

The Door

“Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ”

Great Things Are Happening Here!



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Engaging The Bible
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Building Loving Relationships
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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. Therefore, we follow the teaching of 2 Corinthians 5:18: "All this is from God who reconciled us through Jesus Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation." We believe that the good news of Jesus Christ is to be shared by all people without regard to age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or physical or mental abilities. All are welcome as members of the Body of Christ as workers in the kingdom of God and at the table of our Lord.

Pastor's Page



"You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." -Leviticus 19:33

On our vacation this year, my family spent three days in Zion National Park in Utah (which may now be our favorite National Park). At the end of our first full day there, I was setting up stuff for the night while the rest of the family played in river to cool off from the 108 degree heat. Our site shared an open space with another site that was occupied by an elderly man who was sitting out in a chair, watching me lay out supplies. After a few minutes, we struck up a conversation. Then he offered me a drink and a chair. I learned his name was John and over the remainder of our time there, we spent a lot of time with John. He and I would sit up late into the night talking and we'd pool groceries and shared a couple meals together. He had traveled the world and was now living full time in his motorhome; I told

him stories of our travels and life as a pastor. If only for a few days, we were neighbors and friends.

This is one of the things I love about travel and camping. No matter where you go, you can meet wonderful people and find short-term mini-communities. I've watched my kids

make friends at the playgrounds for the weekend and found unusual connections with strangers.

And it occurs to me that these communities can be formed because we already share at least one thing in common: we love that place we are visiting or we enjoy camping or seeing new places. The fact that we are both there means we share at least something with people we've never met before.

Lately it feels as if a lot of the news and public discourse focuses on how we are divided. I am constantly reminded of how there are divisions in the world because of politics or religion or wealth or race. But when I think about John and the many others I've met while camping, I'm reminded of how easy it can be to build community if we can only find common ground. Sometimes that isn't obvious or easy to find and sometimes it means making ourselves vulnerable by sharing ourselves with strangers. As Christians, though, we bear the name of a God who sought to find common ground with us. We put our trust in Christ who pulled together a strange group of people with little in common and called them disciples and set them loose to create the largest religious community the world has ever known. And we are taught that all of humanity shares at least one thing in common: we are all loved by a creator God who seeks to create relationship with us and between others.

Whether we build community in big and lasting ways or around a campfire for a night, may God's grace give us the strength to make room for the stranger and practice community in our lives.

In God's Amazing Grace,
Pastor Ari

Social Media

Pastor Ari's blog can be found at arimattson.blogspot.com.

MLC's facebook page is facebook.com/MartinLutherChurch.

MLC's twitter page can be found at twitter.com/MLCMilwaukee.

Visit our website at www.martinluther-church.net to view our Calendar, Worship Assistant Schedule, and more. From our website you can listen to recent sermons as well!



Summer Servant Trip to Minneapolis

By Pastor Ari Mattson

On July 13-16, six youth and two adults from MLC travelled to Minneapolis to work with Urban Immersion Service Retreats

(<http://www.gmcc.org/urbanimmersion>). While there, we spent time at four different aid agencies, learned about urban poverty, and even tried some new foods. The youth were all hard workers and eager participants in conversation, offering some insightful thoughts around difficult and complex issues. Here are some thoughts on the trip in their own words:

I would like to thank everyone in the congregation for supporting us to get to Minnesota. I enjoyed this trip because I learned about the other side of life. For example, I learned more about food shelves and homeless shelters and how they work. Also, how valuable they are to help out the community. -Tommy M.

My trip taught me a lot about all the work and planning that goes into running various shelters and food pantries. It showed me how lucky and privileged I am in my life. It was truly a worthwhile trip, and I hope to do many more like it throughout the rest of my life. -Jacob B.

I liked how we were helping organizations which helped the community. I learned that people are always thankful even though they don't say it. Thank you to everyone who made this happen. -Jared A.

