

# 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 will resume at 9:00am on Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### 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!

### W/ELCA MEETINGS

The women of Martin Luther are back!!! Monthly meeting will resume on September 19<sup>th</sup> at noon. Dessert and beverage will be provided. Everyone is invited to join us – men included. Come check us out!

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 COMING!!!!!!

Come join us on Rally Day, September 9<sup>th</sup>, when 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 part of this wonderful ministry. Feel free to call the church office for any further information.



## 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 is one entry:

*March 1945 Ladies Aid Minutes –*

*To raise money , we will sell pillowcases made from feedbags for \$.15 each. Sell Flexo scraper to raise money at \$.10 each.*

*Mrs. Fabian – announced purchase of new boiler, paid for by bonds contributed by members.*

Feedbags? Flexo scraper? Does anyone know what a Flexo scraper is? My how times have changed!

**HEROES OF THE BIBLE** – will be our Sunday morning Bible Study beginning September 23<sup>rd</sup> following worship service. We will look at and study Peter, the one who denied knowing Jesus 3 times, and who was one of Jesus' disciples. Maybe they are not well known, maybe they are well known. Come and find out! Grab a cup of Joe and meet in the undercroft of the church. You won't believe who those heroes are! See you there!

**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. Food will be provided.



## A Note from Pastor Joanne – Rally Day

Can you believe it? Rally Day is right around the corner – September 9<sup>th</sup> to be exact. Rally Day isn't just for kids. It is for everyone in the church. Rally Day marks the beginning of the church's academic year, much as the school year begins in late August or the beginning of September for our children. Customs associated with it vary a bit from parades and picnics to special church meetings where goals for the coming year are presented and discussed.

Webster's Dictionary defines "rally" as:

- 1) a verb "to draw or call together for a common purpose"
- 2) a noun meaning "a renewal of energy in joint action"

During the summer, our many activities and vacations and events continually draw congregation members away from each other - especially on weekends. Summer can also be a spiritually draining time. You start the summer with the good intentions of sticking to your Bible-reading schedules. Good intentions of worshiping regularly. Good intentions of attending Bible class. But the reality is that summer's hectic schedules can easily derail us from those good intentions.

Come the end of summer, we need "a renewal of energy" when it comes to spiritual matters. It's hard to renew your energy on your own. But it's much easier in a group. That's why we set aside one special day at the end of the summer to "rally" - to "draw together for a common purpose" seeking the Holy Spirit's power to "renew our energy" for worship, for digging into God's Word, for praying, for serving, and for witnessing.

We are beginning this year with a new study on Sunday mornings following worship, but it could mean more depending on people's needs and wants. It will be Heroes of the Bible, both in the Old and New Testament. We will be studying different folks of the Bible and what their impact on God's people was. Should be interesting and thought provoking! Sunday School happens on Sunday at the worship time. Confirmation classes happen on Saturday mornings from 10 – 11:30am. There is a group called Bible Bunch.

We meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 until 10:30 or 11:00 am. We read the texts for the of next Sunday worship. What does it mean and say to you? How does it impact your daily living? How can you tell others about what you have heard? And more...Come and check us out for any or all of these. And don't forget about Sunday morning worship by all means.

*Pastor Joanne Fitzgerald*

**Consider Diakonia for Continuing Education**

Diakonia is a two-year process of spiritual formation and theological education for baptized members of the Lutheran Church.

If you or anyone you know may be interested, please let Pastor know.



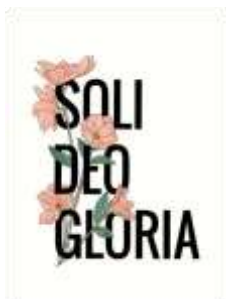
This process occurs in three basic ways:

1. By thorough grounding in the classic seminary disciplines of practical, systematic, historical, and Biblical theology;
2. By identifying particular skills and aptitudes in ministry, and encouraging their use in the local parish;
3. By providing spiritual growth through worship, retreats, and a supportive community of fellow students, mentors, and instructors.

