

The Door of Martin Luther Church

August, 2011

"Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ"



Martin Luther Church, as a congregation, welcomes and celebrates the richness and diversity of all God's people, regardless of where they've come from or where they are in their life's journey.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Three Nights August 9-11, 6 pm to 8 pm

Plan now to join us for three nights of sizzlin' summer fun with music, games, crafts, and more.

The evening starts off with a simple supper for the whole family. Bring your friends and neighbors. There is a place for everyone at Martin Luther Church's VBS this summer. There will be an online registration form at <http://martinlutherchurch.net> or just call

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Worship Opportunities

Summer worship continues through September 4th
with Holy Communion offered at both services:

8:00 A.M. - Spoken worship Service

9:30 A.M. - Worship with full liturgy.



PASTOR'S PEN

It may feel like a long time since October 2010 when Pastor Kris Totzke moved on to begin Interim work and shared painful good-byes after eleven years of productive and faithful ministry at Martin Luther Church. As Interim Pastor here, the months have moved along quickly and the congregation has now entered a different phase in the work of calling a new pastor. The MET (Mission Exploration Team) has submitted its report and the congregation council has given approval for presentation to the congregation at a special meeting held on July 17th at 10:30 am. The MET report received unanimous approval at the congregational meeting and the call committee was commissioned for its work on the same day. The nine members of the call committee will now begin preparing to interview candidates. The Bishop and staff of the Greater Milwaukee Synod will likely recommend three names for consideration. This part of the process may take two or three months but many variables may make that timetable longer or shorter.

If you have an opportunity to look at the July 2011 copy of *The Lutheran* magazine you will find a great source for reviewing what is behind the process of matching a congregation and pastor. This edition, entitled "*Great Expectations – What are pastors, churches, looking for*" is filled with good insights about the promise and pitfalls of the call process. Quoting from the main article by Elizabeth A. Eaton, Bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod, "...if we just get the right pastor our 20-year slide in (choose one:

membership, attendance, giving, youth participation – OK you can choose more than one) will be reversed. We will again become the leviathan of our golden age (pick a decade) when the Sunday school was full, all the youth belonged to the Luther League, everyone was in church, the hymnal was red, stores were closed on Sunday, no one played soccer, T-shirts were underwear not fashion statements, acolytes wore hard-soled shoes, and there were so many women's circles that after they went through all the good girls of the Bible they had to go back and start naming circles after Jezebel and Tamar and Gomer." Bishop Eaton knows what she's talking about. With a touch of hyperbole this quote reflects a summary of what she and many synod staff members hear from congregations. Pastors too are looking for the perfect place where there are no troubling issues and everyone is ready to eagerly follow and "get on board" with the program. Both pastor and congregation need to be people of prayer who seek to humbly and passionately live out their calling in God's kingdom.

While I have no role in the call committee, I am still privileged to be your Interim Pastor and continue to seek to serve the congregation in any way that will further the kingdom of God and reveal the wonderful love and grace so lavishly given us.

In His Grace,
Pastor Jim Holmberg

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Something New

Below are the names of those who graciously said "YES" to be on the Call Committee. As this group begins upon this path, I am sure they will find this to be an interesting and rewarding experience, but also a challenging one. I am asking all of you to please keep these people in your prayers asking GOD to guide them.

- Deanna Ingrelli
- Darlene Ziemendorf
- Tim Knutson
- LouAnn Reed
- Paul Meyer
- Tyne Schallhorn
- Nancy Sack
- David Muller
- Rob Buettner

May God be with YOU in your day to day journey,

Deanna Ingrelli
Council President



We thank the Greeters and their coordinator,
Darlene Ziemendorf, Amber Anderson,

Debbie Anderson, Peter Beitzel, Barry and Jill Dahlgren, Sandy Elliot, Mary Felkner, Amy, Michael, Kegian, Veda and Sawyer Fox; Darlene Freels, Albert Hoff, Brian and Jeanne Johnson; Tom Jones, Scott Kivimaki, Nancy Langlas, Janet Pomush, Jeff and LouAnn Reed; Nancy Sack, Roy Sander, Dona Smith, Lyn South, Melanie Strom, Sandy Svitak and Miriam Werner.

PRAYING FOR THE CALL PROCESS

At 9 am every Sunday in August there will be a gathering to pray for the congregation as it continues in the process of calling a new pastor. The prayer time will last only 15 minutes but this is a focused period to pray for the work of the call committee, the candidates as they discern God's leading, and the congregation as it prepares to welcome a new pastor. Everyone is welcome. We will meet in the "cry room".