I had a lot of fun in Minnesota, more than I expected. I learned many important and valuable things while I was there like how much poverty and abuse there really is in the United States and also how I, we, can help others who struggle with those things. The most rewarding thing we did on the trip, I feel, was cleaning a homeless shelter; I could see the good we did right away. The thing that meant the most to me was how great it feels

to help others. I really want to Thank Pastor Ari, Ms. Anderson, my parents, the other kids on the trip and everyone at church who bought jewelry and stock. -Veda F.

On the Minnesota trip, I learned that you can't judge people by their appearance. I have been humbled on this trip knowing that there are a lot of people that don't have anything, and I have a lot. When we scrubbed the walls of the shelter I was able to give them a cleaner living space. When we packed food for starving people across the world, I felt really happy to know that I was helping others in need. It was a great honor to do God's work in helping people in poverty and I wish them the best. I look forward to finding other ways to do God's work in the future. -Keone W.

As they said, thank you to everyone who helped support our trip. Look for the youth to share more of their experiences in church and please take the time to ask them about their time there. They have stories only they can tell.



See page 7 for more highlights and photos of the trip!

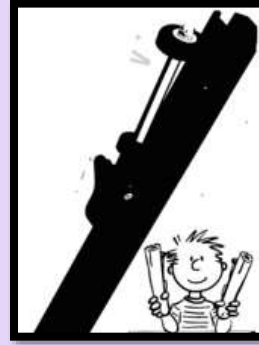
Music Notes



Choir

All are Welcome
Choir Meets Every
Wednesday
6:30pm- 8:00pm
Starting
September 7, 2016
In the Sanctuary

Come and Join
Any questions
Contact Kelly Kuhl
262-441-1861
or
kuhl.kelly@gmail.com



Hand Chimes

Wanted - people to ring hand chimes
experience is a plus
but will teach a willing person
Rehearsals will be based on schedules

For more information, please contact
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Save the Date –
Saturday, December 17th at 2:30 p.m.
Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in song



Following Caroling return to Martin Luther for hot chocolate, Chili and Conversation
any questions

Contact Lori Avila
630-917-3647
or
lorisylvia@yahoo.com

Drama Ministry

Calling interested thespians! Interested in forming a drama troupe at MLLC? Drama ministry is an exciting way to share the Gospel, enhance worship and provide enjoyment while flexing our acting muscles. Interested in becoming a part or just want to learn more? Attend a startup meeting on October 6th at 7pm at the church. Experience is not necessary. For more information, contact Kelly Taylor-Schaus at 715-218-5968 or email maskats@aol.com.



Fellowship Opportunities – Everyone is Welcome

September

- Friday, the 9th, 5:00pm MLFryars, Fish Fry. Butch's Red Mill, 1005 S Elm Grove Rd, Brookfield
- Sunday the 11th, RALLY DAY – ICE CREAM SOCIAL following both services – WELCOME BACK EVERYONE
- Sunday, the 18th, 12:15pm Lunch Bunch. Dickey's Barbecue Pit 3180 N 123th (off of Burleigh next to Wendy's and Aldi's), Wauwatosa
- Sunday, the 18th, Sun., 11:30am to 2:00pm, 2016 BUILDING BRIDGES PARTNERSHIP PICNIC – The Cannon Park pavilion and picnic ground tables will be set for our for Martin Luther, Milwaukee Mennonite and St. Therese members and guests. We will also be making out Back-to School Kits that day for Burbank School. Sign-up in the Narthex to bring a dish to pass and to find out more about it!