**CALLED TO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT**

Ella Leszar, cousin of Karen Bucaro, passed away at 99 years old in Oregon. She was a member of Martin Luther Church, and two children were baptized here.

Her father and mother, Joseph and Mary Wastel, were charter members of Martin Luther Church. His daughter, Elizabeth, was Ladies Aid secretary and Council secretary in the 1940's. Joseph and Mary had seven daughters, some were married and confirmed here.



september birthdays:

- 01** Michael Devlin
- 22** Doris Ove
- 23** Judy MacPherson Schumacher
- 27** Alyssa Polanco



september BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

- 11** Katie Pfursich
- 17** Pastor Joanne Fitzgerald

**Bread Making – Beware of the Yeast**

Join us 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. Should be yummy to the tummy!



**MLLC-**

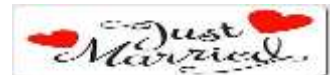
Will meet on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank You.

**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! See Pastor Joanne for more information.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

To Georgia Beltran and Manuel Gonzalez Jr. who were married on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 2018. May God surround them with open arms and loving hearts.



**MLLC FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JULY**

Monthly Giving	Monthly Needed	Shortfall
\$5,602.00	\$9,915.00	\$4,313.00
Yearly Giving	Yearly Needed	Shortfall
\$35,587.84	\$59,490.00	\$23,902.16

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.

# 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:

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  
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)



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





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time/ Centennial Comm. Mtg.	<b>3</b> HAPPY <i>Labor Day</i>	<b>4</b> 9:30 am Bible Bunch 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.	<b>8</b> 10 am Bread Making
<b>9</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Rally Day 10:00 am Worship/Sunday School 11:15 am Fellowship Time/Hygiene Kit Assembly	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30 am Bible Bunch	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.	<b>15</b> 10:00 am Confirmation Class
<b>16</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship/Sunday School 11:15 am Fellowship Time/Church Council	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:30 am Bible Bunch 	<b>19</b> 12 noon W/ELCA Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:30 am Pancake Day Set Up 7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.	<b>22</b> 9am to 1pm Pancake Day 
<b>23</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship/Sunday School 11:15 am Fellowship Time/Bible Study AUTUMN BEGINS	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:30 am Bible Bunch	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.	<b>29</b> 10:00 am Confirmation Class
<b>30</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship/Sunday School 11:15 am Fellowship Time/Town Hall Mtg.						

# Pancake Day



**Saturday, September 22, 2018**

**9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH

6850 W. Addison Street

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773/777-8821

e-mail [mllcchicago@live.com](mailto:mllcchicago@live.com), --- [www.facebook.com/mllc1918](http://www.facebook.com/mllc1918)

TICKETS:

\$6.00 per adult

\$3.00 per child under 12 years

Free for children 6 years and under with a paying adult

## **ALL YOU CAN EAT . . . .**

Pancakes Sausage Applesauce

Orange Juice Coffee, Tea or Milk

**BAKE SALE CRAFTS**

Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door.

Chair Lift Available

**Partial proceeds will go towards ELCA World Hunger**



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 still need the items listed below. Now through September 2<sup>nd</sup> we are collecting travel or sample sizes and then packing them into gallon size reusable bags on September 9<sup>th</sup>. This is “*God Work-Our Hands*” Sunday. Why not do something to reach out to those who need help and be like Jesus and show them we care.

Please place these items in the red plastic container in the narthex.

**Needed are:**

**Shampoo and Conditioner**

**Comb**

**Soap**

**Body Lotion**

**Toothbrush and Toothpaste**

**Comb/Brush**

**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!  
Won't you help us out?

Thank you for your help in this valuable ministry





## **REFUGEEONE MINISTRY COMES TO MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH**

The family arrives Thursday, August 30 on United Airlines flight UA 1160 at 2:38 p.m. in Terminal 1 of O'Hare Airport. They will already have cleared immigration in Houston so they will come straight from the gate.