Dennis Groth, Matt Neal (friend of Paul and Carla Meyer), Valery Meyer, Sharon Burks, Colin Rankin, Janet Sellers, Judy Siefert, Garl and Ellen Burns, Jordan Burns, and Kevin Orndoff.

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Our church budget is planned with anticipated giving in operating fund and mortgage fund to average \$22,575 each month. Our contributions in these funds through June are:

January:	\$25,611
February:	\$19,895
March:	\$19,642
April:	\$19,394
May:	\$18,880
June:	\$16,597



There is a natural tendency for less giving during the summer, but this doesn't make it any easier for the bills to be paid. If you can, please consider catching up with your giving at this time.

Remember, electronic giving is also an option. Forms and instructions are available in the kiosk at church or contact me for more information -262-814-1940 or mryflk@aol.com.

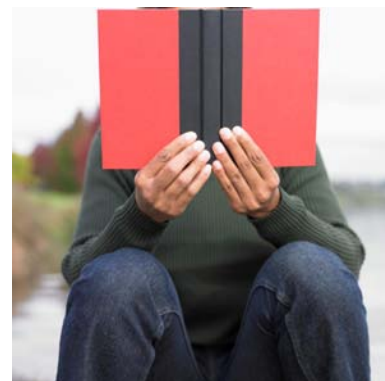
Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or need to make any adjustments to your pledge, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mary Felkner
Financial Secretary

DID YOU KNOW ---

In addition to Martin Luther congregation, our church building is home to several support groups and other organizations. Groups meeting here regularly include Milwaukee Mennonite Church, PFLAG, AA, AI Anon, Nar Anon, OA, WOW, and a Brownie Troup from Milwaukee Montessori School. Our facility is also used for Board Meetings for Serenity Inn and various synod and regional groups. We are very proud of our church building and welcome its use by others. If you are interested in more information about any of these groups please contact Pastor Jim or Mary Felkner.

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The Women's Study Group and The Men's Study Group are now on
summer break. Back in September. See you then!
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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS!



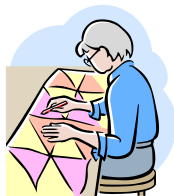
Bible Study Groups - Will be meeting again this fall beginning September 12th at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Richard Weeden.

or

September 13th at 6:30 p.m. with Pastor James Holmberg.

Attend one or both for new insights and fellowship!

Christian Action Quilting Group will be meeting again starting on September 19th from 6:30—8:30 p.m. Come and join in the fun of making quilts for LWR. No experience needed!



August 19th - 21st, 2011 - Pine Lake Women's Weekend Retreat. All women are invited to attend the Pine Lake Women's Retreat Aug 19th - 21st. Pine Lake is located near Waupaca, WI. This year's theme is "Live-Chosen" with the Bible verse from John 15:16. Join us for a weekend filled with Bible Study, Sunset Devotions, Taize Service, lake front activities, great fellowship and much more. The cost of the weekend is only \$100(thru Aug. 5th and \$110 thereafter) for regular cabins and \$120 (thru Aug. 5th and \$130 thereafter) for Evergreen Lodge. See the WELCA section of the Kiosk for more information and registration or see Kathy Holat. Camperships are available.

October 7th & 8th - The 24th Annual Women of the ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synodical Convention will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Brookfield, WI. This year's theme is "Open My Heart, Lord". The cost is \$65 for "early bird" registration by August 20th and \$75 thereafter. Check the WELCA kiosk for more information (workshops, etc.) and registration information.

~ Kathy Holat, WELCA President

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Attention: The newsletter deadline for September 2011 issue of *The Door* is Monday, Aug. 15th at 12:00 p.m.



LOOK HERE! LOOK HERE!

Can you help us with these items for Lutheran World Relief as listed below?

Gently used items are o.k. Call Ginny Smeiska at 414.453.4931 if you have any questions.

