Christmas ornaments to give to nursing home residents. All are welcome to join in. We also 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.

DINNER AUCTION Tickets for the March 2 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 each 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 and payment must be turned into committee members. Contact Sara Smith with any questions 920-216-2342 or saraleighsmith1@yahoo.com.

SCRIP PROGRAM is a good way to support our 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 Christmas Concert will be on Thursday, 12/20 at 7:00 p.m. and again on Friday, 12/21 at 1:00 p.m. **German Dinner** is February 6 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 10 and under. Proceeds defray the cost of the German class trip to Germany next year. You can purchase tickets at hometowntickets.com or from WLA students. going on the trip.

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.

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 December 13 and 14 at 5:00 p.m. This is a ticketed event and includes a meal. See the office or visit koinemusic.com/schedule online for more information.

JESUS CARES Our next Special Needs Bible class will be held on December 11 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran church (913 Nebraska St.) Join us for Bible Story, Craft, and Music.

PREP SINGERS OF LUTHER PREP SCHOOL On Sunday, December 9, the Prep Singers of Luther Preparatory School will be singing in concert as part of worship at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac. The Prep Singers will sing in both the 7:45 and 10:30 a.m. services. Pastor Chartrand of Luther Prep will be the guest preacher reminding us of the blessings of our worker training schools. A presentation on Luther Prep will be given during the Bible study hour beginning at 9:00 a.m. For more information, contact the St. Peter's office at 920-922-1160.

JOYFUL WITNESS presents "Behold, a Savior!" You are invited to a Christmas concert to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Joyful Witness will present, "Behold, a Savior!" on Friday, December 7, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in North Fond du Lac at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 8, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Oakfield at 2:00 p.m.

MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE is Saturday, February 9. Register at menofhisword.org.