

The Door of Martin Luther Church

October, 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**
9235 West Bluemound Road
Milwaukee, WI 53226-4406



Call Committee Update

The Call Committee did the first round of interviews during the middle of September. We are going to do a second interview of a candidate in the beginning of October. We are asking for your prayers to help guide the Call Committee to have a Pastor to recommend to the Church Council by the end of October. Please watch your mail, you will receive a letter telling you of a Special Congregational Meeting to vote on our candidate.

Thank you for your prayers,
Darlene Ziemendorf, Chair

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Oktoberfest
is Coming!

October 15th @ 5 PM
See page 8 for details.

A BATH AND A POLISH

“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” (Matthew 25:35). To be a stranger and have someone greet you, and take the time to make you feel comfortable and at home is a very precious thing. When I was in college our choir did a European tour and some of the most memorable experiences were the times we stayed with local families. At one such home in southern Germany I was placed by myself. This family was unusually poor but that did not stop them from offering me the best that they had. The mother in the home asked if I would like a bath in the morning and I said without much thought “sure that would be fine”. What I did not realize was that she had to get up extremely early to prepare a wood fire in the small heater that served the bathroom. Even more shocking were my old scuffed and worn boots that had been carefully cleaned and polished, neatly placed outside my door. No effort was spared to welcome this stranger from America. It was a humbling experience.

Our congregations can be places of welcome for all people. Martin Luther Church is a place that indeed does welcome all people and the announcements and website proclaims that acceptance. It can be a challenge to keep that in mind as we

come to worship each week with our own concerns and thoughts. Are we looking for those who are new or returning from a long absence? Is there someone who just seems to need a chat or a shoulder to cry on? It is tempting to slip back into thinking of our own needs as we find our regular seat and check out the hymns and readings for the day. When you come to worship this Sunday, look around you. Can you welcome the stranger?

In Christ,
Pastor Jim



Dennis Groth, Sharon Burks, Colin Rankin, Garl and Ellen Burns, Kevin Orndoff, Kendall Baer, Fae Bye, Eloise South, Richard Rindt, Phyllis Nelson and Kathy Holat



PASTOR'S
PEN

Council This & That

Don't Run.....EMBRACE IT ! Put your best foot forward. Take a moment and think about what time of year it is.

It is the time to reflect on how GOD has blessed you in your life. Then ask yourself....How can I give back?

Reflect back to last months Stewardship message written by Mary Smith.....

Stewardship is truly appreciating that we live in a wonderful part of God's creation and that we have been blessed with gifts beyond our expectations. Stewardship is understanding that part of the responsibility of receiving such wonderful gifts is that God has asked each and every one of us to be good stewards in return, of all that we have- our time, our talents and our treasure. To be a good steward means to understand that we, as God's people, have the opportunity to fulfill the whole purpose of God throughout the world. In essence, to



share back with God and with others out of gratitude for what each of us has been given. Martin Luther Church is in the midst of a very exciting time and this will begin another new chapter for our congregation. Let's carry this excitement forward into the fall Stewardship campaign.

I challenge everyone of you to **reach** into your hearts and **feel** what GOD has done for you. Look back at the last twelve months and **embrace** what this Congregation has accomplished. Now look forward and **envision** what is yet to come.

We need you to make the difference.

EMBRACE IT !

Let your **HEART** Guide you,
Deanna Ingrelli
Council President

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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.

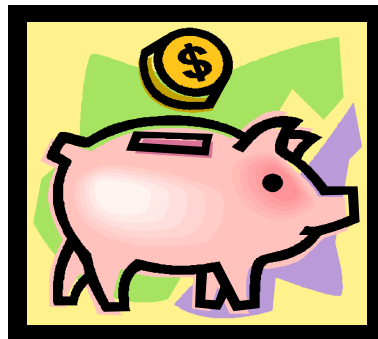
Kelly Kuhl



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



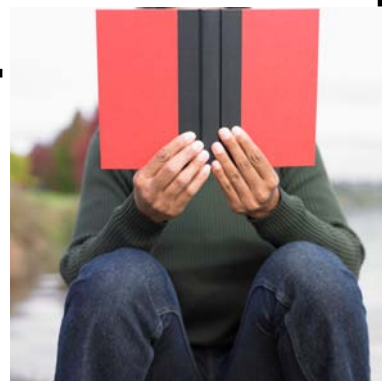
Our August giving breaks down to an average of \$4,055 in operating and mortgage contributions per week. Our 2011 budget needs an average of \$5,210 per week in order to keep up with our financial responsibilities, mainly salaries, mortgage and utilities.

