

The Door of Martin Luther Church

September, 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.

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BLESSING OF THE BACK- PACKS – SEPTEMBER 4TH

Students of all ages, bring your backpacks to worship on September 4th at 9:30 am for a special Blessing of the Backpacks during the service. You'll be invited to bring your packs up as we bless them (and you) and help you get ready for another school year. For many of you the first day of school is September 1st so you'll have a chance to test them out a bit before our blessing service.

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.

Rally Day, Sept. 11th we begin the fall schedule:
8:00 A.M. - Worship Service
9:15 A.M.– Education Hour
10:30 A.M.– Worship Service

RALLY DAY & CHURCH PICNIC SEPTEMBER 11TH!

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TEACHERS

As I write this column August seems to be racing along like bullet train through a one horse town – forgive the mixing of centuries for effect. The days are noticeably shorter, the air takes on a different character, the morning chill is more pronounced, and the work of getting ready for a new school year takes on a frantic sense of urgency. School time is here. Our teachers are special people who give their lives to pass on their knowledge to another generation. In my eyes our children's teachers are holy people, dedicated to their profession, and possessing a deep love for the children in the classroom. We are blessed to have them involved so deeply in our children's lives. It is interesting that one of the more common forms of address used for Jesus is Rabbi – teacher. Teaching is what Jesus did, along with healing and comforting. Jesus taught on the mountain, on the plain, from a boat, in the city, and probably everywhere else. Jesus was a teacher. In Matthew 28:19,20 Jesus final words to his disciples are, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching** them to observe all that I have commanded you...;" (emphasis added). It seems that Jesus asks that his followers be teachers as well, passing on what they have learned to other generations. This month I bless our teachers, in public and private schools, and in our church classrooms. Each Sunday School teacher I had, made an

impression on me. I still remember the Bible stories we read, the prayers we recited, and the programs we put on. Teachers make a difference. I ask God's blessing on you, teachers, for the work that you do, often without much recognition. Remember the Rabbi who said "Go...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you".

In His Peace,

Pastor Jim



Dennis Groth, Matt Neal (friend of Paul and Carla Meyer), Sharon Burks, Colin Rankin, Judy Siefert, Garl and Ellen Burns, Jordan Burns, Kevin Orndoff, Kendall Baer and Susie Camus.

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".



PASTOR'S
PEN

Council This & That

It's that time of the year again...the time that Stewardship is talked about.

Now I and many others think about, and talk about Stewardship many times throughout the year, but in the fall it is time to emphasize the importance of Stewardship.

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.

Thank you and God Bless!

Mary Smith

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

THE CALL COMMITTEE HAS MET TWICE AND HAS PLANS TO MEET ONCE EVERY WEEK FOR THE NEXT 4-5 WEEKS. WE WILL START INTERVIEWING CANDIDATES BY THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER. PLEASE KEEP THE CALL COMMITTEE IN YOUR PRAYERS AS WE MOVE FORWARD.

Meet Our New Organist/Pianist/Choir Director, Kelly Kuhl

Kelly Kuhl is our new Organist/Choir Director. She will be starting at Martin Luther on September 1. She holds a degree in Music from the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater. She has been a member of the Milwaukee Symphony Chorus for eight seasons. Her church career began at the age of 13. Kelly enjoys helping people to “make joyful noises unto the Lord.”

Kelly is married to Steven and they have two children in college; Joshua (21) a student at Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, WI and Madalyn (19) a student at Luther College in Decorah, IA.

Kelly and Steven live in East Troy, WI

Please greet Kelly warmly when you see her around MLC!

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Children

WE NEED YOU!!

**YES, WE NEED YOU TO USE 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 DAR-
LENE ZIEMENDORF at 414-453-5408.**

CONFIRMATION NEWS

A brief orientation to this year's confirmation program will be held on September 11th towards the end of our congregational picnic. The picnic begins after the second service. The confirmation program involves students entering 6th through 9th grades. Parents should attend the orientation with their student. Scott Manske, Debbie Burks, and Pastor Jim will be teaching again this year.

“Hallelujah” its time to Sing!

First Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 7th

All Musicians of Martin Luther

Are invited to a reception at

6:00 p.m.

choir Rehearsal following at 7:00 p.m.

Please Come and join Me
Kelly Kuhl
for Appetizers
Any Question Please Contact Me
262-642-6303
kuhl.kelly@gmail.com



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



I know July looks good – but there were 5 Sundays in July!

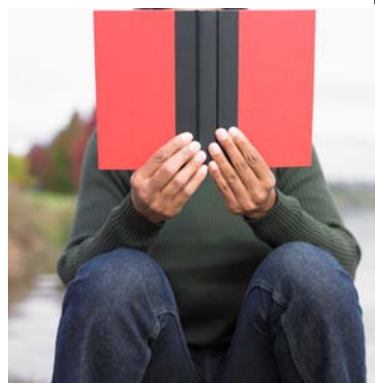
Hopefully contributions will pick up in September as get back into “the routine”. Please contribute as you are able.

Mary Felkner, Financial Secretary

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Bible Study

- **The Women's Study Group** begins September 12th from 7–8:30 p.m. with Pastor Richard Weeden leading discussion about 2 Corinthians.
- **The Men's Study Group** starts again September 19th 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





**WOMEN OF
THE ELCA**

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!


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.


October Pot Luck—Date and Program coming soon in your church bulletin.

Fall Cluster Gathering—November 13th. More information to come.

~ Kathy Holat, WELCA President

A YEAR ROUND APPEAL

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



*No cell phone accessories needed.

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

Personal Care Kits

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

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

BATH TOWELS & BED SHEETS

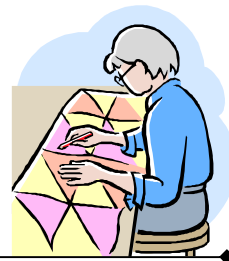
Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is asking for new and "gently used" bath towels & bed sheets. Got one or more? Please drop them off in the WELCA box near the inside church doors. All these items will be shipped in October. Any questions please call Ginny Smeiska 414-453-4931

BAR SOAP, BAR SOAP

We are in need of bar soap to fill in the Lutheran World Relief Kits. Drop off any size bar soap in the WELCA box near the church door. Questions—call Ginny Smeiska @ 414-453-4931.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Can you lend a hand once or twice a month to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief? **Christian Action Quilting Group** is thinking of changing it's meetings to day time hours. Which days and times would be easiest for you? Please call Barb Liedtke at 414-774-4245 if interested. Please note—during September we will still meet Mondays Sept. 12th & 26th 6:30—8 p.m.



Join the Outreach for Hope Biking Day Activities

Both casual and avid bikers will enjoy a day of biking fun Sept. 10 at Cory Park in Dousman, WI. Two courses offered: a longer 30 & 45 mile mapped ride starting at 8:30 AM or a shorter 4-14 mile paved trail ride beginning at 9:30 AM. Followed by catered picnic in the park. Funds raised will be matched. Register at www.outreachforhope.org or call Nic 262-650-9697



Social Outreach Opportunities;

We will be having several outreach opportunities coming up in the next several months;

The immediate need is also an ongoing one, School supplies for **Burbank** School, Back-packs, pens, pencils, paper, Kleenex, Crayons, pretty much you name it one of the children will need it.

October will bring into **The Third World Shoppe** visit time. We will be arranging for their visit to allow for those rare and unique gifts from third world countries to find a home in your or your friend's houses.

Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas gifts for the families and children of Burbank school will also be with us in November and December.

I wish to thank you for the opportunity I have had this past six years to serve you on the counsel and to provide you with outreach opportunities over this time period.

Valery Jean Meyer

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.



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!

RALLY DAY CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 11th following the second service. All MLC and Milwaukee Mennonites and friends welcome. Food and eating will be both inside and outside (weather permitting). Scott Kivimaki, our GRILL MASTER, is in charge of burning a few (brats and burgers, that is). Please tell Scott you can help with set up of grills etc. Darlene Freels will coordinate picnic food and inside set up. Please tell Darlene you can help her with that. Meat, buns, beverages and ice cream will be provided. We need YOU to bring YOUR BEST picnic DISH to pass. There will be a sign-up (a definite MUST) so we know how much food to provide. A FREE WILL OFFERING is suggested to defray costs. Games and activities coordinated by Deb Burks; Carla & Mary Meyer. Bring your lawn chair and relax while chatting with friends and neighbors. Let's bring in the new school and church year with a bang! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



September 18th Noon at First Watch—The Daytime Café. 17550 W. Bluemound Rd. New to the area—located in the Brownstones Shopping Center next to Metro Market. Serving breakfast and lunch. Suggestions are always WELCOME!



