

The Door of Martin Luther Church

November, 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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COMFORT + 2

We are now writing a new chapter in that book about Martin Luther Church with the calling of our new Pastor and the excitement of some new beginnings. And with that excitement comes the challenge of answering the call to share the "Abundance" of our riches through our giving of Our Time, Our Talents, and Our Treasures.

It has been written; "Abundance" is not a function of good times; a "wealth of generosity" can "overflow" even "during a severe ordeal of affliction" It is the "genuineness of love" in response to the joy of life made known in Jesus Christ that makes us eager to give "according to what one has, not, according to what one does not have" Or as Pastor Diane Olson pointed out in her Oct. 23 Sunday sermon, "Giving of yourself and writing of your check – Is The Right Thing To Do!"

Sunday November 6th, 2011, will be our **COMFORT + 2** Stewardship Sunday. Please join us after the 10:30 Service. What is your favorite "Comfort Food"? We all have at least one. You are all invited to bring your favorite "Comfort" food to share for a simple and fun get together to eat those sweets, chips, chocolate, or whatever food brings comfort to you. For Packer fans, don't worry, the game is at 3:00 that Sunday.

The Stewardship Committee

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THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE
Wednesday, November 23, 7:00 PM

Please join us as MLC hosts the traditional joint Thanksgiving Eve worship service with St. Therese. Reception to follow. All are welcome!





LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Extending a call to a pastor seems like it would be an easy task. We are ready, we don't need to wait, we know where our future lies and we want a pastor now! **STOP, TAKE A BREATH!** Re-evaluating who we are as a church is an important step in a church's life and should be done periodically to keep the excitement and enthusiasm alive.

Continuing just to exist is not healthy. Not for a church and definitely not for one's well being. The steps we took as a congregation to get to the congregational meeting to vote to extend the call to Pastor Ari was crucial and beneficial. It was the MET teams report describing who we are as a church and where we want to go in the future that caught Pastor Ari's eye and peaked his interest in us.

Preparation for a big event is always needed to get the end result you hope for. Confucius say..".Patience is a good thing, positive thinking is healthy and knowing when the time is right, is a wise person". **NOW EXHALE....** because we are there.

Deanna Ingrelli
Council President

Memorial Garden News

By the time you receive this newsletter, work will have started on the Memorial/Welcoming garden in the front of the church. We will be putting in the hardscape now, then in spring put in the plantings.

If you haven't bought a brick, please consider doing so. The 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. Buying bricks will be an on-going project, so if you can't purchase a brick for the initial planting, you will be able to purchase bricks in the future. 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 or(mryflk@aol.com) with questions.

Youth Fundraiser

It's that time of year. The Youth will be having a Jewelry by Darlene fundraiser on Sunday, December 11th starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending after the 10:30 service. Come and get some of your Christmas shopping done while helping the youth earn money for their trip to the National Youth Convention in New Orleans. Any questions call Darlene Ziemendorf at 414-453-5408.



Financial News

Here's our giving in the areas of Operating Fund and Mortgage Fund so far this year:

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



Our September giving is certainly better than August, but according to our budget, \$22,575 is needed to cover monthly expenses. We have had to delay paying several of our obligations, notably benevolences.

Again, if you are able to make up your pledge or give a little more generously, please do so. Please contribute as you are able.

Mary Felkner
Financial Secretary

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 Monday 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.



Finding Musicians Scavenger Hunt

Hello Martin Luther Folks. I am your new organist/choir director Kelly Kuhl and I have been on a scavenger hunt for 15 days (more by the time you read this). Can you help me find and fulfill my list? I have been looking for folks, whether young or old, who may play instruments or sing.

On my list are: Students who may be in a band or orchestra program
Students who may take private lessons
Adults who may have been in a band or orchestra program
Students who may be in chorus
Adults who may like to sing

If you are able to help me fill my list please contact me at kuhl.kelly@gmail.com, by phone - 262-642-6303, or speak with me after church.

Thank you for your help.

Kelly Kuhl



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In Our Prayers



Dennis Groth, Sharon Burks,
Colin Rankin, Garl and Ellen
Burns, Kevin Orndoff, Kendall
Baer, Eloise South, Richard Rindt,
Kathy Holat, Betty Erickson and
the family of Art Langlas.

Attention: The newsletter deadline for December 2011 issue of *The Door* is Tues., November 15th at 12:00 p.m.



**WOMEN OF
THE ELCA**

Bible Study Groups

Pastor Richard Weeden will be leading a discussion about 2nd Corinthians on the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

WELCA BOARD MEETING

November 1st at 7:00 PM at MLC

~ Kathy Holat, WELCA President

CHRISTIAN ACTION QUILTING GROUP

The group will be meeting on November 3rd & 17th from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED, so come join the group in making quilts for Lutheran World Relief.



Lutheran World Relief

As of 2012 we can only use t-shirts (not onesies) size 6 months to 2 years for the baby kits for Lutheran World Relief. Questions—call Ginny Smeiska at 414-453-4931.

