

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 Lord.

MLLC-



Will meet on Sunday, October 13th. Thank You.

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!

2019



WORSHIP ASSISTANCE NEEDED

We are looking for people to sign up to be assisting ministers, 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. Please sign up today! Thank You.



DON'T FORGET – to visit our Martin Luther Lutheran Church Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mllc1918 and



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 to 6th grade. We want your child to be part of this wonderful ministry. Feel free to call the church office for any further information.

OCTOBER
birthdays:

07 Joyce Bolda
20 Peggy Salpietro
Justin Rivera



OCTOBER BAPTISMAL
BIRTHDAYS

17 Timothy Fitzgerald
21 Ashley Rivera
27 Patricia Neubert

W/ELCA MEETINGS

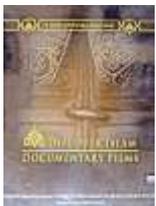
Join the women of Martin Luther on October 16th at 12 noon. Just bring a sandwich and we will provide the beverage and desert. Everyone is invited to join us – men included. Come check us out!

Bread Making – Beware of the Yeast

Join us on Saturday, October 5th at 10am as we make Challah bread and join us for the fun and fellowship, and on Sunday, October 6th for our bake sale. Should be yummy to the tummy!

New Sunday Morning Bible Study has begun – Understanding Islam

We will be looking at different DVDs that tell the story of Islam. It should be interesting and eye-opening at the same time.



- #1 Islam: Faith and History
- #2 Islam: an American Faith
- #3 Women in Islam
- #4 African Americans and Islam
- #5 Islam: a Faith Hijacked
- #6 Christians and Islam

Please join us on Sunday October 27th following worship as we study #2. See you then. We'll meet in the Undercroft by the coffee and goodies. There is room for you.

IN OUR PRAYERS – The family of Doris Ove who was called to the church triumphant on August 6th. We pray God's blessings as the family mourns her loss.

MLLC FINANCIAL SUMMARY - AUGUST

Monthly Giving	Monthly Needed	Shortfall
\$3,711.00	\$9,601.00	\$5,890.00
YTD Giving	YTD Needed	YTD Shortfall
\$35,080.50	\$67,207.00	\$32,126.50

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.

PET BLESSING - On

October 4, people all over the world will be celebrating the feast day of the

Patron **Saint of Animals, Saint**

Francis of Assisi. It's customary that in remembrance of **St. Francis of Assisi's** love for all creatures, animals are led to churches for a special ceremony called the "**Blessing of the Animals.**" We welcome our friends and pets to worship on Sunday October 6th as you are invited to bring your pet forward for a blessing as part of the liturgy. Please have your pet leashed or in a pet carrier.



A Word from Pastor Joanne – The Vote Is In!

On September 22, 2019, at a special congregational meeting Martin Luther church voted on some options concerning her future. Eighteen members were present. The votes were -

13 votes 1. Continue as we are and increase the contributions that we give to Social Ministries. Even though we have a reserve amount to last us another 2 – 3 years, we are running at a deficit of approximately \$5,000.00 per month.

3 votes 2. Sell the church with a realtor. If we are successful, we can possibly rent from the new owner, or rent somewhere else. Remaining as a congregation, Martin Luther Church would benefit financially from the sale.

2 votes 3. If we choose to disband as a congregation, the Synod will take over and all is out of our hands, with the exception of a 10% donation to an ELCA church of our choice that is a member of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod.

So now we will look at what social ministry is and what it looks like for Martin Luther. What is social ministry? Caring for the neighbor who needs help, good Samaritan ministry, supporting through advocacy those who need assistance. It is about charity, giving money to needs in the world, in the neighborhood to the extent which we are able, and advocacy changing the world through action. For churches, money sometimes goes to places that it can't get to, for example overseas. But how much is given to overhead? Or is it things like Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Disaster Response, World Hunger, LSSI, Scholarships to those who are intending to go to seminary for debt relief, or helping retired pastors. I am especially concerned that we don't want to give to places that have a high overhead where too much money is given to the CEOs to pad their pockets. Do we want to do specific projects? We need to do our due diligence. In the end it is about Martin Luther and its ministry. What kinds of charities do you want to give to? What's important to you to make a difference for individuals' lives? With that we are asking each member of Martin Luther to submit their choice or choices of charities that you would like our money to go to. Please submit your charity choice in writing either by email, mail or by dropping it in the offering plate. Then we can take into consideration what people would like to do. We look forward to hearing from you and making Martin Luther's money count.