Needless to say, we have not met our needed income for August. If you are able to make up your pledge or give a little more generously in September, please do so. Hopefully we can get back on track. 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.



Memorial Garden News

We are working with Eva Cullen, a landscape architect from Hawks Nursery, to assist in creating a Memorial/Welcoming Garden. After much discussion, it was decided that the most appropriate place for the Memorial/Welcoming Garden would be off of the walkway leading to the Bluemound Avenue entrance. An Initial Plan is in the narthex for your review. Comments would certainly be appreciated. It is anticipated that the hardscape (brickwork) will be installed this Fall, with the plantings waiting till Spring. If you would like to be a part of the planning and/or planting, please contact Mary Felkner at 262-814-1940 (mryflk@aol.com)

Again, we are anxious to know who donated money in the past for bricks for the Memorial Garden. If you haven't contacted Mary, please do so.

Coffee Hour

Help, Help we need your Help! We have the following dates open for coffee hour hosts— Nov. 13, Nov. 27 & Dec. 11. Please contact Carol Moore 414-476-5999 to schedule a Sunday. Thanks for your help!



Attention: The newsletter deadline for November 2011 issue of *The Door* is Mon., October 17th at 12:00 p.m.

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**WOMEN OF
THE ELCA**

Bible Study Groups - There will again, be two opportunities for Bible Study this fall. The first is every 2nd Monday with Pastor Richard Weeden at 7 PM. Pastor Richard will be leading a discussion about 2 Corinthians in the conference room. The second will be held every 2nd Tuesday with Pastor Jim Holmberg at 7 PM. Pastor Jim will be leading a discussion of the Book of Mark. Attend one or both for new insights and fellowship!

October Pot Luck - October 25th, 2011

“Africa—Living in Abundance”

Tanzania is a land rich in natural resources. Go on a safari to the “Ngorongora Crater” and the “Tarangire National Park.” See God’s creation at its most abundant on the Serengeti! Visit the people living in the villages; men, women and children living with less but richer than most. Meet a people rich in spirit, culture and family; living abundantly in God’s grace. Journey with us to discover the “Spiritual Gifts” found in Africa! Come and join us at 6:30 p.m. as Paula Seffrood, from Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Oconomowoc, takes us along on her exciting journey through Africa to Tanzania. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy the journey! Babysitting will be available. Look for the sign-up sheet and reserve your spot!

~ Kathy Holat, WELCA President

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 \$75. Check the WELCA kiosk for more information (workshops, etc.) and registration information.

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

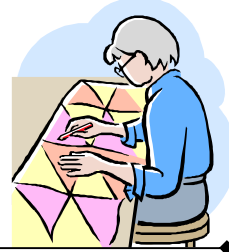
As of 2012 we can only use t-shirts (not onesies) size 6 months to 2 years for the baby kits for Lutheran World Relief. Questions—call Ginny Smeiska at 414-453-4931.

Quilting

The quilt auction was great for the Women of the ELCA as Jill Dahlgren won the bid. Enjoy Jill!

How about helping us make more quilts? NO KNOWLEDGE OF SEWING necessary. Thursday, October 20 from 10 AM to 12 PM. Please note—we are changing to daytime hours. Please drop in and try it.

Questions – please call Barb Liedtke at 414-774-4245.



More Quilting News

The quilting circle has completed 85 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The quilts will be shipped in a special box car in October. We would like to thank the West Central Milwaukee County Chapter of Thrivent for Lutherans for their generous donation to the quilting circle to help with supplies for making these quilts.



Social Outreach

October 23rd we will be having Third World Shoppe in between and after Services in the Conference room. Remember to make your list of people to buy for to make shopping easier when you get to the sale. They have all sorts of imported items at reasonable prices and IT IS ALL FAIR TRADE.

Please make note that starting Oct 30th we will begin collecting for Thanksgiving baskets for Burbank School. More information on this will be in the November Door along with Christmas Giving Tree information.

Valery Meyer

*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*.





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!

