

The Door of Martin Luther Church

January 2012

"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.

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In America**
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REMEMBER

January 29, 2012 is the

ANNUAL MEETING

Your vote is important! Please join us after the 10:30 AM Worship Service on January 29th to determine the future of Martin Luther Church. We will be voting for new people to represent you on the Church Council. We will also be discussing and approving the budget.



SOUPS ON! Sunday, January 29th prior to the Annual Meeting. Watch for the sign-up for volunteer to provide our soups. We are looking for 8 different kinds of soup. If you are willing to bring a soup and serve it, please see Darlene Freels. Cookies and bars are also appreciated. Thank you in advance.

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PASTOR'S PEN

Living Body of Christ

“Beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good news.” Romans 10:15

“Everywhere: It’s God’s people.” *Good People*, by Audio Adrenaline

In college I spent two summers as a camp counselor at Camp Lutherwood in Oregon (which happens to also be where I grew up and met my wife, Kate). Occasionally, I would go out in a team of four to lead day camp at churches around the state. When I did, we’d often be hosted in strangers homes for lodging and meals and I came to be amazed at the kind, faithful saints I met. By hearing their stories and passions, I became aware of the breadth of gifts and ministries practiced by those who follow Jesus.

It is those experiences that come to mind whenever I think of the Body of Christ. The fact that we hold connections with strangers around the world simply by virtue of our baptism and the call of God is profound and inspiring. In a world that often divides people by politics, ethnicity, gender, age, or countless other criteria, we as Christians are bound together across all of these imaginary borders to be the Body of Christ, the hands and feet of God’s kingdom active on earth.

In January, we begin the season of Epiphany, a season based on the story of the three kings visiting Jesus and the surprise (the basic meaning of “epiphany”) that 1) God shows up in unexpected places and 2) that this good news happening in Jesus is for all people. Today that epiphany continues through us, the Body of Christ, imperfect though we are, because God has chosen us to carry that Good News. This Epiphany season, consider how you carry this surprise with you and how are you surprised by your encounters with the Living Christ in your daily lives? How can we be the people who open the eyes of a person like myself to the breadth of gifts and ministries practiced by those who follow Jesus?

In God’s Amazing Grace,

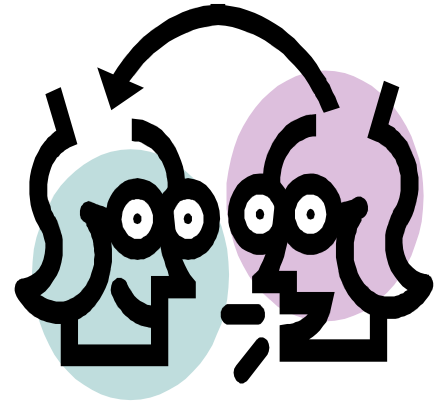
Pastor Ari

Contacting Pastor Ari

If you need to contact me, you can reach me in the office or my cell phone, which is 262-501-3996. My home number is 262-446-6897, but please always try my cell phone first. I always have it precisely so that I'm available. My email is pastor@martinlutherchurch.net. Please note: if you or a family member is in the hospital, please call me to let me know. Hospitals do not call churches to let us know (often even when you ask them to), so I will only know if you tell me.

Sharing Conversations with Pastor Ari

A large part of my job as pastor is based on the relationships that I have with the people of the parish. It isn't always easy to develop these relationships in the crowded and limited time on Sunday morning. Therefore, I've scheduled a series of times that I'll be available to meet with small groups to share some about me and to learn about you and what makes this church special to you. The sign up for these times can be found by the Meru coffee display near the kitchen. See you there!



Martin Luther Church expands on the Interwebs!

One of the goals of the MET Report from this year was to increase a web presence for our church. To that end, Pastor Ari has been setting up several online sites for MLC.



Facebook- You can now connect with MLC's page at facebook.com/martinlutherchurch or by clicking the link on our website. Our facebook page will be a place to share photos, stories, web links, and church events. If you "like" the page, you will see our updates appear in your newsfeed. Pastor Ari would also like to be your friend, and you can find him on the MLC page or at facebook.com/pastor.ari.