School Kits

- Notebooks (Wide or college ruled)
- Erasers (1x2 inches)
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Pencils (Unsharpened)
- Pens (No gel pens)
- Scissors (Blunt end)
- Rulers (Foot long)
- Crayons (16 or 24 per box)
- Draw String Backpacks (Pattern available)

Fabric Kits

- 3 yards of Fabric
- Spools of thread

Baby Care Kits

- Sleepers or Gowns (up to 24 months)
- Sweaters or Sweatshirts
- T-Shirts/Undershirts
- Pants
- Bar Soap (Mild)
- Cloth Diapers
- Diaper Pins
- Receiving Blankets
- Knit Caps
- Hand Towels
- Socks

Personal Care Kits

- Bar Soap
- Toothbrush
- Comb (Sturdy)
- Metal Nail Clippers
- Bath Towels

BATH TOWELS & BED SHEETS

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is asking for new and “gently used” bath towels & bed sheets. Got one or more? Please drop them off in the WELCA box near the inside church doors. All these items will be shipped in October. Any questions please call Ginny Smeiska 414-453-4931



SILENT AUCTION OPPORTUNITY!

The Women of the ELCA at MLC are auctioning off a special quilt made by one of our members. The 60 X 82in. quilt is on display in the narthex. There is a sheet to put in your name, phone number, and amount of your bid. Monies will be put toward the purchase of material, thread and etc. to make more quilts for people in need and disturbed thru Lutheran World Relief. The Auction will close Rally Day September 11th, 2011.

So bid, bid, bid!!!!



Food Donations

Please remember to bring food and cash donations for the Tosa Cares food barrel. There is an increasing number of people relying on Tosa Cares.

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Martin Luther Book Group-

Hopefully you've been enjoying a summer of wonderful reading! Our summer read is The Summer Book by Tove Jansson. Please join us for some great food, fellowship and, of course, discussion on August 14th at Art & Nancy Langlasøhome, W232 N3080A Emerald Ln., Pewaukee. Please bring a dish to pass.



For those of you that like to plan (and read) ahead here are some future dates and selections:

Sunday, September 11th The Return of the Prodigal Son, by Henri Nouwen
(discussion led by Pastor Jim Holmberg)

Sunday, October 16th Eat, Pray, Love or Committed (or both) by Elizabeth Gilbert (and some great Italian food!)

Sunday, November 13th On the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford
Questions? Call Katy Almond 414-454-0487 or Carla Stensberg 262-821-5454
Good Reading!

SUMMERS HERE so save those Soda and Beer tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and old working cell phones*.



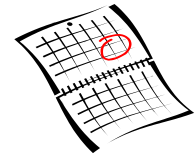
*No cell phone accessories needed

Coffee Hour

Help, Help we need your **Help!** We have 5 vacancies for coffee hour September—December. Please contact Carol Moore 414-476-5999 to schedule a Sunday. Thanks for your **Help!**



Fellowship Opportunities



Mark these dates on your calendars. Everyone is always WELCOME!

August 14th 11:00 a.m. Brookfield
Family Restaurant (formerly
Heinemann's) 18000 W. Bluemound Rd.
Great food and fellowship!

Suggestions are always WELCOME



August 26th: 5:00 p.m., MLFryars Fish
Fry at Meyers Restaurant, 4260 S. 76th St.
(76th & Forest Home), Greenfield. Reser-
vations are a must! Sign up now.

Suggestions are always WELCOME

RALLY DAY CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 11th following the second service. Picnic To be outside on lower church parking lot weather permitting. Men, contact Scott Kivimaki, our grill master, and let him know you can help with set-up and grilling. Also, we'll need grills. There will be a sign-up to give us an idea of how much meat etc. to purchase. Meat, buns, beverages and ice cream will be provided. Bring your BEST picnic DISH to pass. A free-will offering will be taken to help defray costs. Children's games and activities will be offered. All MLC and Milwaukee Menonites welcome. Mark your calendars NOW!!

*Oktoberfest
is coming to MLC
Saturday, October
15 at 5 O'clock.*

*Come and see our
Beautiful Biergarten!
Listen to music
by our own*

Jerry Smeiska and

*his friend, John Kreiter!! Danc-
ing by United Donauschwaben!!!*

*German delights to please every
palate!!!! And, ach, the bever-
ages!!!! Watch for details.*

*Friends of MLC members are
also welcome. Mark your calen-
dars for some true gemutlichkeit!*





MT. MERU NEWS: In the past year the prices of coffee and the price paid to the producers, including the farmers who grow coffee for the Mt. Meru Coffee Project, have risen to equal the price levels that were paid prior to the 1990's, when coffee farmers were making a decent living. In the 1990's coffee prices fell sharply, so much so that many farmers struggled to survive or gave up trying to make their living growing coffee. For the past 10 years the Mt. Meru Coffee Project, using an economically supportive and just payment program has helped many farmers to survive and even thrive during this period of low market pricing.

