

# 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)**

### 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 16<sup>th</sup>. See you soon.



2017

July 

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 July 11<sup>th</sup>. Join us!

## A Word from Pastor Joanne – “Summertime!”

*Summertime, and the livin' is easy  
Fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high  
Oh, your daddy's rich and your ma is good-lookin'  
So hush little baby, Don't you cry  
One of these mornings  
you're gonna rise up singing  
And you'll spread your wings  
and you'll take to the sky  
But 'til that morning,  
there ain't nothin' can harm you  
With Daddy and Mammy standin' by*

This summer has already been a mix of weather – cold, steamy, very hot, hot, and very comfortable. Right now, as I am writing this it is comfortable so that the windows can be opened and a gentle breeze is blowing through the opened windows in the office and the air conditioning is off. How refreshing it is! I also know that the worst of the weather is still to come.

But that all should not keep us from coming to give praise and confess to God. If anything we should be in worship every Sunday. Look at all the wonderful things God has done for us. How many of us have perennials in our yards or trees or grass on our lawns – are there flowers blooming, green grass or healthy leaves on the trees? Oh yes, there are weeds to be had and obnoxious ones to boot that we just can't get rid of – the dandelions, the faux morning glory, other so-called weeds and the water grasses to name a few – and they keep coming and multiplying.

But then again God keeps coming to us. We have God in the good and in the bad and in the middle of our times. Guaranteed! That's a promise that God will be there for us no matter what, no matter if we have doubts. What about us? Do we keep coming? What are we doing here?

Have you ever felt like God has brought you back from the brink – where it is hard to live with yourself. God didn't go around pretending to be something God wasn't. God brings us back to live. Where God bring us to next? The 500<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Reformation is right around the corner and so is the 100<sup>th</sup> of Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Chicago on Addison St. What can we do as a congregation of show the neighborhood, the city, the state, the world who we are as God's children. What do we want to be? The whole world is full of people who will

go their whole lives and not actually live one day. I don't think we intend to be that way. How can God take our hands and lift us up.?

Let's turn things around. We are a church that cares about people, about our neighbors and about strangers, about the world. How can we show others how we care? Last year we collected personal care products for the Lutheran World Federation. We collected coats, hats, scarves, sweaters and coats for Refugee One. We collected food for St. Cyprian's Food Pantry. It was wonderful to see us all at work making a difference for others. This year in honor of our upcoming Centennial I would like to propose that we join with others like one or two other congregations help to resituate a refugee family in the Chicagoland area. They will need help with housing starts, furniture, kitchen and cooking needs, sheets and towels and bathing needs, language and job skills and more. I would love for us to do this but I want it to be our project and not just my thinking. In the coming months we will have lots of conversation and people coming to talk to us about it so that it becomes ours. Join me as we looking to helping a family in need resettle.

*Pastor Joanne Fitzgerald*

## JULY BIRTHDAYS:

- 10 Samantha & Kaylee Morales
- 13 Susan Devlin
- 18 Karen Knuth
- 20 Declan Gdowski
- 23 Timothy Fitzgerald
- 26 Constance Finder



## JULY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

- 13 Naomi Wombles
- 29 Alyssa Cooper; Barbara Leindecker

**OUR SYMPATHY** – to the family of Karen Bucaro. Her aunt, Dorothy Overbey has been called to the church triumphant. May God continue to bless you as you grieve her loss.

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. Have a Happy and Safe Fourth of July.

### **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 9<sup>th</sup> for the fun and fellowship, and on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> for our bake sale. Have a Happy Summer!

### **SAVE THE DATE – ENCUENTRO 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.



### **MLLC–**



Will meet on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank You.



### **CELEBRATION PLANS CONTINUE**

We need your help in collecting information for former members, friends, and anyone else who should be added to our anniversary mailing list. We have also begun collecting information for former pastors and seminarians. If you have names with addresses, phone numbers and/or e-mail addresses, please forward them to Jan Vlcek at [janv227@aol.com](mailto:janv227@aol.com) or 847-952-9670. If you have suggestions for or questions about the Centennial Celebration, please see any member of the anniversary committee (Jan Vlcek, Lisa Neubert, Dave Hildner, John Schumacher) or Pastor Joanne.

### **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 10<sup>th</sup>**. Prizes will be awarded. If you have not picked up your coloring book, there is still time.



