

THE MESSENGER

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We welcome you to come ...

Worship With Us!

Sundays: 10:00 am

(Holy Communion every Sunday)

STEWARDSHIP ABOUNDS AT MARTIN

LUTHER— Have you heard the buzz about Stewardship here at Martin Luther? We're not done yet. It is most difficult to talk about money, we know, but the bills don't get paid, salaries don't happen without it. How can we serve God and continue our Mission here at Martin Luther Church? Yes, the budget is part of the mission and ministry here. But don't panic, stewardship is not just about money, it is defined as time, talent, and treasure. Each of us needs to have an honest conversation with God on how we can return to God and realize God's blessings for us all. Thank you very much.

MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH CHOIR – will take a break for the summer. We will resume on Rally Day, September 10, 2017. If you have not joined yet, please consider being part of this ministry. We would love to have you sing with us! Let us sing praises to our Lord.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Will take a break until September 16th. See you soon.



2017



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 a part of our Sunday School at Martin Luther. We have children participating from 2 ½ years old to 6th grade. We want your child to be a part of this wonderful ministry. Until then we'll see you Sunday during worship, and on September 10th Rally Day, when Sunday School returns! Feel free to call the church office for any further information.

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. On the 1st Tuesday of the month we lead worship at Montclare Senior Residence behind Shriners' Hospital on Oak Park Avenue. This month we will have worship on August 1st. Join us!

W/ELCA MEETING - June

Please note, there will be no W/ELCA meetings in the months of July or August. Please join us again on Wednesday, September 20th at 12 noon.

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 9th for the fun and fellowship, and on Sunday, September 10th for our bake sale. See you soon.

SAVE THE DATE – ENCUESTRO 2017

St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Chicago, and their pastor Rev. Keith Forni, will host the Inter-Lutheran Latino Ministry 2017 Encounter . More information on this event to follow in the following months. Stay tuned...

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.



CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

– “You Have Been Our Dwelling”

Plans are coming together for a year-long celebration to mark 100 years of ministry through the people gathered as Martin Luther Church. The organizing service for the congregation was on March 17, 1917, so we will celebrate the anniversary with special services from March 18, 2018 to March 17, 2019. The centerpiece of the year will be a “Homecoming” Service and dinner on the Day of Pentecost, May 20, 2018. Metropolitan Synod Chicago Bishop Wayne Miller will be our guest. Please save the date and look for other announcements.

We do need your help. If you have names and contact information for people who have been a part of our history, please contact Jan Vlcek – janv227@aol.com. We would like to include them on our anniversary mailing list. And if you have skills – or know of someone who does – in

banner making, we would like to create a liturgical banner to hang in the sanctuary for the anniversary year. We are working on a design reflecting our centennial theme “You Have Been Our Dwelling Place.”

COLORING CONTEST

In honor of Reformation 500, the church council is having a coloring contest. Beginning today, you can sign up for the contest. Pastor has the sign-up sheet for the coloring books and pencils. You will be given a coloring book with a number assigned to you according to the signed line. Pastor will be the only one who knows to whom the books belong. The “colored pages” need to be turned in to Pastor Joanne by **Rally Day, September 10th**. Prizes will be awarded. If you have not picked up your coloring book, there is still time.



LIBERATING LEADERSHIP DIACONAL TRAINING

From the desk of Pastor Ray Legania, Associate to the Bishop.

We have completed our first year of *Liberating Leadership Diaconal Training* with 13 students from 6 congregations. The first term focused on theology, the second term, Bible, and the third term, Life and Ministry in the Body of Christ: Worship, Spirituality, Evangelism, Prayer, Discipleship, Pastoral Care, Social Justice, and gifts and Ministries. Books we read and discussed: *Spiritual Maturity* by Frank Thomas, *Prayer* by O. Hallesby and *The People’s Companion to the Bible*. We are grateful to God for our students and presenters, for the depth of sharing and commitment to calling. It has been a wonderful experience. We look forward to the second year for these students and for the next group of first year students. We will be running both first and second year classes simultaneously at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 88th and Langley Ave, on Thursday evenings at 7pm starting September 24th. Pastors, please consider leaders in your congregation who can be helped by this training and who may then be commissioned as deacons in your congregation. Let us know who they are.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Ray Legania.

If you are interested in attending, or for more information, please see or contact Pastor Joanne. Thank you.

REFLECTIONS ON THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY THEME:

“LORD, YOU HAVE BEEN OUR DWELLING PLACE” (Psalm 90: 1a)

The first verse of the Psalm echoes a theme heard throughout Hebrew Scripture. While the tradition may remember the monarchy as a divine gift and the reigns of David and Solomon as the “golden years,” there is a distinctive voice which embraces the wilderness years as the time of Israel’s most intimate and faithful relationship with God.