September 23rd: 5:00 p.m., MLFryars Fish Fry at American Legion Post, (124th & Burleigh). Meet you there! Everyone always WELCOME!



Coming in October
You have to have this date on your calendar, Saturday, October 15th at 5:00 p.m. , OKTOBERFEST! Meet us in the Garden. Where? MLC's Garden, of course! Beautiful flowers, arbor (with grapes growing) , lots of atmosphere and MUSIC. Music provided by our own Jerry Smeiska and his friend, John Kreiter. DANCING by United Donauschwaben. They're headed off to Europe. Let's give them a big send-off! A MENU full of German delights: pulled pork, coleslaw, brats, German potato salad, sauerkraut and German chocolate cake. And, ach, the beverages (still a secret)!! MLC loves to eat so here's your chance. Just \$15 for a wonderful night of fun! So let's meet in the Garden for some true gemutlichkeit!



Watch for posters with details regarding Fellowship Opportunities!

The Martin Luther Book Group is reading Henri Nouwen's study in faith: The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming. Discussion of the book will be led by Pastor Jim

Holmberg on Sunday, September 11th at 6:00 pm at the Church.

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

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

A More Beautiful MLC

Exciting things will be happening soon around Martin Luther. A landscaping committee is being formed to continue the work that Scott started to revitalize and beautify the outside areas around church. 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)

If you donated money in the past for bricks for the memorial garden – we want to talk to you. The Bricks are Coming! Contact Mary for details.



We thank the Sound & Light Crew and their coordinator, **Darlene Ziemendorf**, Chad Burks, Donna Hoppe and Ernie & Pat Olson.



Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in September

Joseph & Linda Ingrelli	09/08	Tim & Lani Knutson	09/21
Amber & John Restrepo	09/12	Justin & Margaret Schmidtke	09/22
Kevin & Erin Masullo	09/16	Jerry & Ginny Smeiska	09/24
Jon & Darlene Ziemendorf	09/18	Brian & Laura Block	09/25
Todd & Michelle Wenzel	09/19	Dave Frederick & Diane Thompson	09/29
John & Donna Hoppe	09/20	Don Lampien & Lois Fuhrmann	09/29

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.

**Attention: The newsletter deadline for
October 2011** issue of *The Door* is
Thurs., Sept. 15th at 12:00 p.m.



Members Celebrating Birthdays in September

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.

Steve Thinnes	9/01	Jeanne Johnson	9/17
Mitchell Wensing	9/01	Shirley Orndoff	9/18
Riley Wensing	9/01	Martha Albers	9/19
Charles Dachel	9/02	Ariel Woloszyk	9/19
Pat Olson	9/03	Lois Goetzke	9/21
Miriam Werner	9/03	Lois Fuhrmann	9/23
Frederic Meyer	9/05	Dustin Duwe	9/25
Brianna Burks	9/07	Ernie Olson	9/25
Bernice Eggert	9/07	Nathan Reed	9/25
Wendy Buettner	9/07	April Heder	9/26
Mary Smith	9/09	Stephanie Muller	9/27
Erika List	9/10	Melissa Duwe	9/29
Cathleen Heder	9/11	Scott Manske	9/29
Mary Felkner	9/12	Diane Olson	9/29
Lily Nelson	9/13	Tom Jones	9/30
Sam Smith	9/14	Melissa LeClaire	9/30
Carrie Wensing	9/14	Tori Schallhorn	9/30



Dear Congregation Members:

Thank you for all your support, gifts and well wishes. I am truly grateful for having the opportunity to have served this congregation for many years. I enjoyed my tenure at Martin Luther Church, accompanying the choir and congregation. I hope that my music moved you and lifted your spirit.