October

- Friday, the 7th, 5:00pm MLFryars, Fish Fry. Radisson Hotel, Jimmy's Island Grill, Mayfair Rd and North Ave, Wauwatosa
- Sunday, the 16th, 12:30pm, Lunch Bunch, First Watch Daytime Café, 17559 W Bluemound Rd, Brookfield
- Tuesday, the 25th, 5:00pm, Pizza Night. Balistreri's Bluemound Inn, 6501 W Bluemound Rd

November

- Saturday, the 5th, 5:00pm, MLC—DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT, Pam and the Accidentals. Vocal Show Group featuring a variety of sing-a-long and danceable music. Light supper by Bunzels
- Sunday, the 13th, 12:15pm, Lunch Bunch. Fortune Restaurant, 2945 S 108th St, West Allis
- Tuesday, the 29th, 5:00 pm, Pizza Night. Mama Mia's on Bluemound (next to Kopp's), 18880 W Bluemound Rd, Brookfield

EVERYONE – single and couples – all ages are welcome. Come join us for fellowship and good food! Watch for sign-up sheets for reservations.

Cross+Generational News and Events

Summer Christian Formation

The program year ended in May, but Christian Formation does not end, so the Christian Formation Team offered opportunities during the summer for people of different ages to come together, build relationships, and learn about God. A group of Confirmation students, high school students, and chaperones traveled to Minneapolis, MN to serve with Urban Immersion Service Retreats. There the group did direct service and also advocacy training. At Martin Luther, a cross+generational group came together to visit homebound members. One group of children and adults, visited with Kendall and Barbara Baer and did yard work. A group of adults visited Elaine Franzen to talk and play cards. A third group of adults and kids, made cards and cookies for other homebound members. At the end of August, Martin Luther has the opportunity to help our partner Burbank Elementary School by cleaning up the school grounds and the classrooms. People of every age can participate. In fact, the Christian Formation Team encourages people of every age to participate in other service projects offered through Martin Luther as well as Cross+Generational Sunday School. This year, we will be looking at how we can be peacemakers. From young to old, we can learn to make our world a better place. Join us to see how.

Service Project Day August 13th



July Youth Trip Highlights



Christian Formation Calendar

2016-2017

September 11: Rally Day and SS Teacher Blessing

October 23: Cross+Generational Sunday School

December 4: Cross+Generational Sunday School

January 29: Cross+Generational Sunday School

March 19: Cross+Generational Sunday School

May 21: Cross+Generational Sunday School

June 4: Graduation Blessing

Events and Outreach at MLC



L to R, Dan Glaser, Rob Buettner and Scott Fenske, Tailgaters Extraordinaire

Serenity Inns Notes

The Serenity Inn Brewer Game and Tailgate Party was a huge success, thanks to the big contributions of several Martin Luther members and families, including Dan Glaser, Rob Buettner, Scott Fenske, Jill and Barry Dahlgren, who all attended the game and chauffeured the residents. The food was delicious, the games were great, the guys had fun, the sun was scorching, but the Brewers lost. We had a good time anyway!

It's time to replenish the Serenity Inn Cleaning Closet. When you go to the store, pick up a couple of extra cleaning items for Serenity Inn: Pine Sol, Lysol, toilet bowl cleaner, Tide, dish soap, window cleaner, you get the idea. Any of those items would be very helpful.

Thank you to everyone who helps in every way. And your continued prayers and monthly contributions are greatly appreciated!

Women of the ELCA

The Christian Action Quilting Group meets on the third Thursday of each month (Sept 1st & 15th, Oct 6th & 20th, and Nov 3rd & 17th) from 10:00am to noon. We can always use more hands, so please join us in MLC's Red Room to cut, sew, and tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Please call Barb Liedtke at 414-774-4245 if you have any questions.

WELCA Bible Study will be meeting on the second Thursday of the month (Sept 8th, Oct 13th, and Nov 10th) at 7:00pm in the Conference Room. Pastor Ari is leading a study on the Nooma video series, so please join us for awesome conversation and fellowship.

The Women's Study Group, which is lead by Pastor Richard Weeden, meets on the third Thursday of each month (Sept 15th and Oct 20th) from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. There will be No meeting in Novemeber.