In the wilderness before there was temple or holy city or promised land, Israel lived in absolute dependence upon the grace of God. In the impermanence of the wilderness Israel knew that God alone was the dwelling place in which she lived. In God Israel lived, and moved, and had its being. As Martin Luther Church celebrates 100 years of ministry, we too know our life together is not rooted in a particular piece of real estate on the northwest side of Chicago or the structures which have been built on that corner, but rather in the grace of God who through baptism has claimed us and who by the Spirit has gathered us as a family of faith in this place for this moment.

As we continue to read the Psalm, we find that it is addressed to God as a lament, reflecting on the brevity of human life and perhaps on some unnamed national adversity seen as divine judgment. Human life is like “grass which is renewed in the morning...in the evening it fades and withers.” Our life span may be 70 years (“threescore and ten”) or even 80 years (“fourscore”), but “they are soon gone, and we fly away.” No individual is immortal and no institution is eternal, not even a 100 year old congregation. Yet, awareness of the transience of our existence can be a gift if it teaches us to value each day given to us. “So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.” In the centennial year we celebrate the days which we have been given to do ministry and treasure each remaining opportunity for ministry which may lie ahead. Yet, while we – ourselves and our institutions – may be ephemeral we are blessed to be a part of something greater than ourselves or the things we create. We are in God who existed before the first explosion of creation and who exists “from everlasting to everlasting.” We are

known and loved by one for whom “a thousand years are ...as a watch in the night.” We live in God and our ministry exists as long as God exists. So, the psalmist concludes in confidence, asking that the work of our hands be established, blessed, and extended to future generations. In the centennial celebration we pray that our work, our 100 years of ministry as Martin Luther Church, continue by God’s grace beyond our lives – and even beyond the life of this congregation.

John Schumacher

MLLC-



Will meet on Sunday, August 20th. Thank You.

DON'T FORGET – to visit our Martin Luther Lutheran Church Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mlc1918 and “LIKE” us.



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

Have you read the Living Lutheran July 2017? I found this an interesting read.

Part 1: Reformation 500: 50 things you may not know about the Reformation
By Rod Boriack

As we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Living Lutheran is exploring 500 of its unique aspects, continuing the series this month with 50 Reformation things you may not know about the Reformation.

This list is not meant as an all-encompassing compendium of everything essential to the Reformation and its theology, but rather as a glimpse of the variety of ways the movement that Luther sparked in 1517 would influence the history of the world.

1 The word “Protestant” was first used formally around 1529. “Protestant” originates from the Latin word *protestari*, meaning “declare publicly, testify, protest.”

2 The name “Lutheran” originated as a derogatory term used against Martin Luther by German scholastic theologian Johann Maier von Eck during the Leipzig Debate in 1519.

3 While reformers rejected marriage as a sacrament of the church, they expanded the role of the church in marriage. Couples took an oath before God and the ceremony was moved from outside the church on the doorstep—a medieval practice—to inside the sanctuary in front of the altar.

4 The Reformation created a demand for all kinds of religious writings. Readership was so great that the number of books printed in Germany increased from about 150 in 1518 to nearly 1,000 six years later.

5 By the time Luther died, 30 editions of the Small Catechism had been published. By the end of the 16th century, there were an additional 125 editions in circulation and approximately 100,000 copies in print.

6 An estimated 6,001,500,000 Bibles have been printed since the first one came off the press in the Middle Ages. The first Bible published in North America was printed in 1663.

7 The Luther rose (or Luther seal) was created at the request of printers to have a personal symbol representing the reformer’s faith that could serve as a mark indicating something was an authorized publication of Luther’s. It became widely recognized as the symbol for Lutheranism, and still is today.

8 With the invention of the printing press and the introduction of pamphlets and booklets to the

public, women in the 16th century found increasing access to information they had been previously restricted from reading, studying, discussing or even listening to in public settings.

9 The Reformation paved the way for what we still refer to as a “Protestant work ethic.” Luther’s teachings about the “priesthood of all believers” helped dissolve the wall between “temporal” and “spiritual” realms. In doing so, everyday work and labor was affirmed and seen as pleasing to God; it was no longer considered an inferior life to that of a monastic life or the priesthood.

10 Education was set on a far-reaching course of reforming thanks in part to Luther’s advocacy and ideas that a proper, well-organized and broad education for all children—not just those of the wealthy elite—would benefit the state as well as the church.

11 The legacy of Luther’s ideas about education can be seen today in the Lutheran church’s concern for Christian education, early childhood education and schools, colleges and universities, lay schools for ministry and seminaries.

12 An emphasis on the involvement of laypeople during worship revolutionized the way space inside the parish church was used during the Reformation. Many of the physical barriers between priest and congregation were removed. Consequently, the interiors of local churches took on the appearance that many still have today.

13 Whether or not to use pipe organs and other musical instruments during worship became a hotly debated issue for many churches involved in the Reformation movement. Some went as far as banning the use of organs and instruments.

14 Prior to the Reformation, congregational singing—and even talking—during church services wasn’t standard practice in Germany.