Pastor Joanne Fitzgerald

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 31st, 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, 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

Also include:

Anna Kirk (friend of Richard Pfursich), prayers for healing
Betty Gravenstine (aunt of Pastor Joanne), prayers for healing
Thomas Rudolph, prayers for healing and recovery
Chris & Dennis Long (friends of Jan Vlcek), prayers for improved health
Doris Kemreit, prayers for healing
Carol Chetty, prayers for a healthy baby
Linnie Kolinski (Lisa Neubert's sister-in-law's mother), prayers prayers for strength and healing
Shashi Sangha, prayers for good health
Lorraine (Wastel) Bone, (cousin of Karen Bucaro) prayers for recovery
Carol Clair (sister of Rich Pfursich), prayers for healing
Gail DuPlessis , prayers for strength and healing
Nicky Salpietro (son of Peggy Salpietro), prayers for good health
Frank and Karen Bucaro, prayers for healing
Patricia Keady (friend of Lorraine Schuessler), prayers for healing
Beverly Venuso (friend of Ron & Jan Vlcek), prayers for healing
John Blaul, prayers for recovery
John Skarkus (brother in law of Frank & Karen Bucaro), 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
Joe Brumtmyer, prayers for healing
Russ & Lorraine Schuessler, prayers for good health
Carl and Beverly Storz (brother and sister in law of *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
Desiree Salpietro Gigl (Peggy Salpietro's granddaughter), prayers for healing
Mary Hoenig (friend of Jan Vlcek)
Phyllis Pappas (friend of Loree Azzaretto), pray for healing
Jeff Kaplan, friend of Ron & Jan Vlcek
Barbara Blezien (Anne Walker's daughter), prayers for healing
Patti Pallohusky (sister of Karen Bucaro)
Emery Grace Planz (great-great niece of Karen and Frank Bucaro)



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 (3rd Sunday of the month)

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

Appointed by Church Council

Monica Pesole, Treasurer
Ron Vlcek, Financial Secretary

Readers/Lectors

Members of Martin Luther

Ushers

Ron Vlcek
Vern Stahl
Richard Pfursich

Counter

Ron Vlcek

Sunday Morning Bible Study - All Members
of MLLC

Bible Bunch (Tuesdays at 9:30am)

Pastor Joanne
John Blaul
Peggy Salpietro
Virginia Gessler
(All are invited to attend)

Altar Guild

Loree Azzaretto

WELCA - All women of Martin Luther Church

Stewardship Committee

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

Choir Members

(Practice Sundays at 9:00am)

Pastor Joanne
Lisa Neubert

(Is your name here? Can we count on you as a member of the choir?). Are you interested in starting a handbell choir?? Choir begins September 8th at 9:00 am.

Worship and Music (usually 1st Sunday of the month)

David Hildner
Pastor Joanne Fitzgerald
You??

MLLC Mission Team

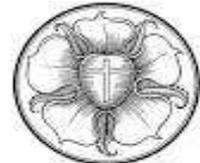
Who will join us??





October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30 am Bible Bunch	2 10:00 am Worship at Harbor Chase	3	4 7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.	5 10:00 am Bread Making
6 17 th Sunday after Pentecost Blessing of the Animals 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time/Bake Sale	7	8 9:30 am Bible Bunch	9 10:00 am Worship at Harbor Chase Yom Kippur	10	11 7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.	12
13 18 th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time/Church Council	14  Columbus Day	15 9:30 am Bible Bunch	16 10:00 am Worship at Harbor Chase 12 noon W/ELCA Meeting	17	18 7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.	19 
20 19 th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time	21	22 No Bible Bunch	23 10:00 am Worship at Harbor Chase	24	25 7:00 pm Friends of Bill W.	26
27 Reformation Sunday 10:00 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Time/Bible Study	28	29 9:30 am Bible Bunch	30 10:00 am Worship at Harbor Chase	31 		



St. Cyprian's Ecumenical Food Pantry
6535 W Irving Park Road
Chicago, IL 60634
773.283.9178

Martin Luther Church
6850 W Addison St
Chicago, IL 60634

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your very generous gift of school supplies. Our clients are classified as "working poor", working but not earning enough to guarantee funds to cover basic needs such as school supplies. Our clients are concerned about preparing their children for a successful school year and the high cost of school supplies forces them to make difficult decisions. Your gift has lightened that burden.

