

# THE MESSENGER

## MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*We welcome you to come ...*

### Worship With Us!

*Sundays: 10:00 am*

**(Holy Communion every Sunday)**

### SAVE THE DATE!

Choir will take a break for the summer. We will resume on Rally Day, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please consider being part of this ministry. We would love to have you sing with us! Let us sing praises to our Lord. See you then!

### TUESDAY BIBLE BUNCH

Have you ever really read the weekly Sunday lessons? Have you ever given them a second thought and how they relate to your everyday daily life? Have you talked about them with other people of faith? Why not start this Tuesday morning at 9:30 am? Come join us in Pastor's office. Bring a Bible and a willingness to talk. We'll have a great time. Join us!

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Will meet on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank You.

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes will resume on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. See you soon. Everyone is welcome – why not bring a friend!

2018



### WORSHIP ASSISTANCE NEEDED

We are looking for people to sign up to read the lessons, ushers, bread providers, greeters, and more, during Worship. Please consider signing up for a Sunday or two. All readings are sent to you ahead of time to familiarize you with the text. You will find the sign up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. Thank You.



### SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ON A BREAK

Sunday School will take a break for the summer. We look forward to another exciting year beginning in the fall. We welcome children to be part of our Sunday School at Martin Luther. We have children participating from 2 ½ years old to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We want your child to be part of this wonderful ministry. Until then we'll see you Sunday during worship, and on September 9<sup>th</sup> for Rally Day when Sunday School return! Feel free to call the church office for any further information.

## W/ELCA MEETINGS

The women of Martin Luther are taking a summer hiatus. Please join them on September 19<sup>th</sup> at noon. Everyone is invited to join us – men included. Come check us out!

## Bread Making – Beware of the Yeast

Please note, there will be no bread making for the months of July and August. Join us again on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> as we make cinnamon raisin bread and join us for the fun and fellowship, and on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> for our bake sale. Have a Happy summer!

## AUGUST Birthdays:

**09** Patrick Mitchell  
**11** Vern Stahl  
**14** Lea Ivy  
**18** Justin Magana  
**22** Ashley Rivera  
**27** Max Velazquez  
**31** Richard Pfursich



## AUGUST BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

**10** Alyssa Polanco  
**19** Justin Magana  
**22** Karen Knuth

## MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH CELEBRATED 100 YEARS OF MINISTRY ON MAY 20 OF THIS YEAR.

### SOME FUN FACTS .. CONT.....

#### 2013 – 95 years after MLC became a church

Average cost of new house	\$289,500
Gallon of gas	\$3.80
Movie ticket	\$10.25
Dozen eggs	\$1.88
Loaf of Bread	\$1.98

*President was Barack Obama*

*President Obama is inaugurated for his second term on January 21*

*In October, the US Congress passed a last minute deal to re-open the government and raise the debt limit at the last possible second*

**DON'T FORGET** – to keep collecting those trial or sample size hygiene items for the Night Ministry. You will find them at CVS, Jewel, Walgreens, the Dollar Store, etc. We are packaging them on September 9<sup>th</sup> following worship. This is “*God’s Work-Our Hands Sunday.*” We need your help in this very important ministry of Martin Luther Church.

**COMING TO MARTIN LUTHER** – a Sunday morning Bible Study. More information soon-look to your Messenger or Sunday morning bulletin.

## A Note from Pastor Joanne – “Hunger, hungering, hungry and heart?”

The world is hungry for food, shelter, love, and healing. How can a little bit of food feed thousands of people? What else is the world hungry for? This passage invites humanity to imagine how Jesus can meet the needs of the world and have extra left over. It encourages us to believe that small sacrifices can yield large outcomes.

Having a heart to give all that you have for the sake of others is powerful. That’s a part that could be missed in this passage of Scripture. The demand was high. Time was tight. The crowds were growing. The unmet needs were greater than the resources that were seen at the surface. The disciples worried about the limited amount of food and how it could reach a growing crowd. Jesus called the believers to trust that their physical and spiritual needs would be fulfilled beyond their greatest expectations. What happens when our hearts are transformed? We move from believing that we can only help a few to embracing five thousand. What must we do to embrace our miracles?