Let's meet at the baggage claim area for United Airlines at 2:30 p.m.. I will be there along with Hussein from RefugeeOne who speaks their language. Once the family comes down, we all can move to an open area for welcomes, introductions, photos and brief small talk. We can translate anything your group would like to tell the family.

Here is contact information so that we can all meet up at the airport:

**At the Airport you may take pictures if the family is ok with it, but for the security of the family, please do not distribute them until we have a signed waiver from the family (even between each other). We will know if we have permission to share the photos the following week or so.**

Afterwards we will take the family to their apartment in Rogers Park. At the apartment RefugeeOne will give the family a brief orientation and emergency information and will answer any questions they may have. As many people as you'd like can attend the airport arrival but we like to limit the number of people at the apartment to 5-6 so we would limit the number of people from your group to 2. We spend no more than 40 minutes at the apartment then we leave the family to rest and eat as they will probably be very tired. During the first couple of weeks, the mornings for the family are busy with various appointments (Medical, DHS, Social Security, etc.) and RefugeeOne activities. Then there will be English classes and school for the children. We may be asked to help with cooking and shopping and activities with the children, including homework help.

The Refugee Family of 6, a widower and his 5 children (ages 3 to 15), are Congolese refugees who have been living in the Nyarugusu refugee camp in Tanzania since 2006. Their ethnicity is Bembe, their religion is Methodist and their native language is Swahili. They speak no English.

**RefugeeOne does not plan evening or weekend activities for the family so that is the best time to schedule your visits.**

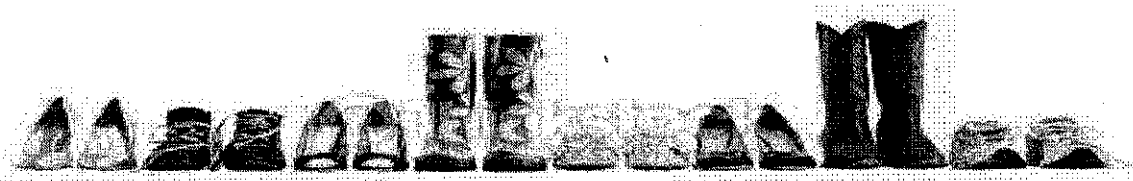
# **St. Cyprian's Ecumenical Food and Clothing Pantry**

## **NEEDS YOUR SHOES!!**

This **Perpetual Shoe Donation Drive** is being organized by Saint Cyprian's Ecumenical Food Pantry to support our local community.

- We work with the organization Funds2Orgs which pays for the shoes that are collected. This money is used for purchasing food for the food pantry;
- Funds2Orgs then trains people in 25 third world countries to be independent business owners by selling the shoes collected;
- Donate any new or like new shoes – flip flops/sandals, heels, athletic shoes, boots, slippers, kids shoes, **EVERYTHING!**
- This is a WIN-WIN situation!!!!
- **Shoes can be dropped off on Mondays and Thursdays between 8:00am and 11:00am at St. Cyprian's Food Pantry, 6535 West Irving Park Road.** Also, pick up of donated items can be arranged by e-mailing Heidi at [hidinka5rules@yahoo.com](mailto:hidinka5rules@yahoo.com).

**Saint Cyprian's is also accepting food and monetary donations as well as volunteers for the food pantry. For more info, call Joan at 773-283-9178.**



# **TRANSGENDER: THE FORGOTTEN PEOPLE III BEING A TRANS ALLY**

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## **UNITED IN FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**6525 W. Irving Park Road  
Chicago IL 60634**

**Sunday, September 23 • 12:30 pm to 3 pm**

- A light lunch will be served 12:30 pm
- Presentation will be led by Bill Guilfoile, and his son John

*Member, Parents of Transgender Individuals Chicago*

**Handicap-accessible • Parking behind church**

Please RSVP to Carolyn at [car072848@att.net](mailto:car072848@att.net) by September 19.

For more information call 773.283.2326 or visit [unitedinfaith@unitedinfaith.org](mailto:unitedinfaith@unitedinfaith.org), Facebook UIFLC, or Twitter @UIFLC

*United in Faith is a welcoming and affirming congregation.*