Ten years ago we started by paying farmers \$2.00 per pound when prices were as low as .50 cents a pound. A couple years ago we increased to \$2.20 a pound as prices approached \$1.25 to \$1.75 per pound. Today prices, on average, are exceeding \$2.00 to \$2.50 per pound, and in some instances approaching \$3.00 per pound.

The price of coffee is historically cyclical and, as with most commodities, subject to supply and demand pressures. Presently coffee prices are increasing. This is due in part to climatic change, either too much rain, not enough rain, or rains at the wrong time, --having a devastating effect on coffee production in most every producing country. At the same time increased demand in emerging markets, such as China, has put pressure on a shrinking supply.

The big guys in the coffee business have had to increase retail prices to 10 to 15 percent to compensate for these increases. At this time the Mt. Meru Coffee Project is reluctantly required to do the same so that we can be fully prepared to provide our coffee farmers with a supportive and just payment as they start picking coffee in the next few months. Most importantly we must increase prices so that the Coffee Project survives and thrives in these times of higher prices, assuring that it can be there on the down cycle when the coffee farmers are again in need of our support.

Therefore, 12 ounce packages of Coffee will be priced at \$10.00 and 4 pound packages will be priced at \$45.00. Please note current stock will be sold at the current prices.

Valery Meyer

Social Outreach Chairperson

Another Volunteer Opportunity - Sojourner Family Peace Center

Women and men are needed days, evenings and weekends to volunteer at Sojourner Family Peace Center. We offer opportunities to volunteer on the Domestic Violence Hotline, with battered women and their children at our shelter, Sojourner Truth House, with children affected by domestic violence, with men and women in our Beyond Abuse program, at the Restraining Order Clinic in the Domestic Violence Unit at the Milwaukee District Attorney's Office and at our Advocacy Office. A minimum of three (3) hours each week for 6 months is requested. A 13 3/4 hour evening training program begins on September 13 and continues on September 15, 20, 22 & 27, 2011 from 5:30 - 8:15 PM. All five evenings are required. Please call Melinda Wall Piraino at 414-933-2722 or email her at melinda@familypeacecenter.org by September 9, 2011 for further information.



WE NEED YOU!! - YES, WE NEED YOU TO USE

Children YOUR GIFTS AS a **SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CONFIRMATION TEACHER!**

No, YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE a CHILD IN SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CONFIRMATION TO BE a TEACHER! FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL DARLENE ZIEMENDORF at 414-453-5408.

Interested?

The Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee will be holding auditions for its 2011-2012 singing season on Tuesday, Aug. 9th from 7-9PM and on Saturday, Aug. 13th from 10AM-Noon. Auditions will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1615 Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, and are by appointment only. The choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings at the church, beginning on Aug 30th. To schedule an audition, or for more information about the choir, singers may call 414-774-1775 or email choir@lutheranacappella.org. Previous choral experience is required, and singers in all voice parts and of all faiths are welcome to audition.



Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries August

Bradley Felber & Sara Bailey	08/01	Jeff & Chanda Kovacovich	08/11
Chad & Katie Olson	08/01	Steve & Michelle Wegner	08/12
John & Deborah Anderson	08/05	Bill & Barb Kroupa	08/16
Steve & Katy Almond	08/07	Keith & Jean Maurer	08/27
Barry & Jill Dahlgren	08/08	Peter & Jane Breitlow	08/30

If you are celebrating a wedding anniversary this month and your name is not listed, please call the church office with this information. Also, please notify the office if your wedding anniversary date is incorrect.



Members Celebrating Birthdays in August

Laura Block	8/02	Carissa Bittrich	08/18
Merle Orndoff	8/02	Lucille Schendel	08/18
Mary Meyer	8/05	Marcia Smeiska	08/18
Karie Zach	8/05	Bradley Felber	08/20
Marcia Olson	8/07	Paul Solie	08/20
Dean Strom	8/09	Carol Crocker	08/23
Sherry Molina	8/10	Holly DeLaBarra	08/23
Kylie Restrepo	8/10	Barbara Liedtke	08/23
Bill Kroupa	8/11	Tyler Meyer	08/23
Valery Meyer	8/11	Jerry Smeiska	08/25
Janice Camus	8/15	Samara Summers	08/27
Heikki Luoma	8/15	Lindsay Strom	08/28
Charlene Moore	8/16	Casey Misun	08/29
Samuel Salkin	8/16		

If you are celebrating a birthday this month and your name is not listed, please call the church office with this information. Also, please notify us if the date for your birthday is incorrect.