Fellowship Opportunities

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

YOU'RE INVITED

TO

OKTOBERFEST!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 5 PM

Great Food: full of German delights—
Pulled pork, coleslaw, brats, German potato
salad, sauerkraut and German Chocolate
Cake. Some German Beverages! And



GEMUTLICHKEIT! Come join us in the gar-

den where you will be serenaded by our own Jerry Smeiska & friend, John Kreiter. On going slides from a recent trip to Germany by Jan Camus and Pat Denning. And for the main event—United Donauschwaben Dancers will perform in our sanctuary. Can you believe this and all for only \$15 per person???

Sign up is now going on. See our outdoor display in the Narthex. Members and friends of MLC are WELCOME. (Make your checks payable to Martin Luther Church and give to Darlene Freels.) Let's have a full house. So, meet in the Garden! Where? MLC's Beer Garden, of course! See you there! Baby sitters available.

Sunday, October 9th, Noon at the Wauwatosa Chancery, State St., in the Wauwatosa Village. Please join us for lunch with a bunch of your friends. All are always welcome!



Watch for posters with details regarding Fellowship Opportunities!



MLFryars Fish Fry, Friday, October 21 at 5 PM at The Grove Restaurant, 890 Elm Grove Rd., Elm Grove. All are Welcome!



Sunday October 16th the MLC Book Group will venture out to Third Ward Cafe, 225 E. St. Paul (across from Milwaukee Public Market) at 6:00 PM. for some great Italian food and a discussion of Eat, Pray, Love or Committed (or both) by Elizabeth Gilbert. Made into a movie about her adventures in maturing, Ms. Gilbert goes to Italy for food, India for spirituality and Bali to find love. In Committed she explores the history of marriage in an effort to convince herself that she wants to marry for a second time. If you'd like to carpool please contact Carla.

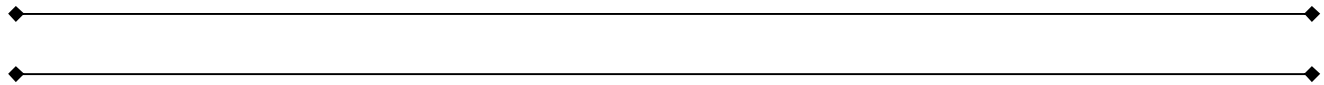
For those of you that like to plan (and read) ahead here are some future dates and selections:

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| Sunday, November 13th | <u>On the Corner of Bitter and Sweet</u> by Jamie Ford |
| Sunday, December 11th | <u>The Irrational Season: A Crosswick Journal</u> by Madeleine L'Engle |
| Sunday, January 8th | <u>Water for Elephants (Book & Movie)</u> by Sara Gruen |

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



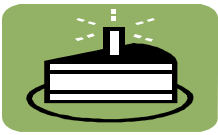
We thank the WELCA Quilting Group, Barbara Liedtke, Lucy Schendel, Ginny Smeiska, Jean Maurer, Beverly Weeden, Miriam Werner, and Carla Stensberg.



**Members Celebrating
Wedding Anniversaries
in October**

Mike & Susan Danko	10/2	Karl & Mary Ihrig	10/12
Chris & Patricia Lampien	10/2	Carl & Cynthia Solie	10/12
Shirley & Merle Orndoff	10/2	Barry & Amy Burns	10/14
Tom & Carol Moore	10/4	Roy & Bev Sandner	10/14
David & Leigh Anne Muller	10/9	Matt & Kelly Moore	10/18
Jeff & LouAnn Reed	10/10	Larry & Paula Kubiayk	10/21
Scott Manske & Laura Browne	10/11	Brad & Martha Albers	10/28

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 October

Mary Beitzel	10/01	Thomas Duwe	10/18
Wei Li Werner	10/04	Bernice Muhar	10/20
Janice Bentz	10/05	Michelle Wenzel	10/20
Deb Burks	10/06	Susan Shorts	10/22
Jeffrey Kovacovich, Jr.	10/06	Quinten Ziemendorf	10/22
Rachel Rankin	10/06	Amy Fox	10/23
Jill Dahlgren	10/07	Kaiden Restrepo	10/23
Rebecca Glick	10/07	Karson Restrepo	10/23
Sally Salkin	10/07	Crystal Solie	10/24
Don Lampien	10/08	Michelle Wegner	10/25
Jennifer Florio	10/09	Violet Smeiska	10/26
Terri Thompson	10/09	Zoey Smeiska	10/26
Malinda Eccarius	10/11	Christopher Shorts	10/27
Sofia Wensing	10/11	Amber Restrepo	10/28
Jane Breitlow	10/12		