Twitter- MLC is now posting sweet tweets! Our twitter name is @MLCMilwaukee and the address is twitter.com/mlcmilwaukee. Twitter is a site to share thoughts, updates, and news. Follow us or see who we are following.

Youtube- We have a channel at youtube.com/martinlutherchurch where Pastor Ari posts his video blog "AfterWords" and you can find links to other interesting or inspirational videos.

Come find us on the web, join in conversations, and share our links with friends and family who would like to know more about our church and our ministry.

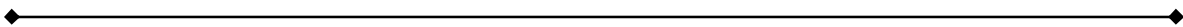
Heifer International Project



The Sunday School kids have been using their Sunday school offerings and collecting money for the Heifer International project. They have raised \$275. They love doing this. This year Heifer has educational worksheets that we will be using to learn more about the animals and the countries. The kids will be choosing the animals they will donate on January 15th.

Giving Tree

Thanks to all who participated in the Burbank Giving Tree! Through your efforts this past Christmas we gave gifts to 117 students who wouldn't otherwise have any. The two small decorated pine trees in the Sanctuary are a thank you from the Burbank kids. We also thank Thrivent for assisting us with our efforts by providing Matching Funds. Thanks to all who assisted in this project by driving or donating their time and talents.



In Our Prayers

Garl and Ellen Burns, Kevin Orndoff, Kendall Baer, Eloise South, Kathy Holat, Betty Erickson, Dennis Butler, Fred Meyer, Esther Kivimaki, Maryann Gorski, Nancy Hansen, Darlene Ziemendorf, Bernice Eggert



Council This & That

Treasurer/Financial Secretary

A friend of mine once said “Everybody should have to serve on the Church Council. It’s a real eye opener.” I must agree. Seeing the dynamics of the workings of a Church Council and how the Holy Spirit works through us is amazing. It’s been a great pleasure to serve as Martin Luther Church’s Treasurer for these past many years. It’s now time to learn something new! Beginning after the Annual Meeting, Mary Felkner, the current Financial Secretary and I will be switching positions. Mary will be the Treasurer for 2012 and I will be the Financial Secretary. Next December we will be looking for two other people to take over these jobs. For as much as we both enjoy our work, Martin Luther really needs others to know how to handle the day to day workings of this congregation.

Being the Treasurer not only means writing the day to day checks but balancing the checkbook, computing monthly Financial Statements for the Council, writing checks for payroll and making timely tax deposits. It also means being a voting member of the Church Council. It’s a time commitment that is every week of the year.

The Financial Secretary keeps track of all incoming funds to the church by inputting the weekly donations tallied by the Counters into the computer tracking program. While not a voting member of the Church Council, the Financial Secretary is also responsible for reporting to the Church Council, sending out timely contribution statements to all members and contributors, and working closely with the Treasurer to make sure both the Treasurer and Financial Secretary’s records reconcile. The Financial Secretary is also responsible for inputting all contributions received electronically.

Both the Treasurer and Financial Secretary are integral and necessary parts of the big picture of keeping Martin Luther running smoothly.

Attention: The newsletter deadline for February 2012 issue of *The Door* is Monday., January 16th at 12:00 p.m.

Financial Report



Here's our giving in the areas of Operating Fund and Mortgage Fund through November:

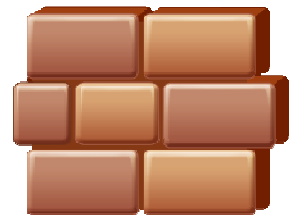
January:	\$25,611	July:	\$21,311
February:	\$19,895	August:	\$16,228
March:	\$19,642	September:	\$18,167
April:	\$19,394	October:	\$24,059
May:	\$18,880	November:	\$17,975
June:	\$16,597		

As you are aware, many of our benevolences are in jeopardy of being short-changed this year unless there was a considerable influx of contributions in December.

Please make it a point to attend the Annual Meeting of the Congregation scheduled for January 29, 2012. It is important that all of your voices are heard concerning the budget for 2012. If you haven't pledged for 2012, it's not too late to do so. The yellow pledge cards are outside the Conference Room as are the Time and Talent sheets. Just fill them out and drop them in the offering plate on Sunday. Pledging makes it so much easier to keep up our 2012 budget.