### **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, 88<sup>th</sup> and Langley Ave, on Thursday evenings at 7pm starting September 24<sup>th</sup>. 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.**

**DON’T FORGET –** to visit our Martin Luther Lutheran Church Facebook page at



[www.facebook.com/mlc1918](http://www.facebook.com/mlc1918) and “LIKE” us.

# 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:

Ruth Mehnert (Anne Walker's niece), pray for healing  
Shirley Sangha, pray 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  
James Anderson Jr. (son of James Sr. and Marianna Anderson), pray for employment  
Shirley Bristow (friend of Vern Stahl), prayers for healing  
Ron Vlcek, prayers for healing  
George Avent (friend of Loree Azzaretto), pray for healing  
Randy Heinz and The Webb Family (friends of June Lyons), pray 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), pray for healing  
Naomi (classmate of Joey Azzaretto), pray for healing  
Carrie Keady (friend of Lorraine Schuessler), prayers for healing  
Lillian Rachel Sangha, away at medical school  
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  
Barbara Blezien (Anne Walker's daughter), pray 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  
Russ Schuessler  
Thomas Stephanides (John Blaul's friend)  
John Meister (Karen Bucaro's nephew)  
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 Michael Petersen  
 Music Director/Musician David Hildner

**Church Council (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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





# JULY



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



**Metropolitan Chicago Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

**Report on the Thirtieth Annual Assembly**  
**Metropolitan Chicago Synod, ELCA**

The Metropolitan Chicago Synod met in assembly June 9 to 10, 2017, at the Tinley Park Convention Center, Tinley Park, Illinois. This year's theme was *Yesterday, Today, and Forever* from Hebrews 13:8.

After devotions and the Order for the Opening of an Assembly, the parliamentarian was appointed, the agenda approved, and committees appointed. There were no resolutions at this year's assembly.

The assembly then heard the keynote address by the Rev. Kathryn Mary Lohre, Assistant to the ELCA Presiding Bishop and executive for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations who spoke about the connections the ELCA has with Roman Catholics, Muslims, and Historically Black Churches. After her report, the assembly welcomed the Very Rev. Thomas A. Baima, Archdiocesan Vicar for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, Archdiocese of Chicago, who brought greetings from Blase Cardinal Cupich, and spoke about the synod and archdiocese renewal of the covenant made between the two in 1989, and the service on Reformation Day that will be held at Holy Name Cathedral. Find out more at <http://www.renewingcovenant.com>.

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

The assembly then attended two sessions of workshops and hearings before reconvening in the plenary session where the budget was adopted as presented, and *en bloc* motions relating to updating the constitution were adopted as presented.

A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist to which all were invited concluded the day's events. The offering will be given to ELCA World Hunger.

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, and an update on the synod's Million Dollar ELCA World Hunger Challenge, Bishop Miller gave his report, and participants also heard the churchwide office report which updated the larger work of the church.

Mr. Terry Henderson I was elected as synod vice president, and the Rev. Erin Clausen was elected as synod secretary. Vice president Nanette Dahlke chose not to stand for re-election after serving for 16 years, and secretary Rev. Steve Srock chose not to stand for re-election after serving for eight years. Both officers gave their final reports to the assembly and their service was thanked with acclamation.

After introducing rostered leaders new to the synod, and acknowledging rostered leader and congregation anniversaries, the day ended with a closing prayer and the Order for the Closing of an Assembly.

Photographs, links to videos, and a copy of the bishop's PowerPoint used during his report will be available at [www.mtselca.org/assembly](http://www.mtselca.org/assembly).



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# YOU ARE INVITED

TO JOIN

**COMMANDER WILLIAM LOONEY**

**THE 16<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT POLICE**

AND

**THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT**

FOR

## “NATIONAL NIGHT OUT”

**When:** Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 2017

**Where:** Norwood Park  
5801 N. Natoma

**Time:** 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

*Please join us for a night of family fun to celebrate police and the community coming together to make our homes, streets, schools, and parks safer! This amazing event at Norwood Park will feature live musical performances by Todd and the Ten Pins and T&R Productions. Fun activities for all ages include a Balloon Artist, Face Painter, Children's Inflatable Jump Arounuds, Family Swim, Antique Car Show, MeTv-fm, Awesome Giveaways, a Community Blood Drive and Food for purchase!*



**Sponsors Corrine Schreiber, Phyllis Bober, Terry Mallarkey and the following:**

