

# 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)**

#### MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH CHOIR

Rehearsals take place at 9:00am every Sunday. 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 God.

#### 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!

#### WELCA MEETINGS

Join the women of Martin Luther on October 17<sup>th</sup> at noon. Just bring a sandwich and we will provide the beverage and desert. Everyone is invited to join us – men included. Come check us out!

#### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

We study Scripture and Luther's Small Catechism. We have fun in learning and conversing. Classes will meet Saturday, October 13, 20, and 27 at 10:00am. See you soon. Everyone is welcome – why not bring a friend!



#### 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 HERE!!

We welcome children to be a part of our Sunday School at Martin Luther. We have children participating from 2 ½ years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We want your child to be part of this wonderful ministry. Feel free to call the church office for any further information.

#### Bread Making – Beware of the Yeast

Has been cancelled for the month of October. Join us again on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> for Bread Making and join us for the fun and fellowship. We will have our bake Sale on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Should be yummy to the tummy!

#### MLLC–



Will meet on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank You.

## OCTOBER Birthdays:

07 Joyce Bolda  
20 Peggy Salpietro  
Justin Rivera



## October BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

17 Timothy Fitzgerald  
21 Ashley Rivera  
27 Patricia Neubert

**W/ELCA BAKE SALE** – will be on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> before and after worship. They are looking for all of you bakers to assist them. If you would like to bring some baked goodies, bring them to church on Sunday, wrapped and priced please. Thank You.

## MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH 100 YEARS OF MINISTRY

As we continue this year long celebration, we try to find some interesting and fun facts about the goings on at the church.

Karen Bucaro has found some interesting highlights from the Ladies Aid journal. Here are a few entries:

*May 1, 1947 Ladies Aid Minutes –  
Bake Sale held on May 17<sup>th</sup> on 6807 Addison St.  
Welcome Supper for new Pastor and his wife on  
June 1, at 6pm. Mrs Betty (Wastel) Houser  
chairman.*

*1948-1949 Betty Houser President of Ladies Aid.  
Feb. 5, 1948 Ladies Aid Minutes –  
Falkerth Supper to be held March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm*



**HEROES OF THE BIBLE** – will be our Sunday morning Bible Study on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> following worship service. We will look at Rahab. Grab a cup of Joe and meet in the undercroft of the church. You won't believe who those heroes are! See you there!

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Martin Luther will hold its' Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for St. Cyprian Food Pantry. They are in need of corn, yams, cake mix/frosting, pie crust (not refrigerated), canned pie filling, canned pumpkin, canned evaporated milk, stuffing mix, instant potatoes, canned gravy or packaged gravy, or monetary donations for our holiday needs. Look for a detailed list to come in the near future.



## A Note from Pastor Joanne –

It's amazing what we have done lately. We have collected food, made treat bags for the Night Ministry, and now we have collected and made 58 Hygiene bags with extra supplies once again for the Night Ministry Homeless. Coincidentally, we found out that they are distributing those kits to the clients as I am writing this. We were excited to hear this. What a great thing we did! The staff was so appreciative. I would like to thank everyone who sorted, who collected, and who packed the bags and delivered. I would especially like to thank Lisa Neubert who did the shopping, Jan Vlcek who sorted and to Frank and Karen Bucaro who drove the kits with me to the Night Ministry Center.

Now I am looking for more. In October and November we will be collecting for seniors who need to be cheered up during the holidays. More information on this to follow (see the upcoming bulletins). We will also be collecting food for the Pantry for Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. There will be a list to follow in the bulletin soon and very soon.

Now we are a supporting congregation for a refugee family from the Congo who were living in a refugee camp in Tanzania for 12 years. They are very excited to be here. The father and his 5 children now have a one bedroom apartment and are trying very hard to learn the English language. The children are now enrolled in school, one in High School, 3 in elementary and 1 in pre-school. I think they are excited and anxious at the same time. It is hard work but very rewarding to go to their apartment and be a help to them. We go almost every Sunday afternoon. I have been helping the father with his English and Jan, Ginny and Mary have been helping the children. They have a spark in their eyes. What Fun! Come join the fun with us.

