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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	Johanna Yenter	Lois Werner	Lois Werner
Greeters	The Laridaens	The Lienhards	The Ericsons
Ushers	Gordy Korthals, Erich Busse	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 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” 10:30 Grades 1-8 Children’s Christmas Service
Monday	No School 6:30 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Usher: 1)
Tuesday	No School 9:00 Christmas Day Service (Usher: 4)
Wednesday	No School
Thursday	No School
Friday	No School
Saturday	5:30 Worship with Holy Communion (Greet: Potter; Usher:10)
Sunday	8:00 & 10:30 Worship with Holy Communion (Greet: Lund, Howarth; Usher: 3, 7) 9:10 Coffee/Juice and a Movie—“My Son, My Savior” in the Commons

OFFICE HOURS The office will be open December 26 and 31; call ahead if you plan to visit.

HOSPITAL REPORT Released from Mercy: Leroy Dahms.

FLOWERS on the altar are given by Cheryl Howarth.

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 are on recess until January 8 at 10:00 AM when we resume our study of the video “To the Ends of the Earth.”

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 on Sunday, December 30.

“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.

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.

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 Consider setting up automated electronic giving from you checking account; you pick the schedule and can change your settings at any time. Set up or update your electronic giving by clicking “Giving” on the Martin Luther website.

Attendance at Worship		Attendance at Bible Study		Offerings and Receipts/Expenses
Thursday 6:30	n/a	Family Bible Hour	15	Last week's offering/Average needed
Saturday 5:30	76	Tuesday 10:00	8	\$38,246/\$9,154
Sunday 8:00	72			Year-to-date Receipts/Expenses
Sunday 10:30	80			\$475,466/\$389,748
Total	228			Stained glass window repair: \$25,861

Non-offering income and expenses are listed on the Treasurer's Report available at the Information Center.

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 7. This year's theme is "I have learned the secret of being content", Philippians 4:12b. You can visit our website, pathwaystochrist.org, for more information. We look 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.

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.

SERVANT LEADERSHIP BOARD NEWS **Membership:** Transfer to M.L. Charles Bartels from Saint John, Appleton. Transfer from M.L. Alyssa Meyers to St. Paul, Winneconne, Gary and Stormy Derber to Living Water. Released: Charlene Oppor (moved), Gladys Dederick (moved), Jill Eberts, Allyson Armock Wyatt Armock (by request). Abigale Kellerman and Kyle Kellerman (moved). Baptism: Jaylee Jo-Dianne Wilcox 11/18/18. Deaths: Ricki Much 11/13/18, Mrs. Birdie Vowels 11/21/18. Membership is 748 Confirmed, 193 Baptized/not confirmed for a total of 941. **Finance** reports were approved as presented. **Youth Discipleship** introduced a request for an additional half time teacher in the Early Childhood (3s & 4s) area. The additional cost is \$20,000 to \$25,000 and allows an additional 11 students to be accepted. These 11 students

could supply a projected \$20,000 or more for the ECM. This proposal was moved, seconded, and after discussion the motion passed as a recommendation to the Voters who meet January 20.

Outreach/Evangelism reported that Christmas bags will be made to give out to children after the children's services this weekend. **Principal Hennig** announced that we passed our first audit that is part of the School Choice program with only two actions to complete. **Property** moved that we accept a donation of cabinetry from Aron Groth that will serve as an expanded trophy case. The motion was seconded and passed. **Other Business:** Pastor Ericson presented the details for the IRS required Parsonage Allowance amounts which are set by the individuals who receive housing amounts or parsonage housing. The motion was made, seconded and passed. **Dates Set:** The Installation of the men who will serve on the 2019 SLB will take place before the 10:30 AM service on Sunday, January 6. The SLB will meet on January 14 at 7:00 PM. **On January 20 we will hold a Voters' forum between services and the Voters' meeting after the second service.** Business for that meeting will be action on the addition of a third pastor, funded 50% long-term by WELS Campus Ministry and 75% upfront, which was presented at the November Voters' meeting, and the recommendation mentioned above to add a half-time teacher for the ECM. Other reports will also be presented.

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—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. Purchase tickets at hometowntickets.com. **Let's Celebrate** is January 27 starting at 11:30 a.m.

FVL NEWS—FVL Musicfest is January 27 with performances beginning at noon. Doors 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.

WLA MISSION ADVANCEMENT POSITION Winnebago Lutheran Academy is seeking an individual to lead our Mission Advancement department. This individual will spearhead development efforts as WLA continues to grow and fulfill its mission. This person will be tasked with developing relationships that will strengthen and build financial support for WLA. For more information, please contact Principal David Schroeder at dschroeder@wlavikings.org.

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!

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS are given by Carol, Kathy, and John Hanson in memory of LaVern Hanson and Megan Hanson; Paula Thill in memory of Ken Zeinert; Nancy Berger in memory of Shelly Grunske, Steven Berger, and Michael Berger; Fred Otto in memory of Herman and Florence Strehlow; and Jerry and Mary Braasch in memory of their parents.