Looking Ahead: Dates For Your Calendar

- Thursday, September 1st, WELCA Board Meeting at 7pm
- Thursday, October 6th, WELCA Board Meeting at 7pm
- Saturday, October 15th, Women of the ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synodical Convention at Trinity Lutheran Church in West Bend. This year's theme is "Bold Women Love." Sandy Lee Grier, the churchwide representative from Williamsport, PA will be present at this 29th Annual SWO convention. Registration begins at 7:30am with the opening worship service beginning at 8:30am. The cost is \$60 and registration deadline is Septmber 10th. Any questions— contact Nancy Sack at 414-545-5434 or Kathy Holat at 414-258-6362.
- Thursday, November 3rd, WELCA Board Meeting at 7:00pm
- Saturday, November 19th, Joint Cluster Gathering held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa. Watch for more details in the bulletins.

Pastor Richard Weeden's MLC Bible Study Groups

(Effective May 2016)

Women's Study Group

Third Thursday 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. No meetings in November or December.

Men's Study Group

Second Monday 7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. No meetings in November or December.

Both Groups

Each year, a combined meeting of both groups will be held on a Sunday in February following the 10:30 service, with a light lunch served. The study session will last approximately 90 minutes.

Ronald McDonald House

is still collecting aluminum can tabs so keep saving and collecting them. Save the tabs has raised over \$17,000 in Eastern Wisconsin recently! Please place these donated items in the box near the elevator. Thank You. For Info contact Ginny Smeiska 414-453-4931 or ginnysmeiska1@gmail.com

News from Tosa Cares

Tosa Cares supports families in need by supplying food and personal care items such as clothing, toilet paper, diapers, tooth paste, shampoo, etc. Special collections of blankets, coats, jeans and school supplies are also distributed throughout the year. Services including blood pressure checks, nutrition, health and community resource information are also offered at some of the distribution dates as well as basic chiropractic and eye care.

It is also important to note that Tosa Cares is an all-volunteer organization that using more than 96% of financial donations received to support those in need.

The next distribution date will be October 1 at Mt. Zion church. At that date, we will also be making a special distribution of sweatshirts. If you can help with the packing and distribution on that date, please contact Mary. Felkner (mryflk@aol.com).

There is a collection box in the narthex. Please give generously of food and personal care items for distribution as well as gently used sweatshirts for the October distribution.

A future distribution is scheduled for November 19th. At that time the special distribution items will include Christmas decorations. Please watch for more information on that event.

Note to that the CP Rail train is coming to Wauwatosa again in December. Watch for more information in the Sunday bulletins.

Lutheran World Relief

THANKS to all who helped to fill kits for Lutheran World Relief to give to the needy of the world. Do take a list of needs in the envelope on the mitten tree.

Don't stop passing on sheets and material for the ladies to make quilts. Diaper pins are also needed. All gifts and cash can be put in the WELCA box next to the elevator. AGAIN THANKS

Any questions call Ginny Smeiska [414-453-4931](tel:414-453-4931) or gin-nysmeiska1@gmail.com

2016 Building Bridges Partnership Picnic

The Cannon Park pavilion and picnic ground tables will be set for our picnic for Martin Luther, Milwaukee Mennonite and St. Therese members and guests taking place on **Sunday, 9/18/16 11:30am to 2:00pm.**

Our collaborative outreach ministry effort this day will be for Back To School Kits for educators and students at Burbank Elementary School. The service project items needed are as follows: Band-aids, disinfectant wipes, dry erase markers, gallon/quart size plastic bags, hand sanitizer, healthy, non-perishable snacks, kleenex, masking tape, spiral notebooks, pencils, pens, markers, erasers, crayons, rulers, scissors, glue sticks, pencil boxes, colored pencils, child size backpacks, cash donations, gift cards (office and educational supply stores, Target, Walmart, Amazon, etc...) Please encourage attendees and guests to bring the above in kind donations the day of our picnic.

ML will provide the grilling meat and beverages. ST will provide the buns and children's gift bags. MM will coordinate a couple of children games.

We would appreciate all attendees and or families to **bring a pot luck picnic type food item** to complement our cook out, along with a **Free Will \$ Offering** to help underwrite our meat and beverage costs.