Mary Felkner
Financial Secretary

Memorial Garden



If you haven't bought a brick – now's a good time to do so. Unfortunately, we won't be able to put the bricks in until the weather warms up – so stay tuned.

The order forms are in the narthex of the church - \$35/brick, no limit on the number of bricks you can purchase. They will be placed in the darker "cross" portion of the brickwork. The purchase of bricks is not limited to specifically honor or memorialize someone. You can just buy a brick because you want to! What about celebrating a retirement, anniversary, birthday, or any other special event in your life? Please contact Mary Felkner, 262-814-1940 (mryflk@aol.com) with questions.

JANUARY FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Lunch Bunch: Sunday January 8th - Noon - @ Maxfield's Pancake House, 2727 N. Mayfair Rd. Wauwatosa 414-453-6000

MLFryars -Fish Fry - Friday January 20th - 5:15 pm @ Athens Family Restaurant, 5547 N. Lovers Lane Rd (Hwy 100) 414-462-3950

Both restaurants come highly recommended! Everyone is always welcome so watch for the sign-up sheet.



LOOKING AHEAD TO FEBRUARY DATES:

Lunch Bunch - Sunday February 12th, Noon -@ First Watch Restaurant 17550 W. Bluemound Rd, Brookfield 262-754-5900

MLFryars -Fish Fry - Friday February 24th - 5:15 @ Cafe' Perrin, 5901 W. Vliet St. 414-727-0860

A write up in a recent Friday Cue section of the Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel rates Cafe' Perrin at ***1/2 stars, which means "very good"! Everyone is always welcome so watch for the sign-up sheet.



FUTURE FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Falls Patio Players performance of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat" Sunday matinee, April 22 or 29 @ 2:00 p.m. Let Darlene Freels know if you're interested in attending and which date you prefer.



Sunday February 12th the MLC Book Group will watch and discuss Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen. Join us at Nancy Langlas' home to view the movie and then compare the two. Please let us know if you are interested so we can plan for the evening.

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

Sunday, February 12t

Water for Elephants (Book & Movie) by Sara Gruen

Sunday, March 11th

Why I Wake Early (Poetry) by Mary Oliver

The Anthologist by Nicholson Baker

Thursday, April 12th

Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption. By Laura Hillenbrand

Questions? Call Katy Almond 414-454-0487 or Carla Stensberg 262-821-5454

The Christian Action Quilting Group will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month between 10:00 a.m. and noon. Please join us on January 5th and 19th to cut, sew, and tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief!



**WOMEN OF
THE ELCA**

***February 4th, 2012 - All women of Martin Luther Church and your friends are invited to join us for a Spiritual and Physical Time for Renewal on Saturday February 4th. Beverly Weeden will, again, help us find our spiritual inner selves and we will have experts on hand to help us improve our outer physical selves. Erin Ziemendorf will be available for chair and hand massages and Donna Hoppe will help us have a little fun while stretching and toning a muscle or two.

Darlene Ziemendorf will have her beautiful hand-made, one of a kind jewelry on display, plus there will be healthy and delicious snacks to munch on, as well as a meditation area and other interesting exhibits.

This "Time For Renewal" starts with registration at 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and ends with the Lord's Prayer at 12:30 p.m. Babysitting will be available, so it's a wonderful opportunity for young mothers to have some "me" time and receive a little pampering. Look for the sign-up sheet at church or call Kathy Holat @ 414-258-6362. See you all there!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Members of Martin Luther Church - Those of you who knit and/or crochet, please contact me. We would like to put that talent to work in our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Yarn will be provided and any pattern is acceptable. Jeanne Johnson 414-423-1190

WELCA Future Dates for Your Calendars:

January 3rd, 2012 - WELCA Board meeting

February 19th, 2012 - Phat Sunday Bake Sale (Look for the sign-up sheet)

February 29 - March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2012 Lenten Soup Suppers

April 8th, 2012 - Easter Breakfast

May 22nd, 2012 - May Banquet

BIG THANKS from Margo Dias of Behavioral Health Division of Milwaukee County for cookies and gifts you donated. You can't believe how happy she was with them. Keep on bringing articles listed in the December Door. They re always appreciated



Any Questions PLEASE Call Ginny Smeiska 1-414-453-4931



A YEAR ROUND APPEAL Save those Soda and Beer tabs and old working **Cell Phones*** for the Ronald McDonald House

*No cell phone accessories needed.