What is your preference? How can you be the hands and feet of Jesus to do God's work. Let's all pitch in! Luke 4:18

*Pastor Joanne Fitzgerald*

## MLLC FINANCIAL SUMMARY - AUGUST

Monthly Giving	Monthly Needed	Shortfall
\$4,212.99	\$9,915.00	\$5,702.11
Yearly Giving	Yearly Needed	Shortfall
\$39,800.83	\$59,490.00	\$19,689.17

In an effort to be transparent about our finances at MLLC, we will be giving you a summary so that you may be aware of our situation. In Sunday's bulletin we will continue to give you the weekly giving. With that said we invite you to join your Congregational Council at a Town Hall Meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be a time to ask questions and hopefully hear some answers.

**VASES NEEDED** – for Random Acts of Flowers. They receive donated flowers and need vases to put them in to give to patients and residents of nursing homes, children's hospitals and veterans facilities. If you have any vases (large, medium, bud, glass, plastic or ceramic) you can donate, please leave them in the narthex closet on the floor. Thank You.

**IN OUR PRAYERS** – The Family of Ruth Pfursich who was called to the church triumphant on September 7<sup>th</sup>. We pray God's blessings as the family mourns her loss.

**GIFT PACKAGES FOR SENIORS** – We are still working on it but look to the bulletin on how you can help us collect items for Christmas gifts for seniors in our neighborhood in need of cheering up for the holidays. We will keep you informed. Thank you in advance for your help.

## WHAT IS REFORMATION DAY

On Halloween night, much of the culture will be focused on candy and things that go bump in the night. We as Lutherans, however, have something far more significant to celebrate on October 31<sup>st</sup>, Reformation Day, and how should we consider the events it commemorates?



Martin Luther's nailing of his ninety-five theses to the church door on October 31, 1517, provoked a debate that culminated finally in what we now call the Protestant Reformation.

This law student turned Augustinian monk became the center of a great controversy after his thesis were copied and distributed throughout Europe. Initially protesting the pope's attempt to sell salvation, "Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone, and good works results from our faith, they are not added to it as the grounds for our right standing in the Lord's eyes" (**Eph 2:8-10**), Luther's study of Scripture soon led him to oppose the church of Rome on many issues, including the primacy of the bible over church traditions and the means by which we are found righteous in the sight of God.

Martin Luther's rediscovery of this truth led to a whole host of other church and societal reforms. Luther's translation of the Bible into German put the Word of God in the hands of people, enabling them to put the liturgy in the common tongue so that non scholars could hear and understand the reached word of God and worship the Lord with clarity.

Today, Luther's legacy lives on in the creeds and confessions of Christians worldwide. As we consider his importance this 500<sup>th</sup> year of the Reformation, let us equip ourselves to be knowledgeable proclaimers and defenders of biblical truth. May we be eager to preach the Gospel of God to the world and thereby spark a new reformation of church and culture.



# Prayer Request

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

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

Also include:

Carrie Fender (Shirley Bristow's daughter), prayers for upcoming surgery  
John Blaul, prayers for healing from recent surgery  
Elizabeth Gravenstine (aunt of Pastor Joanne), prayers for healing  
Lillian Sangha, pray as she is preparing for USMLE exam  
Judy MacPherson Schumacher, prayers for healing from surgery  
John Skarkus (brother in law of Frank & Karen Bucaro), prayers for healing  
Lovie Kustak (friend of Jan Vlcek) prayers for improved health  
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  
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





# October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9:30 am Bible Bunch	3	4	5 7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.	6
7 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship/Sunday School 11:15 am Fellowship Time/Bake Sale/Bible Study 2pm Refugee Family	8 	9 9:30 am Bible Bunch	10	11	12 7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.	13 10:00 am Confirmation Class
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21 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship/Sunday School 11:15 am Fellowship Time/100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary continued 2pm Refugee Family	22	23 9:30 am Bible Bunch	24	25	26 7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.	27 10:00 am Confirmation Class
28 Reformation Sunday 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship/Sunday School 11:15 am Fellowship Time/Church Council 2pm Refugee Family	29	30 9:30 am Bible Bunch	31 			

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