

# The Door

“Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ”

## Baptisms at MLC!



## Our 5 Cornerstones



Engaging The Bible  
Giving in Service  
Building Loving Relationships  
Growing in Worship  
Daily Acts of Faith

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. 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.

## No Change to Worship Times This Summer!

Our council and worship committee have decided to not change worship times for the summer months this year, so we will continue to worship at 8:00 and 10:30 every week. Since we will continue to have an education hour between services, look for details on special events during that time throughout the summer, including a seminar on legacy giving, a documentary on Martin Luther's Germany, and more.

# Pastor's Page



## You Are What You Eat

“How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding.” -Psalm 119:103-104a

I love my job, but like most people, there are times I find it harder than at others. There are days writing sermons feels like more work than usual and times when blogging or preparing for Bible study just doesn't flow smoothly. In my years of ministry, though, I've found that the difficult times often have one thing in common.

I usually haven't been feeding myself well.

I'm not talking about actual food. I'm talking about mental and spiritual food. If I haven't been taking time to read the Bible or religious books, if I haven't been listening to podcasts that inspire me, or if I'm not somehow learning or studying something that excites me, then I tend to struggle more with my job. To put it another way, if I'm not doing a good job of “inputting” new information or ideas, I have a harder time with the “output” side of my job: preaching, teaching, counseling, and writing.

It takes a lot of work to find original ways to present the Gospel meaningfully and I have found a direct relationship to how well *I'm* learning new ways of understanding the Gospel myself. I have a sticker on my computer that reads, “Never stop learning” as a reminder to myself that I need to

keep learning to do my job well and to grow in my relationship with God. It is a truth for all of us who follow Jesus that we need to feed our spiritual and mental side in order to love and serve well.

So, as we head into the summer months, let me ask: How are *you* growing in your relationship with God? Is there something you are working at learning? Let me suggest that you find one thing to work on and pursue it. Here are some suggestions to get you started.

- Our church lending library has gained many new titles recently and Malinda Eccarius has volunteered to be our librarian. She will be organizing all the genres soon. Stop by and see what books are available.
- Stop by the Outreach board at church and look for a way to volunteer with one of our partner ministries. Do it with a friend or family member.
- Find a podcast to listen to. (I can recommend “Seminary Dropout” and “On Ramp”.) If you don't know how to find a podcast, ask me.
- Download the Bible app from [bible.com](http://bible.com) and start one of their reading plans.
- Watch videos from [thebibleproject.com](http://thebibleproject.com).
- Join a Bible study at church.
- Study religious art or music.

Whatever you do this summer, may you continue to grow in your relationship with God and with others. And may we find ways to be filled with God's mercy and wisdom so we can better love and serve the world around us.

In God's Amazing Grace,  
Pastor Ari

## Leading Well: Stop and THINK

By Pastor Ari Mattson

I continue to participate in a three year program for leadership development called Leading Well that includes annual retreats and monthly cohort coaching. In a recent coaching session, we were discussing healthy communications practices in churches, especially around disagreements. Even in churches, there are times when we will have disagreements, but how we communicate when we have disagreements can model Christ-like behaviors. Healthy communications can build trust, encourage participation from new people, and strengthen community, but unhealthy communications can derail conversation, squash momentum and creativity, and undermine relationships.

In our conversation, one of my colleagues shared an idea she has found helpful for practicing and teaching healthy conversation. Before we speak something that may be controversial or negative, we should stop and THINK. THINK is an acronym of questions to consider before speaking. We should ask, "Is this TRUE? Is this HELPFUL? Does it IMPROVE the conversation? Is this NECESSARY? And is this KIND?" If we can't say "yes" to all these questions, it may be a good idea to change how we say it or just to not say it at all.

I am pleased to say I often see examples of healthy disagreement in our congregation where people listen respectfully and are polite when offering alternative ideas. However, the Holy Spirit is always at work in us to make us more Christ-like and I found this acronym to be a helpful tool for me to think about in my communications. I hope THINKing can improve your own conversations and relationships, too.



### Social Media

Pastor Ari's blog can be found at [arimattson.blogspot.com](http://arimattson.blogspot.com).

MLC's facebook page is [facebook.com/MartinLutherChurch](https://facebook.com/MartinLutherChurch).

MLC's twitter page can be found at [twitter.com/MLCMilwaukee](https://twitter.com/MLCMilwaukee).