A sign-up sheet for ML/MM will be provided in our church narthex.



BIRTHDAYS

September

Jones, Dan	9/3
Olson, Pat	9/3
Meyer, Frederic	9/5
Burks, Brianna	9/7
Buettner, Wendy	9/9
Huebner Avila, Lori	9/9
Smith, Mary	9/9
Felkner, Mary	9/12
Smith, Charlie	9/15
Albers, Martha	9/19
Goetzke, Lois	9/21
Fuhrmann, Lois	9/23
Duwe, Justin	9/25
Reed, Nathan	9/25
Heder, April	9/26
Muller, Stephanie	9/27
Manske, Scott	9/29
Jones, Tom	9/30

November

Duwe, Judith	11/7
Ziemendorf, Jon	11/7
Solie, Carl	11/9
Brylow, Dexter	11/10
Hansen, Nancy	11/11
Lemke, Terry	11/11
Grob, Jill	11/12
Hearn, David	11/13
Buettner, Abby	11/14
Anderson, Deborah	11/15
Brylow, Ada	11/18
Avila, Israel	11/22
Kilday, Carolyn	11/27
Langlas, Nancy	11/27



October

Beitzel, Mary	10/1
Bentz, Janice	10/5
Burks, Debbie	10/6
Rankin, Rachel	10/6
Avila, Homero	10/7
Dahlgren, Jill	10/7
Lampien, Don	10/8
Eccarius, Malinda	10/11
Westfall Sr., Steven	10/11
Breitlow, Jane	10/12
Muhar, Bernice	10/20
Wenzel, Michelle	10/20
Westfall, Seth	10/21
Mattson, Aase	10/22
Schaus, Maurice	10/22
Ziemendorf, Quinten	10/22
Fox, Amy	10/23
Restrepo, Kaiden	10/23
Restrepo, Karson	10/23
Westfall, Kei	10/23
Restrepo, Amber	10/28
Matrise, Luciano	10/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Date	Years
Dan & Lynn Jones	9/8/1998	18
Amber & John Restrepo	9/12/2009	7
Jon & Darlene Ziemendorf	9/18/1976	40
Todd & Michelle Wenzel	9/19/1998	18
John & Donna Hoppe	9/20/1986	30
Timothy & Lani Knutson	9/21/2003	13
Justin & Margaret Schmidtke	9/22/2007	9
Gerhard & Ginny Smeiska	9/24/1949	67
Don Lampien & Lois Fuhrmann	9/29/2001	15
Mike & Susan Danko	10/2/1993	23
Chris & Patricia Lampien	10/2/2004	12
Tom & Carol Moore	10/4/1975	41
David & Leigh Anne Muller	10/9/1993	23
Jeff & LouAnn Reed	10/10/1981	35
Scott & Laura Manske	10/11/1986	30
Karl & Mary Ihrig	10/12/1985	31
Carl & Cynthia Solie	10/12/1996	20
Barry & Amy Burns	10/14/2006	10
Matt & Kelly Moore	10/18/1997	19
Larry & Paula Kubiayk	10/21/2006	10
Frederic & Mary Meyer	11/10/1978	36
Paul & Judith Duwe	11/13/1982	34
Michael & Amy Fox	11/20/1993	23

UPCOMING CORNERSTONE EVENTS IN BRIEF

Rally Day

September 11, 2016

8am Worship

9:15 Cross+Generational Sunday School

10:30am Worship & Sunday School Teacher Blessing

Join us for an Ice Cream Social between services!



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Cross_Generational Sunday School

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Dinner and Entertainment

Saturday, November 5th, 5:00pm at MLC

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Worship Service Times Beginning After Labor Day On Rally Day

8:00am Worship

9:15 Christian Formation

10:30am Worship

Send us your photos! If you've taken some good photos of our congregation that we can use for future issues of the Door, please send them to fred_mary_meyer@yahoo.com or mlc@martinlutherchurch.net

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