Questions: How much will it cost to feed all these people? Is proof needed to determine that people need our help? Is it our job to make room here for people who have great needs? Trusting God for big things is huge! What test is this from Jesus? How are you feeling God’s presence? The questions are unlimited, but our answers need to indicate our willingness to follow Jesus. Feeding people and meeting unmet needs continues to impact our faith journeys.

Consider these: How creative are you in feeding your community? Is your congregation a place of peace and security for the community? Are the crowds still seeking healing and food? How are healing prayers shared in your congregation? How is God calling you to believe in miracles?

In the middle of September we will begin to collect for the holidays – Thanksgiving and Christmas. Look for the list in the Messenger and bulletin soon so that we can show Jesus’ love and grace to our neighbors in need. How creative are you in feeding our community? Can we be a place of peace and security in the community? Do we need to know how much it costs to feed people in need? Jesus offered a little and fed many. What can we do as a small congregation to help fill the need? There are many people who are in need. So can we help them meet their immediate, short-term needs. Let us help them have a great time and wonderful family holiday meals. Let’s start today.

*Pastor Joanne Fitzgerald*

## This Month in History - August

### This Day in History:

**1** The first U.S. Census is completed. There are four million people in the U.S. in 1790.

**2** Wild Bill Hickock is killed during a poker game. He was holding a "Dead Man's Hand", two pair aces and 8's. (1876)

**3** The Nautilus, a nuclear powered submarine is the first submarine to cross the North Pole under water. (1958)

**4** Champagne is invented by Dom Perignon. (1693)  
I'll drink to that!

**5** *Little Orphan Annie* comic strip debuts. (1924)

**6** Murderer John Hart is the first person to be executed in an electric chair (1890)

**6** Baseball pitching legend Cy Young pitches his first his first game, a win. (1890)

**6** The Atom bomb is dropped on Hiroshima, Japan by the U.S. (1945)

**7** The "Order of the Purple Heart" is created by President George Washington (1782)

**7** Through an Act of Congress, the Federal Government takes over the creation and maintenance of [the nations' lighthouses](#). (1789)

**8** The *Daughters of the American Revolution* organization is created. (1890)

**8** The USSR finally declares war against Japan. (1945)

**9** Animated cartoon *Dizzy Dishes* premieres, with new star Betty Boop! (1930)

**9** Pres. Richard M. Nixon becomes the first and only president to resign while in office (1974)

**10** The village of Chicago is incorporated. (1833)

**10** "Smile, You're on Candid Camera". Allen Funt's wildly popular show debuts. (1948)

**11** The Beatles begin their last US concert tour. (1966)

**12** US annexes Hawaii. (1898)

**13** Spanish defeat the Aztecs Indians and conquerors Mexico City. (1521)

**14** Japan surrenders, ending World War II. (1945)

**14** The Whiffle Ball was patented (1953)

**15** The Panama Canal is opened. (1914)

**16** Gold is discovered in the Klondike. (1896)

**17** Construction is started on the Berlin Wall. (1961)

**18** The 1,000 Islands bridge, connecting the US and Canada is dedicated by Pres. F.D.R (1938)

**19** Indianapolis Speedway has it's first race (1909)

**20** The Civil War is formally declared to be over by President Andrew Johnson. (1866)

**20** British doctor Sir Ronald Ross. The transmission of malaria was discovered.(1897).

**21** Venetian blinds are patented. (1841)

**21** Hawaii becomes the 50th state. (1959)

**22** The Mona Lisa is stolen from the Louvre (1911)

**23** The first picture of Earth from the moon is taken by Lunar Orbiter 1. (1966)

**24** The infamous Mount Vesuvius eruption buries the city of Pompeii. (79)

**24** The [Waffle Iron](#) is patented by Cornelius Swarthout of Troy, New York. (1869)

**25** Ivan the Terrible, the first Tsar of Russia was born. (1530)

**25** Amelia Earhart completes her trans-continental flight. (1932)

**26** Julius Caesar's Roman army invades Brittain (55 BC)

**26** U.S. Congress passes the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, [granting women the right to vote](#). (1920)