THE MILWAUKEE JOINT CLUSTER

(Clusters I, II, III & IV)

ISSUES THE FOLLOWING INVITATION

Join us for our Fall Gathering
Saturday, November 12, 2011

At: Unity Lutheran Church
1025 East Oklahoma Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

(This church is handicapped accessible)

Street parking only

Registration begins at 8:00 AM

Cost: \$8.00

(registration \$2.00 and the meal is \$6.00)

An offering will be received during the Worship. The special table offering will be designated for The Malaria Campaign

Welcome and Breakfast at 8:30 AM

Unity's Pastor Kevan Penvose will lead our morning Bible Study which will be based on the program's theme ... **"REALLY, BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE"**.

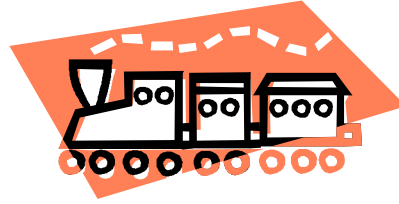
Reservations should be sent to: **Jan Fox**
4130 South Carnaby Lane New Berlin, WI
53151
Phone: 262-782-5680 E-mail: Janice-fox@att.net

Lutheran World Relief

You answered the call of help from Lutheran World Relief to help the poor of the world. Thank you. The following items were sent by boxcar.

Number of kits sent:

- 37 Baby Layettees
- 31 School
- 28 Health
- 12 Serving
- 83 Quilts/Blankets
- 1 Box of Soaps



The Behavioral Health Division of the Milwaukee County Department of Health & Human Services is always in need of articles to use as Christmas gifts. Some examples of items needed:



- Make-up & Lipstick
- Hair Accessories
- Family oriented DVDs
- Picture & Coloring Books
- Playing Cards
- Jigsaw Puzzles
- Knits Gloves & Hats
- Word Search Books
- Board Games
- Tote & Sport Bags
- Blankets
- Robes
- Fast Food Gift Cards
- Pajamas
- Christmas and Team Sweatshirts
- Calendars
- Baseball Caps
- Cologne , Perfume & Aftershave (plastic bottle)
- Pen/Pencil Set
- Socks & Nylons
- Blankets & Comforters
- Jackets & Sweatshirts
- Craft Kits
- Comb/Brush Sets
- Slippers (women's sizes 6-10, Men's 10-12)
- Radios & Small Boom Boxes
- Lotions/Dusting Powder
- Clip-on Earrings & Bracelets



*No cell phone accessories needed.

A YEAR ROUND APPEAL

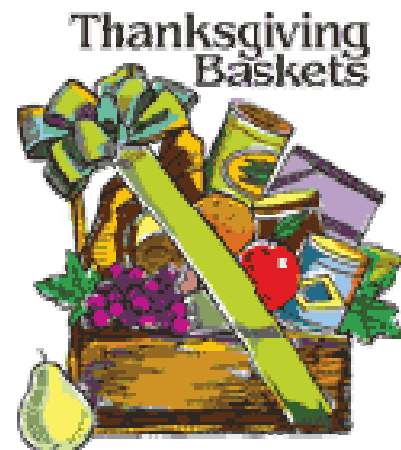
Save those Soda and Beer tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and old working cell phones*.



Thanksgiving Baskets for Burbank

Burbank basket collection has begun and runs through November 20th. We will accept cash donations as well.

Please put cash donations in a separate envelope marked "For Thanksgiving Baskets". We will also need drivers to deliver the baskets. If you can volunteer, please contact Valery Meyer at 414-774-2397 or by email valeryjmeyer@gmail.com.



Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be put up the week of Thanksgiving. We will be asking for your gifts to be returned to church by December 11th so we can distribute them before school lets out for winter vacation. Some assistance with delivery will be needed. Look for information in the December Door and weekly Bulletins.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We have a volunteer opportunity for various position with Home & Hospice Advantage. They provide volunteers to visit with those in the last stages of their lives to provide companionship, friendship and compassion to those in need of home and nursing home hospice care. A letter and contact information is posted on the kiosk in the Narthex.

Valery Meyer, Social Outreach Chair



Another Volunteer Opportunity

Greater Tosa Interfaith

Greater Tosa Interfaith is searching for people who might be willing to take an older adult to the grocery store once or twice a month. This is a good opportunity for people who work during the week. Hours are flexible; rewards immense. You will be able to make life easier for one of your neighbors with just a few hours of your time. Please call the Greater Tosa Interfaith office at 414-453-5750 to find out how you can help!

Greater Tosa Interfaith Fund Raiser

Greater Tosa Interfaith needs YOU to attend a fund raiser at Noodles Restaurant on Thursday, November 17th from 4—9 p.m. at 7700 W. State Street. Buy your dinner there, give them the coupon and Greater Tosa Interfaith will receive 25% of your sale. At our last Noodles Night we made over \$500! We hope you will join us for a fun evening. Please call 414-453-5750 with any questions. Thanks for your support.



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!