Visit our website at [www.martinlutherchurch.net](http://www.martinlutherchurch.net) to view our Calendar, Worship Assistant Schedule, and more. From our website you can listen to recent sermons as well!

## Lutheran World Relief

October 2017 is almost here for us to make and send kits and quilts for Lutheran World Relief to needy counties. Please look at the list below for things you may have at home or wish to purchase. We also need yarn and gentle used cotton and flannel sheets. Drop off articles in the LWR box near the elevator. Cash or checks are always welcomed. Any questions call Ginny Smeiska [414-453-4931](tel:414-453-4931) or email [ginnysmeiska1@gmail.com](mailto:ginnysmeiska1@gmail.com)

### Items List:

- Yarn for hats & sweaters

#### School Kits

- Notebooks (wide- or college ruled)
- Erasers (1x2 inches)
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Pencils (unsharpened)
- Pens (no gel pens)
- Scissors (blunt end)
- Rulers (foot-long with both cm and in)
- Crayons (16-24 box)
- Draw String Backpacks (Pattern available)

#### Personal Care Kits

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

#### Fabric Kits

- 3 Yards of Material/Fabric
- Spools of Thread

#### Baby Care Kits

- Sleepers or Gowns\* (up to 24 months, no feet)
- Sweaters or Sweatshirts\*
- T-Shirts & Undershirts\* (no onesies)
- Bar Soap (mild)
- Cloth Diapers
- Diaper Pins
- Receiving Blankets\*
- Knit Caps
- Hand Towels\*
- Socks\*

\*New or gently used

Cash or Checks are always welcome as well!

Also, don't forget to save TABS for Ronald McDonald House drop off in labeled box near the elevator.

## Drama Ministry

MLC's new drama group did a great job leading worship for our midweek services in Lent this year. Using "Luther's Table Talks," the drama team presented actual conversations around various themes from the Small Catechism. Their next big project is for the 500th Anniversary Celebration of the Reformation that we will be hosting on October 28 at 5pm. If you are interested in getting involved with the drama group, please contact Kelly Taylor-Schaus.

## Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Reconciling in Christ churches of the Greater Milwaukee Synod have been asked to participate jointly in this year's Pride Fest on June 9-11. Volunteers are needed to staff a booth and participate in the Parade. Please sign up by Sunday, June 4th. Sign-up sheets are on the tables by the bulletin board.

**Two** Volunteers needed to staff the Health and Wellness area booth for **ONE of 8 - 2.5** hour shifts. Listed below are the choices. **Volunteers admission is complimentary for the booth.** *(After May 11th - choice time may not be available. Sign up sooner than later.)*

**Friday, June 9th** - 3:00 - 5:30 pm or 5:30 - 8:00 pm.

**Saturday, June 10th** - Noon - 2:30 pm, 2:30 - 5:00 pm, or 5:00 - 7:30 pm.

**Sunday, June 11th** - Noon - 2:30 pm, 2:30 - 5:00 pm, or 5:00 - 7:30 pm.

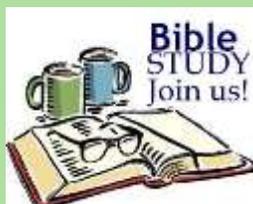
**Many** Volunteers needed to make a float and walk in the Pride Fest Parade, Sunday, June 11th, starting at 12:30 pm. More detailed information and instructions to come.

*If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Val Meyer.*



## New Bible Study: Learn the Story

Pastor Ari has started a new Bible study that meets the third Thursday of the month at 7pm. "Learn the Story" uses Bible "storying" to hear the stories of the Bible in new ways and to put together the themes that run throughout the Bible. If you know nothing about the Bible or are looking for a different way to read it, there's something here for you.



# Music Notes

From Kelly

## Choir News

Thank you, choir folks, for your hard work and dedication to weekly rehearsals and for witnessing to us through song.



**Perhaps** you would like to join choir.

If so, please contact Kelly Kuhl at 262-441-1861, cell/text or [kuhl.kelly@gmail.com](mailto:kuhl.kelly@gmail.com) to get your info to keep you posted.

**Choir Rehearsals resume**

Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

In the **Green Room**

## Hand Chime Choir

**Ding and Ring along with us.**

No experience needed

101 ringing session Coming

Date to be Determined

Watch for it

Sunday announcements, Weekly Window, and

our website <http://martinlutherchurch.net/>

Questions?