**27** The island volcano of Krakatoa in Indonesia erupts. It was heard over 3,000 miles away and was one of the biggest natural disasters ever recorded. (1886)

**28** Senator Thurmond begins a 24 hour filibuster against the Civil Rights Bill. (1957)

**28** Martin Luther King Jr. makes his "I Have a Dream" speech. (1963)

**29** Walt Disney's *Mary Poppins* is released. (1964)

**30** The Late Show with David Letterman premieres on CBS. (1993)

**31** Heavy weight champion Rocky Marciano dies in a plane crash near Newton, Iowa. (1964)

# Prayer Request

## Members of the congregation who are in nursing, retirement facilities, or homebound:

Cindy Rudolph  
Patricia Neubert  
Agnes Radzajewski  
Doris Kemreit  
Hella Rollinger  
Margaret Wagner  
Doris Ove

## Also include:

Lillian Sangha, pray as she is preparing for USMLE exam in August  
Judy MacPherson Schumacher, prayers for healing from surgery  
Walter Bohenek, prayers for healing  
John Skarkus (brother in law of Frank & Karen Bucaro), prayers for healing  
Lovie Kustak (friend of Jan Vlcek) prayers for improved health  
Ruth Pfursich, prayers for healing  
Patricia Ruttkay, prayers for healing  
Barb Winter, prayers for healing  
Karen-Jo Roll (niece of Frank & Karen Bucaro), prayers for recovery after stroke  
Joyce Nickiel (friend of Ron & Jan Vlcek), prayers for healing  
Anne Walker and Joanne Walker, prayers for healing  
Vern Stahl, prayers for healing  
Frank Bucaro, prayers for healing  
Joe Brumtmyer, prayers for healing  
Russ & Lorraine Schuessler, prayers for good health  
Christine Storlie (niece of Patricia Ruttkay), prayers for comfort and improved health  
Beverly Storz, prayers for healing  
Ruth Mehnert (Anne Walker's niece), prayers for healing  
Michael Keady (friend of Lorraine Schuessler), prayers for healing  
Shirley Bristow (friend of Vern Stahl), prayers for healing  
George Avent (friend of Loree Azzaretto), pray for healing  
Randy Heinz and The Webb Family (friends of June Lyons), prayers for healing and strength

John Blaul, prayers for healing  
Desiree Salpietro Gigl (Peggy Salpietro's granddaughter), prayers for healing  
Carrie Keady (friend of Lorraine Schuessler), prayers for healing  
Mary & Phil Hoenig (friends of Jan Vlcek)  
Phyllis Pappas (friend of Loree Azzaretto), pray for healing  
Janice Phillips (friend of Peggy Salpietro), prayers for peace  
Jeff Kaplan, friend of Ron & Jan Vlcek  
Barbara Blezien (Anne Walker's daughter), prayers for healing  
Doris Moss (friend of Lorraine Schuessler), for healing  
Carol Clair (Ruth Pfursich's daughter)  
Patti Pallohusky (sister of Karen Bucaro)  
Emery Grace Planz (great-great niece of Karen and Frank Bucaro)  
Karen Bucaro, prayers of healing  
Thomas Stephanides (John Blaul's friend)  
Carl Storz (Lorraine Schuessler's brother)



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If you wish to **ADD OR REMOVE** names, please so indicate and return to the church office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Need \_\_\_\_\_  
Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_



**Staff at Martin Luther**

Pastor The Rev. Joanne Fitzgerald  
 Office Administrator Monica Pesole  
 Sexton Joe Azzaretto  
 Music Director/Musician David Hildner

**Church Council (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)**

Richard Pfursich  
 Ron Vlcek  
 Heidi Rivera  
 Lori Azzaretto  
 Patricia Ruttkay  
 Peggy Salpietro  
 Pastor Joanne Fitzgerald