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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! In 2011 we sent \$469 and many barrels full of food to help the needy in our community. Thanks to those who contributed. Keep up the good work!



Bible Study

- **The Women's Study Group** continues the 2nd Monday of the month from 7–8:30 p.m. with Pastor Richard Weeden leading discussion about 2 Corinthians.
- **The Men's Study Group** continues the 3rd Thursday of the month from 7–8:30 p.m. with Pastor Richard studying Colossians.

These studies have become popular with a number of congregational members (and other guests – all are welcome) who have found meaning in them including spirited (in more ways than one!) discussions and understanding the Bible at a deeper level as well as making it relevant. Please join us.



Members Celebrating Birthdays In January

David Bittrich	1/1	Erin Masullo	1/14
Carol Moore	1/1	Eva Lawson	1/15
Trica Summers	1/1	Matthew Dachel	1/16
Danielle Wegner	1/1	Nicholas Dachel	1/16
Roy Sandner	1/2	Steven Muller	1/16
Sandra Elliott	1/3	Seth Niedermann	1/16
Joy Behrend	1/4	Alexis Hoppe	1/18
Amaya Summers	1/6	Diane Sack	1/18
Sophia Shorts	1/7	Louise Thompson	1/18
Carol Kunert	1/8	Beth Dahlgren	1/19
Darlene Freels	1/9	Jestine Langlas	1/19
Delores Jaeckel	1/9	Kathleen Holat	1/20
Dennis Butler	1/10	Skyler Martin	1/20
Tanya Falkowski	1/10	Jaia Werner	1/21
Kelly Moore	1/11	Emily Summers	1/23
Amy Bittrich	1/12	Carey Dachel	1/25
Thomas Brietlow	1/12	Eric Tengbom	1/26
Shirley Butler	1/12	Samuel Kivimaki	1/27
Margaret Schmidtke	1/12	Michael LeClaire	1/27
Lois Wells	1/12	LouAnn Reed	1/28
James Dachel	1/13	Scott Schuparra	1/28

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.

If you are celebrating a wedding anniversary this month and we missed it please call the church office with this information.



A Quick reminder -

We're still looking for Nursery Attendants. You don't have to have a child in the Nursery to be an attendant. Please consider helping with this important ministry.



You can still turn in your Time and Talent sheets. We would love to have more people volunteer in all areas. Lost your sheet? There are more available outside the Conference Room. Just fill them out and put them in the offering plate on Sunday. Thanks.



Invitation to Serve!

On January 27 - 28, high school youth will have an opportunity to practice their faith with others their age. The Greater Milwaukee Synod is hosting this overnight event to encourage youth to find ways to practice their faith the same way they might ways to practice for a sports team or music group. The event will focus on practicing discipleship, justice and peace making. All of those are skills that today's youth will need even stronger than ever as they enter into adulthood and the world around us. There will be music and speakers.

For more information check out the synod website (<http://milwaukeesynod.org/event/invitation-to-serve/>) and please contact Beth Ziemendorf (ziembm23@aol.com) or Michelle Murphy (mishelf99@yahoo.com).

JANUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Mt. Meru Coffee Orders 8:00 AM Early Worship Service 10:30 AM Late Worship Service 11:30 AM WELCA Coffee Hour	2 8:00 PM AA Group Meets	3 7:00 PM WELCA Board Mtg	4 6:00 PM AA Women 7:00 PM Widow/Widowers Club 7:10 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM Naranon	5 10:00 AM Quilting Group 7:00 PM Al Anon	6 9:30 PM AA	7 7:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous
8 Mt. Meru Coffee Orders 8:00 AM Early Worship Service 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Late Worship Service 11:30 AM Coffee Hour 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch (Off Site)	9 7:00 PM WELCA Cluster Mtg. 7:00 PM Women's Study Group 8:00 PM AA Group Meets	10 7:00 PM WELCA Bible Study	11 6:00 PM AA Women 7:10 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM Naranon	12 7:00 PM Al Anon	13 9:30 PM AA	14 7:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous
15 Mt. Meru Coffee Orders 8:00 AM Early Worship Service 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Late Worship Service 11:30 AM Youth Coffee Hour 5:00 PM PFLAG	16 12:00 PM Door Articles due 8:00 PM AA Group Meets	17 7:00 PM Council Meeting	18 2:30 PM MMS Piano Recital 6:00 PM AA Women 7:10 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM Naranon	19 10:00 AM Quilting Group 2:30 PM MMS Piano Recital 7:00 PM Al Anon 7:00 PM Men's Study Group	20 5:15 PM MLFryars (Off Site) 9:30 PM AA	21 7:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous 8:30 AM WELCA Synodical Board
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29 Mt. Meru Coffee Orders 8:00 AM Early Worship Service 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Late Worship Service 11:30 AM Soup Lunch 12:00 PM MLC Annual Meeting	30 8:00 PM AA Group Meets	31	1 6:00 PM AA Women 7:00 PM Widow/Widowers Club 7:10 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM Naranon	2 10:00 AM Quilting Group 7:00 PM Al Anon	3 9:30 PM AA	4 7:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous 8:30 AM WELCA RENEWAL

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
January 2012

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)
January 1	<u>10:30am</u> Peter Beitzel	<u>10:30am</u> Jon Ziemendorf & Michael Fox	Jacob Burks <u>Sound & Light</u> Ernie & Pat Olson	<u>AM</u> Carla Stensberg <u>L</u> Deb Burks	Kegian Fox & Veda Fox	NONE	NONE	#6 Carla Stensberg	Ginny Smeiska <u>Bread Baker</u> Darlene Freels
January 8	<u>8am</u> Darlene Freels <u>10:30am</u> Scott Kivamaki	<u>8am</u> Barry Dahlgren & Pete Beitzel <u>10:30am</u> Paul Meyer & Chad Burks	Alexis Shields <u>Sound & Light</u> Donna Hoppe	<u>AM</u> Nancy Langlas <u>L</u> Janice Camus	Donna Hoppe & Darlene Ziemendorf	WELCA	Rob & Wendy Buettner	#5 Janice Camus	Pat Denning <u>Bread Baker</u> Beverly Weeden
January 15	<u>8am</u> Mary Felkner <u>10:30am</u> Sandy Svitak	<u>8am</u> Al Hoff & Roy Sandner <u>10:30am</u> Donna Hoppe & Tom Jones	Evan Solie <u>Sound & Light</u> Chad Burks	<u>AM</u> Lani Knutson <u>L</u> Barry Dahlgren	Janet Pomush & Jean Maurer	YOUTH	Erin Masullo	#4 Jeff Reed	Carol Moore <u>Bread Baker</u> Erin Masullo
January 22	<u>8am</u> Roy Sander <u>10:30am</u> Amber Anderson	<u>8am</u> Jeff & LouAnn Reed <u>10:30am</u> Nancy Langlas & Barry Dahlgren	Zebedee Summers <u>Sound & Light</u> Darlene Ziemendorf	<u>AM</u> Kathy Holat <u>L</u> Jill Dahlgren	Michael Fox & Amy Fox	Chad & Debbie Burks	Barb Kroupa	#3 Bruce South	Wendy Buettner <u>Bread Baker</u> Jean Maurer
January 29	<u>8am</u> Miriam Werner <u>10:30 am</u> Rob Buettner	<u>8am</u> Jon Ziemendorf & Pete Beitzel <u>10:30am</u> Ray LeMay & Amber Anderson	Veda Fox <u>Sound & Light</u> Ernie & Pat Olson	<u>AM</u> Fred Meyer <u>L</u> Amy Fox	Judie Born & Mary Meyer	Fox Family	Rachel Rankin	#2 Mary Meyer	Jane Breitlow <u>Bread Baker</u> Lani Knutson

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