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 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 4:00 PM Mennonite Service	26 Pastor Jim attending Fall Theological Conf 6:30 PM Quilting Group 8:00 PM AA Group Meets	27 Pastor Jim attending Fall Theological Conf	28 11:00 AM Serenity Inn Meeting 6:00 PM AA Women 6:30 PM AI Anon 7:00 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM Naranon	29 7:00 PM AI Anon	30 Pastor Jim's Day Off 9:30 PM AA	1 7:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous
2 Mt. Meru Coffee Orders 8:00 AM Early Worship Service 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Late Worship Service/Quilt Blessing 11:30 AM WELCA Coffee Hour 12:00 PM Confirmation Class 4:00 PM Mennonite Service	3 8:00 PM AA Group Meets	4	5 6:00 PM AA Women 6:30 PM AI Anon 7:00 PM Adult Choir 7:00 PM Widow/Widowers Club 7:30 PM Naranon	6 6:00 PM Duwe Wedding Rehearsal 7:00 PM AI Anon	7 Pastor Jim's Day Off 7:30 AM Parking Lot Use 2:30 PM Tom Duwe Wedding 9:30 PM AA	8 7:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous 12:00 PM Brownie Troup
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16 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 12:00 PM Confirmation Class 4:00 PM Mennonite Service 5:00 PM PFLAG	17 12:00 PM November Door Deadline 7:00 PM Men's Study Group 8:00 PM AA Group Meets	18 7:00 PM Council Meeting	19 6:00 PM AA Women 6:30 PM AI Anon 7:00 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM Naranon	20 10:00 AM Quilting Group 7:00 PM AI Anon	21 Pastor Jim's Day Off 9:30 PM AA	22 7:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE
October 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)
Oct 2	<u>8am</u> Peter Beitzel <u>10:30am</u> Amber Anderson	<u>8am</u> Roy Sandner & Barry Dahlgren <u>10:30am</u> Ray LeMay & Chad Burks	Evan Solie <u>Sound & Light</u> Ernie & Pat Olson	<u>AM</u> Lani Knutson <u>L</u> Scott Manske	Darlene Freels & Carla Stensberg	WELCA	Stephanie Muller	#1 Jerry Smeiska	Carol Moore <u>Bread Baker</u> Valery Meyer
Oct 9	<u>8am</u> Sandy Elliot <u>10:30am</u> Debbie Anderson	<u>8am</u> Jeanne & Brian Johnson <u>10:30am</u> Amy & Kegian Fox	Zebedee Summers <u>Sound & Light</u> Donna Hoppe	<u>AM</u> Carol Henk <u>L</u> Fred Meyer	Michael & Veda Fox	Todd & Michelle Wenzel	Erin Ziemendorf	#6 Carla Stensberg	Wendy Buettner <u>Bread Baker</u> Darlene Freels
Oct 16	<u>8am</u> Jeff Reed <u>10:30am</u> Barry Dahlgren	<u>8am</u> Jon Ziemendorf & Peter Beitzel <u>10:30am</u> Amber Anderson & Bruce South	Veda Fox <u>Sound & Light</u> Chad Burks	<u>AM</u> Al Hoff <u>L</u> Mary Meyer	Debbie Burks & Donna Hoppe	Youth	Sara Bailey	#5 Janice Camus	Janice Camus <u>Bread Baker</u> Deb Burks
Oct 23	<u>8am</u> Nancy Sack <u>10:30am</u> Amy Fox	<u>8am</u> Jeff & LouAnn Reed <u>10:30am</u> Tom & Carol Moore	Claire Manske <u>Sound & Light</u> Darlene Ziemendorf	<u>AM</u> Kathy Holat <u>L</u> Valery Meyer	Janice Camus & Darlene Ziemendorf	Tom & Carol Moore	Todd & Michelle Wenzel	#4 Jeff Reed	Jane Breitlow <u>Bread Baker</u> Beverly Weeden
Oct 30	<u>8am</u> LouAnn Reed <u>10:30am</u> Michael Fox	<u>8am</u> Al Hoff & Roy Sander <u>10:30am</u> Tom Jones & Donna Hoppe	Jacob Burks <u>Sound & Light</u> Ernie & Pat Olson	<u>AM</u> Petra Brylow <u>L</u> David Muller	Darlene Freels & Janet Pomush	Amber Anderson	Rob & Wendy Buettner	#3 Bruce South	Karen LeMay <u>Bread Baker</u> Darlene Ziemendorf

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