**Appointed by Church Council**

Monica Pesole, Treasurer  
 Ron Vlcek, Financial Secretary

**Readers/Lectors**

Members of Martin Luther

**Ushers**

John Blaul  
 Vern Stahl  
 Michael DeRobertis  
 Guy Neubert  
 Richard Pfursich

**Counter**

Anne Walker

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** - All Members of MLLC

**Bible Bunch (Tuesdays at 9:30am)**

Pastor Joanne  
 John Blaul  
 Peggy Salpietro

(All are invited to attend)

**Acolyte**

John Blaul

**Altar Guild**

Loree Azzaretto

**WELCA** - All women of Martin Luther Church

**Stewardship Committee**

Guy & Lisa Neubert  
 Ron & Jan Vlcek  
 Pat Ruttkay  
 Peggy Salpietro  
 Pastor Joanne

**Choir Members****(Practice Sundays at 9:00am)**

Pastor Joanne  
 Guy Neubert  
 Lisa Neubert  
 Judy MacPherson Schumacher  
 (Is your name here? Can we count on you as a member of the choir?). Are you interested in starting a handbell choir??

**Worship and Music (usually 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month)**

John Schumacher, Chair  
 David Hildner  
 Pastor Joanne Fitzgerald  
 You??

**MLLC Mission Team**

Who will join us??

**Centennial Anniversary Team**

John Schumacher  
 Pastor Joanne  
 Jan Vlcek  
 Lisa Neubert  
 David Hildner  
 Karen Bucaro





# August



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.	4
5 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time	6	7 9:30 am Bible Bunch	8	9	10 7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.	11
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Volunteers play a vital role in the mission of the night ministry, from providing hospitality and building supportive relationships with young people, to collecting hygiene kits and sorting in-kind gifts. By volunteering, you can make a difference in the lives of the young people and adults who turn to them when there is nowhere else to go.

We at Martin Luther Church want to help them by providing hygiene kits. There kits are distributed throughout their programs. We need to collect travel or sample sizes and then pack them into gallon size reusable bags on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, thru September 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be collecting these items in the red plastic container in the narthex.

**Needed are:**

**Shampoo and Conditioner**

**Comb**

**Soap**

**Body Lotion**

**Toothbrush and Toothpaste**

**Deodorant**

**Mouthwash**

**Lip balm or Chapstick**

**Comb/Brush**

**Disposable Razor**

**Shaving Cream**

**Washcloth**

**Moist towelettes**

Remember these are all sample or travel sizes. Please start collecting today. What a way to give back to the community!

Thank you for your help in this valuable ministry

St. Cyprian's Food Pantry

6535 W Irving Park Rd. Chicago, 60634

773-283-9178

Dear Pastor Joanne & Parishioners

It is so good to hear from long time friends. You, more than others, understand the need for our food pantry. You realize that without your help many people wouldn't know where or when they would eat their next meal. You also realize that many people are in this food scarcity mess through no fault of their own.

We thank you for having a heart. Because of you, the statistics are improving. Last year 1 in 5 children faced food scarcity, this year the statistic is 1 in 6. Slowly but surely we are working to solve this problem.

Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Bellingham". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Executive Director



## 2018 Assembly

The 2019 synod assembly will take place Friday and Saturday, June 7 and 8, at the Tinley Park Convention Center, 18451 Convention Center Dr., Tinley Park, IL 60477.

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### **Report on the 31st Annual Assembly-Metropolitan Chicago Synod, ELCA**

The Metropolitan Chicago Synod met in assembly June 8 to 9, 2018, at the Tinley Park Convention Center, Tinley Park, Illinois. This year's theme was A New Heaven and a New Earth from Revelation 21:1. After devotions and the Order for the Opening of an Assembly, the parliamentarian was appointed, the agenda approved, and committees appointed. Instructions were given on nominations and resolutions. The assembly then heard from Mr. Paul Miles, President and CEO of the We Raise Foundation, whose vision is "People free from poverty, violence, and inequality." The synod then continued its ongoing discussion about racism and diversity with a keynote presentation from motivational speaker Mr. Darrell Gordon.