CANCELLED FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Lunch Bunch scheduled for November 6th has been cancelled due to a Stewardship function. Next Lunch Bunch will be in January, 2012.

December Fellowship Opportunities are cancelled because of the Holidays.



Watch for posters with details regarding Fellowship Opportunities!



MLFryars Fish Fry, Friday, November 18th , 5:15 PM at Alioto's Restaurant, 3041 N. Mayfair Rd. (Mayfair Rd. & Burleigh St.)
414-476-6900. EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME!

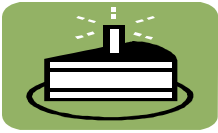
Sunday November 13th the MLC Book Group will discuss On the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford at 6 p.m. at Church. The story of a Chinese boy growing up in the midst of World War II California, it gives a different view of how the Caucasian population looked at all Asians. As America was fighting the Japanese, this Chinese young man had a Japanese young woman as his friend. Explore the feelings, fears and hopes of both characters as they and their families struggle with day to day life.

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

Sunday, December 11th The Irrational Season: A Crosswick Journal by Madeleine L'Engle
Sunday, January 8th Water for Elephants (Book & Movie) by Sara Gruen
Sunday, February 12th Why I Wake Early (Poetry) by Mary Oliver
 The Anthologist by Nicholson Baker

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





**Members Celebrating Birthdays
In November**

Masullo, Kevin	11/1	Talavera, Xavier	11/10
Ingrelli, Anthony	11/2	Hansen, Nancy	11/11
Gordon, Jeffrey	11/5	Lemke, Terry	11/11
Nelson, David	11/6	Grob, Jill	11/12
Duwe, Judith	11/7	Hearn, David	11/13
Smeiska, Jodi	11/7	Buettner, Abby	11/14
Zach, Ethan	11/7	Burks, Z.L Charlie	11/14
Ziemendorf, Jon	11/7	Anderson, Deborah	11/15
Bailey, Sara	11/9	Langlas, Nancy	11/27
Solie, Carl	11/9	Groth, Dennis	11/28
Brylow, Dexter	11/10		

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.



**Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries
in November**

Brian & Karie Zach	11/1
Frederic & Mary Meyer	11/10
Paul & Judith Duwe	11/13
Z.L Charlie & Sharon Burks	11/16
William & Erika List	11/18
Michael & Amy Fox	11/20

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.

NOVEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 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 4:00 PM Mennonite Service	31 8:00 PM AA Group Meets	1 7:00 PM WELCA Board Mtg	2 6:00 PM AA Women 6:30 PM Al Anon 7:00 PM Langlas Funeral 7:00 PM Widow/Widowers Club 7:30 PM Naranon	3 10:00 AM Quilting Group 7:00 PM Al Anon	4 9:30 PM AA	5 7:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous
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*Coordinator

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE
November 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)
Nov 6	<u>8am</u> Roy Sander <u>10:30am</u> Scott Kivimaki	<u>8am</u> Brian & Jeanne Johnson <u>10:30am</u> Chad Burks & Paul Meyer	Jared Anderson <u>Sound & Light</u> Ernie & Pat Olson	<u>AM</u> Nancy Langlas <u>L</u> Stephanie Muller	Deana Ingrelli & Jean Maurer	Stewardship	Rachel Rankin	#2 Mary Meyer	Valery Meyer <u>Bread Baker</u> Jean Maurer
Nov 13	<u>8am</u> Mary Felkner <u>10:30am</u> Tom Jones	<u>8am</u> Jeff & LouAnn Reed <u>10:30am</u> Sandra Svitak & Ray LeMay	Aliyah Rankin <u>Sound & Light</u> Donna Hoppe	<u>AM</u> Fred Meyer <u>L</u> Diane Sack	Amy & Sawyer Fox	WELCA	Nick Dominick & Mary Felkner	#1 Jerry Smeiska	Pat Denning <u>Bread Baker</u> Lani Knutson
Nov 20	<u>8am</u> Al Hoff <u>10:30am</u> Janet Pomush	<u>8am</u> Jon Ziemendorf & Peter Beitzel <u>10:30am</u> Tom Jones & Donna Hoppe	Brianne Burks <u>Sound & Light</u> Chad Burks	<u>AM</u> Mary Meyer <u>L</u> Jerry Smeiska	Judie Born & Melanie Strom	Youth	Erin Ziemendorf	#6 Carla Sensberg	Amber Anderson <u>Bread Baker</u> Dona Smith
Nov 27	<u>8am</u> Jeanne Johnson <u>10:30am</u> Debbie Anderson	<u>8am</u> Al Hoff & Roy Sander <u>10:30am</u> Art & Nancy Langlas	Tanya Falkowski <u>Sound & Light</u> Darlene Ziemendorf	<u>AM</u> Valery Meyer <u>L</u> Lyn South	Mary Meyer & Kathy Holat	Sandra Svitak	Sara Bailey	#5 Janice Camus	Ginny Smeiska <u>Bread Baker</u> Carla Meyer

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