In the words of our clients, "Muchas gracias.....So much, this is great.....This will make my family very happy.....Dziekuje.....
Tell everyone thank you.....God bless you all!"

Sincerely,

Joan Billingham
Executive Director

JMB/amb



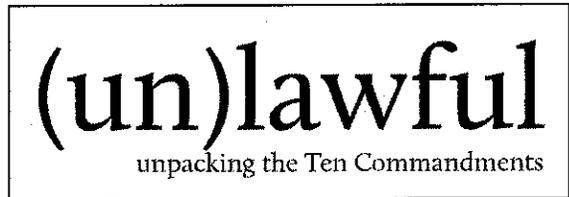
Metropolitan Chicago Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Greetings from the **Youth Ministry Network** of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod!

We are excited for another year of retreats as we gather together as a synod at Lutherdale Bible Camp! With the growing involvement of more congregations, we will again offer two retreat weekends to provide enough space and opportunity for all to come and join with other youth across the synod. Open to all youth, grades 6 through 12, these retreats will be held November 8-10, 2019 and February 7-9, 2020.

Theme

This year's theme is "(un)lawful: unpacking the Ten Commandments". Throughout the weekend, youth will learn both the basics of the Ten Commandments and dive into deeper conversation about the application of these laws in relationship with God, community, and us as individuals. Lessons will provide a varying depth of teaching so that all, regardless of age, will have opportunities to dig into our study.



Important Info

There are two retreats scheduled this year: one in fall and one in winter. Registration for both retreats begins September 1, 2019 and ends four weeks before each event. These weekends will fill up on a first come, first served basis, so be sure to register soon!

For the weekend of...	Registration Due	Cost
November 8-10, 2019	October 11, 2019	\$115/student or additional adult
February 7-9, 2020	January 10, 2020	\$115/student or additional adult

Registration

We ask that church leaders submit registration on behalf of your church group. Your group registration should include: a Lutherdale registration form and a \$25 deposit per student/adult by the registration due date. The total cost of the retreat is \$115 per youth. The remaining balance will be invoiced through Lutherdale after the retreat.

The Youth Ministry Network also has scholarships available at an at need basis. Please contact Lauren Busey (lauren@trinityevanston.org) for more information.

Registration forms are found here and need to be completed for youth and adults:
<https://www.lutherdale.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Registration-and-Health-Form.pdf>

If you youth or adults who have special dietary concerns, please fill out and send this form as well with the completed registrations:

<http://www.lutherdale.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Special-Dietary-Request-Form.pdf>

Form Submission

After filling out the appropriate forms, either mail them to Lutherdale (N7891 US Highway 12, Elkhorn, Wisconsin 53121) or email them to info@lutherdale.org. If you have any questions about registration, please contact Lutherdale directly.

Again, registrations for the November 8-10 retreat are due October 11, 2019.

Registrations for the February 7-9, 2020 retreat are due January 10, 2020. These registrations will not be considered complete without the deposit.

A minimum of 1 adult per 8 youth per gender is required for the retreat. Adult chaperones are a vital part of our retreat. Not only do they keep our youth safe, we also rely on them for teaching our small groups and helping to facilitate activities. All adults attending will be expected to participate as leaders in different ways throughout the weekend, both in the roles mentioned and as positive examples of community for the retreat. Adults will meet together at the beginning of the retreat weekend to walk through the weekend and its activities. For more information, please contact Pastor David Walters (dwalters@holycrosswheaton.org).

We look forward to seeing you all this year as we continue to grow in faith of God and relationship with one another!

Blessings,
The Retreat Planning Team

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