After conducting conference meetings held over lunch, the assembly heard from partner ministries including Portico Benefit Services, Mission Investment Fund, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, the ELCA Credit Union, ELCA World Hunger, and synod treasurer Ms. Yvette NewberryWhite gave her report.

The assembly then attended one of two sessions of workshops and hearings before reconvening in the plenary session to hear the churchwide office report from the Rev. Wm Chris Boerger, ELCA Secretary, and to vote for voting members to the 2019 Churchwide Assembly, and to debate resolutions.

A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist to which all were invited concluded the day's events. The offering of \$1,925.46 will be used for the synod leaders fund.

Throughout the plenary sessions, participants heard eight mission moments, coordinated by the synod's Mission Interpreter Network, telling the story of congregations and partner ministries making a difference in their local communities, nationally, and around the world.

After devotions on Saturday morning, the budget was adopted, rostered leaders new to the synod were welcomed, rostered leader and congregation anniversaries were acknowledged, and the synod also honored congregations that have either closed or who have made the decision to close.

Come Alive Ministries was welcomed as an official congregation of the synod. The Rev. Marrion Johnson, the congregation's pastor, and members of the congregation were available to take part in the welcome.

Mr. Terry Henderson, synod vice president, gave his report and presented the synod's lay leadership award, the Sunergos Award, posthumously to Mr. Steve Homberg, the synod's business manager who died in March. The Rev. Erin Clausen, synod secretary, then gave her report before a final session of debate on resolutions

The day ended with a closing prayer and the Order for the Closing of an Assembly.

### **Resolutions and Memorials**

The following memorials and resolutions were adopted by the assembly:

MEM. 01-18 National Poor People's Campaign

MEM. 02-18 Gun Policy

MEM. 03-18 Palestinian Children

RES. 01-18 Illinois Poor People's Campaign

RES. 02-18 Gun Policy

Election Results

Election Results for Voting Members to 2019 Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

### **Budget**

The 2019 budget was adopted as presented.

Approved Budget

### **Bishop's Report to Assembly**

PowerPoint Slides - Slides PDF version

Narrative (PDF)



## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

June 20, 2018

Dear Martin Luther Lutheran Church,

At the recent Metropolitan Chicago synod assembly, we celebrated your generosity in not only meeting, but *exceeding* the challenge to raise one million dollars for ELCA World Hunger. Thank you for praying, discerning, and telling others about what ELCA World Hunger is doing in your communities and around the world. Thank you for being God's hands and feet in the world by giving so compassionately to the signature ministry of the ELCA.

However, ELCA World Hunger will not stop until all are fed, and we invite you to do the same. You can keep the momentum going by participating in ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge. This challenge is a year-long, youth-led initiative to raise over \$1 million to support small-scale farmers—many of whom go hungry at the expense of others being fed. Find out more at [www.elca.org/globalfarmchallenge](http://www.elca.org/globalfarmchallenge). Additionally, stay in the know with all ELCA World Hunger is doing by liking us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/ELCAworldhunger](http://www.facebook.com/ELCAworldhunger)), following us on Twitter and Instagram (@ELCAWorldHunger), or utilizing one of the many ELCA World Hunger resources in the classroom, home, or congregation ([www.elca.org/resources/ELCA-World-Hunger](http://www.elca.org/resources/ELCA-World-Hunger)).

Again, we thank you for your support and what you have made possible for so many people here and around the world. Please follow this link to find a video that further expresses our gratitude to you: <http://bit.ly/thankyoumetrochicago>. Your challenge dollars support nearly 600 projects that are getting to the root causes of hunger in communities in your backyard and in almost 60 countries across the world. Thank you for responding to the word of God in Isaiah 58: "if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday" (Isaiah 58:10 NRSV). God's blessings to you as you work in your own communities to create sustainable change, and may we all continue to work as church together until all are fed.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Robin K. Brown

Associate Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal



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