You will still see me around occasionally, behind the piano. Make sure you stop over and say hello! Thank you again.

Lois Fuhrmann

I want to thank the congregation for all of their prayers and other support with my recent surgery and recovery. I feel very blessed to have so many people caring about me.

Valery Jean Meyer

Coffee Hour

Help, Help we need your Help! We have the following dates open for coffee hour hosts—Sept. 25, Nov. 13, Nov. 27 & Dec. 11. Please contact Carol Moore 414-476-5999 to schedule a Sunday. Thanks for your help!



SEPTEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Mt. Meru Coffee Orders 8:00 AM Early Worship Service 9:30 AM Late Worship Service 4:00 PM Mennonite Service	29 8:00 PM AA Group Meets	30	31 6:00 PM AA Women 6:30 PM Al Anon 7:30 PM Naranon	1 7:00 PM Al Anon	2 Pastor Jim's Day Off 9:30 PM AA	3 7:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous 4:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal
4 Mt. Meru Coffee Orders 9:30 AM One Worship Service 11:30 AM Holloway Wedding 4:00 PM Mennonite Service	5 8:00 PM AA Group Meets	6	7 6:00 PM AA Women 6:00 PM Choir Reception 6:30 PM Al Anon 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Widow/Widowers Club 7:30 PM Naranon	8 7:00 PM Al Anon	9 Pastor Jim's Day Off 9:30 PM AA	10 7:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous
11 Mt. Meru Coffee Orders Rally Sunday 8:00 AM Early Worship Service 9:15 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Late Worship Service 11:30 AM Church Picnic 4:00 PM Mennonite Service	12 6:30 PM Quilting Group 7:00 PM Women's Study Group 8:00 PM AA Group Meets	13 6:30 PM WELCA Bible Study	14 6:00 PM AA Women 6:30 PM Al Anon 7:00 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM Naranon	15 12:00 PM Newsletter Deadline 7:00 PM Al Anon	16 Pastor Jim's Day Off 9:30 PM AA	17 7:00 AM Overeaters Anonymous
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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE
September 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)
Sep. 4	<u>8am</u> <u>9:30am</u> Melanie Strom	<u>8am</u> <u>9:30am</u> Tom Jones & Donna Hoppe	Erik Solie <u>Sound & Light</u> Ernie & Pat Olson	<u>AM</u> Kathy Holat <u>L</u> Kathy Holat	Melanie Strom & Janice Camus	None	Sara Bailey	#5 Janice Camus	Carol Moore <u>Bread Baker</u> Valery Meyer
Sep. 11	<u>8am</u> Jeanne Johnson <u>10:30am</u> Tom Jones	<u>8am</u> Jon Ziemendorf & Barry Dahlgren <u>10:30am</u> Ray LeMay & Chad Burks	Miranda Dachel <u>Sound & Light</u> Donna Hoppe	<u>AM</u> Valery Meyer <u>L</u> Donna Hoppe	Mary Meyer & Amy Fox	Church Picnic	Todd & Michelle Wenzel	#4 Jeff Reed	Lyn South <u>Bread Baker</u> Carla Meyer
Sep. 18	<u>8am</u> Brian Johnson <u>10:30am</u> Scott Kivimaki	<u>8am</u> Jeff & Louann Reed <u>10:30am</u> Paul Meyer & Sandra Svitak	Claire Manske <u>Sound & Light</u> Chad Burks	<u>AM</u> David Muller <u>L</u> Deanna Ingrelli	Carol Henk & Nancy Sack	Youth	Rob & Wendy Buettner	#3 Bruce South	Diane Sack <u>Bread Baker</u> Lois Fuhrmann
Sep. 25	<u>8am</u> Miriam Werner <u>10:30am</u> Nancy Langlas	<u>8am</u> Peter Beitzel & Al Hoff <u>10:30am</u> Sam & Scott Kivimaki	Alexis Shields <u>Sound & Light</u> Darlene Ziemendorf	<u>AM</u> Carla Stensberg <u>L</u> Lani Knutson	Art Langlas & Kathy Holat		Mary Felkner	#2 Mary Meyer	Janice Camus <u>Bread Baker</u> Melanie Strom

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