15 Luther composed more than 40 hymns in his lifetime, and in 1529 wrote and composed the tune for what became known as “The Battle Hymn of the Reformation”—today called “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.”

16 Luther desired hymns to be modest and text-driven—derived from Scripture, expressing Christian values, illuminating faith and the gospel message and lending themselves to congregational singing.

17 The area of Germany where Luther’s story unfolded is now referred to as “Luther Country.” This region of Reformation sites and history was part of East Germany for 40 years until the Berlin Wall fell in 1989.

To be continued...

Prayer Request

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

Cindy Rudolph
Patricia Neubert
Vi Bredrup
Agnes Radzajewski
Doris Kemreit

Also include:

Misty Fitzgerald (Pastor Joanne's daughter-in-law), prayers for healing
Heath Shown (Pastor Joanne's cousin), prayers for healing
Beverly Storz, prayers for healing
Lillian Sangha, please pray for her as she prepares for her final exams
Clifford Schimm (friend of Lisa Neubert), prayers for comfort
Sai Chetty, prayers for healing
Ruth Mehnert (Anne Walker's niece), prayers for healing
Shirley Sangha, prayers for employment contract to be continued
Ed Ferris (Friend of John Schumacher), prayers for recovery and healing
Michael Keady (friend of Lorraine Schuessler), prayers for healing
Nancy Labayen (Ron Vlcek's sister), 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
Maddie Malek friend of Heidi Rivera), prayers for healing
John Blaul, prayers for healing
Joyce Nickiel (friend of Ron & Jan Vlcek), prayers for healing
Desiree Salpietro Gigl (Peggy Salpietro's granddaughter), prayers for healing
Naomi (classmate of Joey Azzaretto), pray for healing
Carrie Keady (friend of Lorraine Schuessler), prayers for healing

Lorraine Lindenberg, pray 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
Anne Walker, prayers for healing
H Hella Rollinger, pray for healing
Joanne Walker (daughter of Anne Walker), pray for employment
Doris Moss (friend of Lorraine Schuessler), for healing
Franca Overbey (Karen Bucaro's cousin), pray 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
Russ Schuessler
Thomas Stephanides (John Blaul's friend)
John Meister (Karen Bucaro's nephew)
Carl Storz (Lorraine Schuessler's brother)



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 Michael Petersen
 Music Director/Musician David Hildner

Church Council (3rd Sunday of the month)

Richard Pfursich
 Ron Vlcek
 Heidi Rivera
 Hella Rollinger
 Patricia Ruttkay
 Peggy Salpietro
 Pastor Joanne Fitzgerald

Appointed by Church Council

Monica Pesole, Treasurer
 Heidi Rivera, 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
 Barbara Winter
 (All are invited to attend)

Acolyte

John Blaul

Altar Guild

Loree Azzaretto
 Hella Rollinger

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 1st 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





August



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00 am Bible Bunch at Montclare Senior Residence	2	3	4 7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.	5
6 9th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time	7	8 9:30 am Bible Bunch	9	10	11 7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.	12
13 10th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time/Bible Study	14	15 9:30 am Bible Bunch	16	17	18 7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.	19
20 11th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time/Church Council	21	22 9:30 am Bible Bunch	23	24	25 7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.	26
27 12th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time/Bible Study	28	29 9:30 am Bible Bunch	30	31		



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June 28, 2017

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$23.00 to Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI). We are grateful to your congregation for investing in the wellbeing of all Illinois citizens, offering people the opportunity to reach their full, God-given potential.

Your generosity helps bring health, healing and wholeness to thousands of people across the state. Over 80% of LSSI's clients have an income of under \$15,000 per year. The faithfulness of congregations like Metropolitan Chicago Synod is critically important in this work.

As Christians we believe that all things work together for good. Surely your congregation's gift will bring good to those who rely on Lutheran Social Services of Illinois and its ministries. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

Peace and prayers,

Mark A. Stutrud
President and CEO



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July 19, 2017

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In 2017, LSSI celebrates our 150th anniversary. 150 years of service and ministry! We could not have served this long without dear friends like you. Please know how much we value your support and partnership in this work.

Peace and prayers,

David P. Novak, JD
Vice President, Advancement



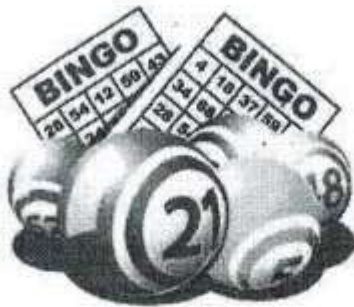
The Chicago Police Department

016th District – Jefferson Park



Join us for our monthly
Senior Meeting!

Bring your neighbors and friends!



Community Room

5151 N. Milwaukee Ave

August 15, 2017

1:00 p.m.

**Free
Giveaways!**

Featuring Special Guest:

Karla Davis

Northside Community Resources

Questions or concerns?

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