

The Door of Martin Luther Church

MARCH 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.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

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Worship Opportunities



Wednesday, March 9th

Ash Wednesday Liturgy

12:00 P.M. (spoken)

7:00 P.M. (with music)

Holy Communion at both services

**Individual Absolution and Imposition of
Ashes for those who desire**

**Mark your
calendar
with this
important
date!**

Lenten Worship Services:

6:00 PM Soup Supper

7:00 PM Lenten Dramas

7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

This year we will again offer midweek worship during the season of Lent. The Lenten dramas are centered around Caiaphas and the Lord's prayer. See Fred Meyer if you interested in participating. Prior to the evening worship, you are all welcome to come for the Lenten soup suppers beginning at 6:00 P.M. and hosted by the Women of the ELCA and the youth of the congregation.



The Church in the World

I'm happy that Lent begins late this year – especially because it means that Easter weather has a chance at being warm and glorious – at least a chance. I do like Lent since it brings me back to the center of my faith. My silent retreat this year did the same thing for me by taking away all the daily distractions that pull me away from prayer, worship, reading, meditation, and taking care of my body. Lent is not about denial but rather drawing near to God and delighting in that presence with more and more of our being.

I was lucky to have two much older brothers who had pity on me and took me along on many of their tamer adventures. We were out on my oldest brother's cabin cruiser in Lake Michigan one beautiful summer day when I was about eight years old. They put me in the captain's chair and said "just keep the boat in that direction", while pointing to the mounted compass in front of me. They decided to "catch some rays" on the front deck. I did fine for awhile but then began to drift until we were going around in circles and my brothers had to frantically bring the boat back to its true course. Lent is time to find our "true course" in this life of faith.

We have some opportunities this Lent to center ourselves in Jesus. Matthew 25:35, 36 may serve as a compass heading to follow, "...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me".

One of the opportunities we will have this Lent is to pack food for the hungry of Haiti. Another ELCA congregation in the Synod will share their experience and equipment with us to pack food for the impoverished of Haiti. The details are being worked out as this column is being finished so look elsewhere in The Door or in upcoming bulletins for final information on how to participate. For those available in the daytime, each Tuesday we'll be

gathering for Taize-style prayer around the cross at 11:45 followed by a simple lunch at noon using recipes from around the world. The focus is on world hunger and our meals will serve as teaching points as well as fellowship and good nutrition. Wednesday worship will feature new Lenten dramas preceded by some great suppers.

Check your compass heading and join together in drawing near to Jesus.

In Christ,
Pastor Jim Holmberg



**The Mission
Exploration Team**

**MET
Team**

What's On Your Mind?

On March 20th at 9:00 am we'll gather for a continental breakfast and take some time to respond to any questions or input that you might have about our ministry at Martin Luther or about the Mission Exploration Team (MET) and the Call Process. Members of the MET and some council members will be on hand. Tim Knutson is the chair of the MET. Don't miss this chance to share your thoughts and hear what's happening.



Council This & That

Thank You to all of you who take on the tasks that keep the church property in order.

It is spring cleaning time!

Watch for an announcement of the date and for sign up sheets.

Thanks,
Jeff Reed, Property Chair

We are looking for 40 families or individuals who will sign up to give a dollar a day during the 40 days of Lent for Outreach for Hope's work with those in poverty. Outreach for Hope is an extension of the Greater Milwaukee Synod's ministry with the poor. Grants are given to congregations who have developed programs to help alleviate hunger and bring word and sacrament resources to people in Kenosha, Racine, and Milwaukee. This is vital work that deserves our best support. Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex.



Do you love animals? Help out some of Milwaukee's neediest animals at MADAC shelter (Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal

Control). Jestine Langlas is looking for your support with her community outreach project starting Feb. 27th and going thru March 27th. Jestine will be collecting donations to help with day to day operations at the shelter. Items needed include the following: dog and cat toys, dog and cat treats, cat litter, cleaning supplies, blankets, towels, stuffed animals, etc. Please leave your donations in the provided basket in the gathering area. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!



Pastor Jim will be continuing the Sunday morning Bible studies at 9:15 A.M. in the conference room. We'll be focusing on the Gospel lesson appointed for the week ahead. You can even contribute sermon ideas. The study outlines will again be available at the church website www.martinlutherchurch.net.

- March 6 Matthew 4:1-11
- March 13 John 3:1-17
- March 20 "Listening Session" (no study)
- March 27 John 9:1-41

Confirmation classes There are twelve students in grades 6-8 who meet together every other week for a 2 hour class (including lunch, provided by different families each week.) This year they are covering the topics of the Lord's Prayer, the 10 Commandments, and Building the Christian Church. The class will be team-taught by Scott Manske and Deb Burks. The two 9th graders meet once a month with their mentors to prepare for Confirmation Sunday on Palm Sunday. Please pray for our youth and teachers throughout this year.



