



Advent 3 • December 15-16, 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	Austin Wenker	Susan Pieper	Susan Pieper
Greeters		The Hennigs	The Brichs
Ushers	Tim Price, Scott Price, Steve Hennig, Nathan Hennig, Matt Hennig	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 (church basement)
9:15 Bible Class (Commons): The Story of Lydia from “To the Ends of the Earth”
11:30 Christmas Caroling
4:00 Christmas Concert at FVL
- Monday 7:00 Servant Leadership Board
- Tuesday 10:00 Bible Class: In the City of Philippi, The Evil Spirit Cast Out of the Slave Girl
- Wednesday 4:30 Confirmation Classes
7:00 Senior Choir
- Thursday 9:00 Assemble Newsletter
7:00 Christmas Concert at WLA
- Friday 8:00 Moms’ Group
1:00 Christmas Concert at WLA
- Saturday 8:00 Practice for pre-service instrumentalists
9:00 Practice for Grades 1-8 Christmas Service
10:30 Practice for Pre-K and Kindergarten Christmas Service
10:30 Practice for Christmas Day instrumentalists
5:30 Pre-K and Kindergarten Christmas Service (Greet: Laridaen; Usher:9)
- Sunday 8:00 Worship (Greet: Lienhard; Usher: 2)
9:10 Faith Explorers (meet in church); Youth Group (church basement)
9:15 Bible Class (Commons)
10:30 Grades 1-8 Christmas Service (Greet: Ericson; Usher: 5)

HOSPITAL REPORT At Mercy: Leroy Dahms.

FLOWERS on the altar are given by Robert and Jolinda Potter in memory of their parents.

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 see Paul cast out an evil spirit from the slave girl and the persecution that follows.

“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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2019 are available in the extended narthex. Please pick yours up today, but don’t use them until 2019. If you do not see envelopes with your name, please leave your name with the office or with a pastor and we will prepare a packet. Now is also an excellent time to plan our year-end offerings and to plan our giving for the new year. Online giving can be updated by clicking “Giving” on the Martin Luther website, martinlutheroshkosh.com.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING We invite anyone who wishes to join Faith Explorers and Youth Group **today, December 16**, at 11:30 to have a light lunch and then go caroling at a couple of local nursing homes or homes of homebound members. Shared rides are available.

OCM CARDS may be purchased at the office or from Amy Busse to benefit our Oshkosh-WLA Bus. The cards are \$10 each; \$4 goes to the bus fund. Make checks payable to WLA Bus.

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.

Attendance at Worship	Attendance at Bible Study	Offerings and Receipts/Expenses
Thursday 6:30 11	Family Bible Hour	Last week's offering/Average needed
Saturday 5:30 53	Tuesday 10:00	\$15,596/\$9,154
Sunday 8:00 117		Year-to-date Receipts/Expenses
Sunday 10:30 97		\$432,766/\$382,313
Total 278		Stained glass window repair: \$25,561

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. **All gifts should be under the tree by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 17.** Thank you!

PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP will be held Sunday, January 27, at 3:00 p.m. We would like names and addresses of individuals you know who would benefit from learning about their Savior each day. Please drop off any prospect family information at the office or email Mrs. Martin at e.martin@martinlutheroshkosh.com so we may send them an invitation.

PATHWAYS TO CHRIST RETREAT Ladies please pick up your registration form for the retreat in the extended narthex. The early bird registration rates are good until January 7th. This year's theme is "I have learned the secret of being content", Phil. 4:12b. You can visit our website, <http://pathwaystochrist.org> for more detailed information. We are looking forward to having you join us.

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.

CAMP PHILLIP is now accepting registrations for 2019. The \$30 early bird discount for full week camps and \$10 discount for half week camps expires at 11 p.m. on December 31. For more information and to register check their web page at campphillip.com.

WLA NEWS—Please join the WLA students, faculty, and staff for the annual **Christmas concert**, presented twice: Thursday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m., and Friday, December 21, at 1:00 p.m. Please join us in celebration of the newborn King! **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.

FVL NEWS—The FVL Choirs invite you to attend their annual **Christmas concert** on Sunday, December 16, at 4:00 p.m. The concert is free and open to all. Come and enjoy these songs dedicated to the celebration the birth of our Lord Jesus! The concert will be livestreamed on the FVL YouTube channel; check fvlhs.org for the link. **FVL Musicfest** will be held January 27 with performances beginning at noon. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. Musicfest is currently seeking items or basket donations for the Silent Auction. Interested in helping? Find out more at fvlhs.org/fvl-musicfest or call Megan Beyer at 920-560-5122. Bring donations by January 7.

MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE The 10th annual Men of His Word Conference will be held at the Best Western Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on Saturday, February 9. This year's theme is "Built on the Rock." Go online to menofhisword.org to register and get details about the day's schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, and cost. Hope to see you there!

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.

LIVE NATIVITY If you haven't already returned your outdoor sign for the Live Nativity, please do so soon. Please indicate on the sheet that you brought it back. We will soon be contacting those who have not indicated that they have returned their sign.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE Christmas Eve: 6:30 p.m. Christmas Day: 9:00 a.m. New Year's Eve: 6:30 p.m. No Faith Explorers or Bible Class on Sunday, December 30.