A huge thank you goes out to Scott Schuparra, Tom Jones, Jeff Reed, Barb Liedtke, Pat Denning and her friends, Jan Watson and Al Lustig for planting, weeding, watering and generally sprucing up the outside of our building. Great Job! Keep up the good work!!

AUGUST 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Mt. Meru Coffee Orders 8:00 AM Early Worship Service 9:30 AM Late Worship Service 4:00 PM Mennonite Service	1 8:00 PM AA Group Meets	2	3 6:00 PM AA Women 6:30 PM AI Anon 7:00 PM Widow/Widowers Club	4 7:00 PM AI Anon	5 Pastor Jim's Day Off 9:30 PM AA	6 7:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous
7 Mt. Meru Coffee Orders 8:00 AM Early Worship Service 9:30 AM Late Worship Service 4:00 PM Mennonite Service	8 7:00 PM WELCA Cluster Mtg. 8:00 PM AA Group Meets	9 6:00 PM VBS	10 6:00 PM AA Women 6:00 PM VBS 6:30 PM AI Anon	11 6:00 PM VBS 7:00 PM AI Anon	12 Pastor Jim's Day Off 9:30 PM AA	13 7:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous
14 Mt. Meru Coffee Orders 8:00 AM Early Worship Service 9:30 AM Late Worship Service 4:00 PM Mennonite Service	15 7:45 AM Montessori School 12:00 PM Newsletter Deadline 8:00 PM AA Group Meets	16 7:45 AM Montessori School 7:00 PM Council Meeting	17 7:45 AM Montessori School 6:00 PM AA Women 6:30 PM AI Anon	18 7:45 AM Montessori School 7:00 PM AI Anon	19 Pastor Jim's Day Off 9:30 PM AA	20 7:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous
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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE
August 2011**

Date	GREETER *(Darlene Ziemendorf 453.5408)	USHER *(Barry Dahlgren 543.7383)	Acolyte *(Darlene Ziemendorf 453.5408)	ASSISTING MINISTER & LECTOR *(Carla Stensberg 262.821.5454)	COMMUNION PRESENTER *(Kathy Holat 258.6362)	COFFEE HOUR HOST(S) *(Carol Moore 476.5999)	NURSERY ATTENDANT *(Darlene Ziemendorf 453.5408)	MONEY COUNTERS *(Jeff Reed 774.9543)	ALTAR GUILD *(Janice Camus 464.0708)
August 7	<u>8am</u> <u>9:30am</u> Janet Pomush	<u>8am</u> <u>9:30am</u> Tom & Carol Moore	Sam Frederick <u>Sound & Light</u> Ernie & Pat Olson	<u>AM</u> Kathy Holat <u>L</u> Carol Henk	Janice Camus & Jean Maurer	None	Erin Masullo	#3 Bruce South	Karen LeMay <u>Bread Baker</u> Erin Masullo
August 14	<u>8am</u> <u>9:30am</u> Tom Jones	<u>8am</u> <u>9:30am</u> Amber Anderson & Bruce South	Sam Kivimaki <u>Sound & Light</u> Donna Hoppe	<u>AM</u> Fred Meyer <u>L</u> Amy Fox	Kegian & Veda Fox	None	Todd & Michelle Wenzel	#2 Mary Meyer	Valery Meyer <u>Bread Baker</u> Jean Maurer
August 21	<u>8am</u> <u>9:30am</u> Kegian Fox	<u>8am</u> <u>9:30am</u> Art & Nancy Langlas	Tommy Linn <u>Sound & Light</u> Chad Burks	<u>AM</u> Lani Knutson <u>L</u> Michael Fox	Darlene Ziemendorf & Janet Pomush	None	Rob & Wendy Buettner	#1 Jerry Smeiska	Ginny Smeiska <u>Bread Baker</u> Lani Knutson
August 28	<u>8am</u> <u>9:30am</u> Jeff & LouAnn Reed	<u>8am</u> <u>9:30am</u> Amy & Kegian Fox	Sawyer Fox <u>Sound & Light</u> Darlene Ziemendorf	<u>AM</u> Mary Meyer <u>L</u> Jill Dahlgren	Darlene Freels & Deanna Ingrelli	None	Erin Masullo	#6 Carla Stensberg	Pat Denning <u>Bread Baker</u> Dona Smith

*Coordinator

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