First Communion: Parents, if you are interested in having your child(ren) start to receive Holy Communion please see Pastor Jim.

The Women's Study Group meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. and will be studying Philippians. **The Men's Study Group** meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. and will be studying Galatians. All are welcome whether they are congregation members or not. The study groups are led by The Reverend Richard Weeden.

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We thank Bread Bakers and their coordinator, **Debbie Burks**, Dona Smith, Carla Meyer, Darlene Ziemendorf, Lois Fuhrmann, Melanie Strom, Valery Meyer, Darlene Freels, Beverly Weeden, Erin Masullo, Jean Maurer, and Lani Knutson.



Martin Luther Book Group

It's official. Martin Luther Book Group is planning to review the book "Chef" by Jaspreet Singh while dining on delicious Indian food at Tandoor Restaurant on Sunday, March 6th at 6:00 P.M. The restaurant is located at 1117 S. 108th Street, West Allis. Please RSVP to Katy Almond (414.454.0487) or Carla Stensberg (262.821.5454). The novel serves up the memories both delicious and bitter of Kip, the son of an Indian war hero. Kip trained as a chef under the passionate and skillful Kishen, known simply as Chef, when he joined the military after his father's death and was shipped to a post near the Sichuan Glacier. The story is relayed while Kip travels by train back to Kashmir. He is returning not only to prepare a wedding feast for his former general's daughter but also to negotiate and resolve his past; an unusual story.

The book for April is "Poisoning the Press" by Mark Feldstein. This book brings into sharp focus the years when Jack Anderson was the nation's best-known investigative reporter and Richard Nixon a primary target of his exposes. The struggle between Nixon and Anderson included bribery, blackmail, forgery, spying, and burglary as well as the White House murder plot. Their vendetta symbolized and accelerated the growing conflict between the government and the press, a clash that has long outlived both men. The Book Group will meet Sunday, April 3rd at 6:00 P.M. at the Church to discuss this chronicle of political intrigue.



Worship and World Cuisine Tuesdays in Lent

During some of the Tuesdays in Lent we will offer opportunities to come together for a brief prayer worship service around the cross and a chance to try simple recipes from around the world. Prayer services begin at 11:45 AM and lunch will be served around noon. The worship will use Taize-style prayer with simple short songs and litanies. If you are able to stay for lunch please sign up the Sunday before. The meals are a way to help understand the issues surrounding hunger in other parts of the world as well as our own neighborhoods. There will be a free-will offering for lunch.

March 15	Latin America
March 22	Middle East
March 29	Food Stamp Meal
April 5	Asia
April 12	Africa
April 19	100 mile meal



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



Dennis Groth, Julie Lone, Barry Holat, Peter Kovacovich, Matt Neal (friend of Paul and Carla Meyer), for the family of Dan Martin, and Brad Wells (Baer's son-in-law). Violet and Zoey Smeiska who were baptized on February 13th.

Packing Food for Haiti

At Martin Luther Church we will have the privilege of packing food for the people of Haiti who continue to suffer the effects of the earthquake on January 12, 2010. Nearly 250,000 people were killed, 300,000 injured, and more than a million people left homeless. You know the grim statistics, but here is a chance to directly become involved feeding people who are still in dire need. Equipment that will vacuum-pack simple but nutritious meals will be at Martin Luther Church from March 18th through March 28. Saturdays will be likely days to schedule 90 minute time slots (with flexibility) for people to come and help in this packing process. Other days and times will also be scheduled. Each volunteer will be asked to donate funds for the cost of the food packed. Look for final details in the bulletin and on the website www.martinlutherchurch.net in the weeks ahead.

Dear Members of Martin Luther,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of TOSA CARES we thank you for your donation of \$262.00. Cash donations are used to purchase protein items; fresh produce and food store gift certificates for each family we serve.

At our latest distribution on January 8, 2011, we served 90 households making it one of the largest distributions for TOSA CARES to date. Your donation will help to assure that every family has a complete box of food at our next distribution on March 5, 2011.

The need for basic food supply continues to be great in our community, but with assistance from organizations and individuals like you we are empowered to meet those needs. Thank you for your support of TOSA CARES.

Sincerely,

Kathy Roesch

TOSA CARES Board of Directors

Dear Lyn and Members of Martin Luther Church:

Once again you have "come through" for the residents of Serenity Inns. We have more men in residence than we've had in a while, so naturally there are more supplies being used. The cleaning and laundry supplies you've been donating the past several weeks will soon be put to good use at the Inn. We thank you for your continued support of the men and our ministry.

Come visit us - join us for Dinner Fellowship on the 4th Thursday of the month with fellow parishioners and see what we are all about!

In gratitude,
Minna Smith



Crossways' Summer Camp

information is now available on the table outside of the Pastor's office. There are individual programs for grades 1-12 and family programs for people of ALL ages. Take a brochure and discover great summer adventure opportunities for your entire family. Remember: there is no better investment in your children's faith development than a week at Bible Camp!

Find additional program information and online registration at www.CrosswaysCamps.org.

Take advantage of the early registration deadline for summer camps which is March 15th.

Winter is here. Summer CAMP is near!

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS!



Christian Action Quilting

Group will be meeting on March 7th and 21st at 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. Please come and join us - no experience is needed.



Bible Study Groups

- There are two different Bible Study opportunities available. On Tuesday, March 8th, Pastor Jim will be leading a study on "The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity". The group meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 P.M.

On Monday, March 14th, The Rev. Richard Weeden will be leading a study of Philippians. The group meets every 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room.

Next WELCA Board Meeting will be on March 1st, 7:00 P.M., at Martin Luther Church.

March 6th, 2011 - Annual Phat Sunday Bake Sale. Please volunteer to bake - look for the sign-up sheet or say yes to Kathy Holat when she asks you to bake - and then be prepared to purchase all the yummy goodies everyone has baked!

March 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th and 13th - Lenten Soup Suppers

will again be provided by the Youth Group and the Women of the ELCA. Join us for supper before the Lenten Service each Wednesday during Lent. Delicious soup, bread, dessert and fellowship will be dished up - all this for a free-will offering. Offerings will help support each group's projects.

April 2, 2011, - Women of the ELCA, Clusters I, II, III and IV invited you to our Spring Event "Travel to Tanzania - Global Christianity" on Saturday, April 2nd, 2011 at Luther Manor. Registration begins at 8:30 A.M. with Bible Study and Program from 9:00 A.M. - Noon. Lunch at noon. Cost is \$10.00 for lunch & registration. Check the Women of the ELCA section of the kiosk for more information and registration form. Sign up today!

April 24, 2011 -Easter Breakfast between Easter Sunday services.

May 23, 2011 -May Banquet

~ Kathy Holat, WELCA President

Do you houseclean?



We could use sheets, (cotton or flannel), like new hand towels and wash cloths, and new wrapped bars of soap. We still are in need of gently used (or new) baby receiving blankets, sweaters, sleepers and onesies. If you have any questions call Ginny Smeiska 414.453.4931.



Attention: The newsletter deadline for APRIL 2011 *The Door* is Tuesday, March 15th at 12:00 PM.



Don't Forget - Keep saving those soda can tabs and old working cell phones*.

*No cell phone accessories needed



FINANCIAL REPORT

Our January giving was \$25,611 which breaks down to \$5,122 per week. Thank you.

Electronic giving contributions now average over \$4,500 per month, with most of the giving allocated to the first Sunday of the month. We would encourage more members signing up for this type of giving.

Did you know that over 150 copies of the Door are printed monthly? Less than 100 newsletters are sent electronically. If you have e-mail, please call the church office and ask Carol to put you on the list to receive the Newsletter electronically.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions on your contributions, pledges, or any other financial matters.

Mary Felkner
Financial Secretary

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Fellowship Opportunities



Lunch Bunch will meet on Sunday, March 13th at noon. The restaurant is O'Sullivan's Public House located at 12525 W. North Ave, Brookfield. Their phone number is 262.784.1656.



March 25th, Friday
ML Fryars (Fish Fry)
5:30 P.M.

Maxims Restaurant
18025 W. Capital Drive
Brookfield, 262.783.4501
Everyone is welcome.



Let's Go to the Theatre

Falls Patio Players (Menomonee Falls) presents Annie - Sunday Matinee, May 1st at 2:00 P.M.

This heart-warming musical is set in America during the 1930's - Annie lives in an orphanage run by tyrant Miss Hannigan but yearns to find her long-lost parents and escape. Her luck changes when she is befriended by the billionaire business man Daddy Warbucks. But the evil Miss Hannigan, her devious brother Rooster and his moll Lily are determined to spoil the fun...

If you want to attend, contact Darlene Freels at 262.628.2627 so she can reserve your seat. Tickets are \$15 for seniors and \$18 for adults. We'll eat lunch in Menomonee Falls prior to the play. Watch for the sign-up sheets and read the posters!



Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Month

John & Nancy Linn	03/03
Dean & Melanie Strom	03/16
Thomas & Jennifer Reichert	03/16

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.

COMMUNITY
LIFE

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE
MARCH 2011**

Date	GREETER *(Marilyn Solie 453.7603)	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)
Mar 6	<u>8am</u> LouAnn Reed <u>10:30am</u> Michael Fox	<u>8am</u> Brian & Jeanne Johnson <u>10:30am</u> Chad Burks & Paul Meyer	Sawyer Fox <u>Sound & Light</u> Chad Burks	<u>AM</u> Petra Eccarius Brylow <u>L</u> Amy Fox	Jean Maurer & Nancy Sack	WELCA	Rachel Rankin	#1 Jerry Smeiska	Carol Moore <u>Bread Baker</u> Erin Masullo
Mar 9 Ash Wednesday		<u>7pm</u> Ray LeMay & Tom Jones	Brianna Burks <u>Sound & Light</u> Ernie & Pat Olson	<u>AM</u> Carol Henk <u>L</u> Michael Fox	Kathy Holat				Janice Camus <u>Bread Baker</u> Jean Maurer
Mar 13	<u>8am</u> Roy Sandner <u>10:30am</u> Kevin Johnson	<u>8am</u> Jon Ziemendorf & Peter Beitzel <u>10:30am</u> Amy & Kegian Fox	Erik Solie <u>Sound & Light</u> Donna Hoppe	<u>AM</u> Al Hoff <u>L</u> Carol Henk	Michael Fox & Sawyer Fox	Art & Nancy Langlas	Rob & Wendy Buettner	#6 Carla Stensberg	Diane Sack <u>Bread Baker</u> Lani Knutson
Mar 20	<u>8am</u> Mary Felkner & Nicholas Dominick <u>10:30am</u> Tom Jones	<u>8am</u> Jeff & LouAnn Reed <u>10:30am</u> Ray LeMay & Jon Ziemendorf	Miranda Dachel <u>Sound & Light</u> Darlene Ziemendorf	<u>AM</u> Kathy Holat <u>L</u> Donna Hoppe	Debbie Burks & Mary Meyer	Youth	Todd & Michelle Wenzel	#5 Janice Camus	Ginny Smeiska <u>Bread Baker</u> Dona Smith
Mar 27	<u>8am</u> Nancy Sack <u>10:30am</u> Darlene Freels	<u>8am</u> Brian Zach & Barry Dahlgren <u>10:30am</u> Tom Jones & Donna Hoppe	Claire Manske <u>Sound & Light</u> Ernie & Pat Olson	<u>AM</u> Lani Knutson <u>L</u> Janice Camus	Melanie Strom & Janet Pomush	Valery Meyer	Erin Masullo	#4 Jeff Reed	Lyn South <u>Bread Baker</u> Carla Meyer

*Coordinator

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 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 Confirmation Class 6th - 8th Grades 4:00 PM Mennonite Service	28 8:00 PM AA Group Meets	1 7:00 PM WELCA Board Meeting	2 6:00 PM AA Women 6:30 PM AI Anon 7:00 PM Adult Choir 7:00 PM Widow/Widowers Club	3 5:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous 7:00 PM MET Meeting 7:00 PM AI Anon	4 Pastor Jim's Day Off 9:30 PM AA	5 7:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous 12:30 PM Brownie Meeting
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Members Celebrating Birthdays This Month

Chanda Kovacovich	03/01	Drew Olson	03/19
David Muller	03/01	Thomas Linn	03/21
Michelle Murphy	03/01	Daniel Lone	03/21
Karen LeMay	03/03	Mark Smeiska	03/21
Dennis Brylow	03/08	Stephen Almond	03/22
Darlene Ziemendorf	03/08	Steve Talavera	03/23
Penny Misun	03/09	Ella Baker	03/24
Thomas Meyer	03/10	Deborah Keller	03/24
Thomas Reichert	03/12	Kristy Talavera	03/24
Cynthia Solie	03/13	Jared Anderson	03/25
Robert Goetzke	03/14	Annelise Linn	03/25
Sheree Nelson	03/14	Chris Lampien	03/28
Tom Smith	03/14	Paul Duwe	03/29
Petra Eccarius Brylow	03/16	Paula Kubiayk	03/29
William List	03/16	Mary Ihrig	03/30
Timothy Rosenberg	03/16	Ryan Schmidtke	03/30
Todd Wenzel	03/17	Renee Jendusa	03/31
Timothy Knutson	03/18	Joshua Ward	03/31
Nancy Sack	03/18	Nathaniel Wegner	03/31
Marilyn Solie	03/18		

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