Contact Lani Knutson

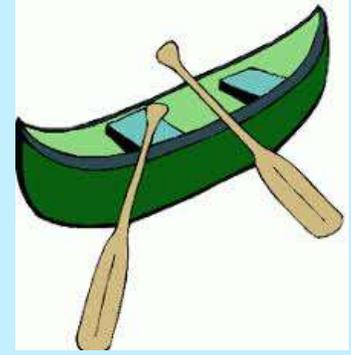
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## **Christmas Caroling**

Watch for Date in December



# 2017 Youth Trip To Wilderness Canoe Base



## Invest in Our Youth...Buy Youth Stock at Church Every Sunday in June!

These stocks will reap unbelievable benefits and never go down in value!!!

From August 5-12, 2017, 6 youth and 3 adults will be traveling to Wilderness Canoe Base in Grand Marais, WI. At Wilderness Canoe Base (WCB), the students will do service work and have an adventure.

*Half of their WCB experience will be spent as a work crew helping to improve the buildings, structures, and trails of the camp. The other half will be spent on a multi-day canoe trip throughout the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. During both parts of the week, they will enjoy the beauty and serenity of the Northwoods, grow deeper in their faith, develop an appreciation of God's natural world, establish meaningful communities, and learn more about themselves.*

All stockholders will receive a stock certificate and will be invited to a **Stockholders' Dinner in September** to see and hear highlights of the trip. **Green & Silver** stockholders will receive a postcard from the youth while they're on their trip. **Gold** stockholders will receive a postcard and an autographed photo of the group. **Major/Platinum** stockholders will receive a postcard, photo, and a servant trip t-shirt. They will also have the privilege of sitting next to a participant at the Stockholders' Dinner.

Youth will be selling stock at church throughout June. Shares of stock cost \$20 each. Please make checks out to "Martin Luther Lutheran Church" with "Servant Trip" on the memo line. For more information contact Kate Mattson, [kateandari@gmail.com](mailto:kateandari@gmail.com), or Amber Anderson, [amber32501@gmail.com](mailto:amber32501@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

### Shares cost \$20 each:

\$10 will buy a meal for a participant  
\$46 will buy a tank of gas  
\$60 buys a day's registration for a participant  
\$410 completely pays for a participant's registration  
\$140 buys a van's gas for the week  
\$500 will provide a rental vehicle for the trip

### There are different levels of stockholders:

Major/Platinum stockholder = \$500+  
Gold stockholder = \$300  
Silver stockholder = \$100  
Green stockholder = \$40  
Stockholder = \$20

### Gratitude

The youth and chaperones traveling to the Wilderness Canoe Base this summer would like to thank Darlene Ziemendorf for holding jewelry sales to help them fund raise. We also would like to express our gratitude to everyone who purchase some of Darlene's unique, beautiful jewelry.

### July 30 Youth Trip Commissioning

On July 30 at the 10:30am service, we will commission the youth and adults traveling to the Wilderness Canoe Base. Please pray for Jared Anderson, Abby Buettner, Luke Wenzel, Veda Fox, Keone Westfall, Amber Anderson, Seth Westfall, and Pastor Ari as they prepare for the trip and while they are away.

# Cross+Generational News and Events

## Cross+Generational Faith Adventure Summer 2017

Cross+Generational Faith Adventure (CGFA) is a summer event that some might recognize as Vacation Bible School. This event, however, encourages people of all ages (not just children) to participate and deepen their faith. We will have supper together, do a servant project together, and learn together. **Join us August 15, 16, & 17 from 5:30pm to 8pm! The theme is "Mission Impossible" this year!**



## Cross+Generational Sunday School Lenten Project



## Lenten Worship Reader's Theater



## Cross+Generational Good Friday Family Event



## Pastor Richard Weeden's MLC Bible Study Groups

### Men's Study Group –

2nd Monday of the month, 7:15pm to 8:45pm

### Women's Study Group –

3rd Monday of the month, 4:15pm to 5:45pm

**There will be no Study Groups the month of July.**

## Pentecost Reminder

**Wear Red on Sunday, June 4** - to commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples.

## Serenity Inn News

The men at Serenity Inn are still hungry in the summertime, so please keep checking the signup sheet in the narthex and join us each month for food and fellowship. If you are unable to join us we can still use your delicious contributions of food.

Just let us know and we can make the arrangements for that, along with rides. See Lyn South, or call or text her with questions at [414-241-3977](tel:414-241-3977) or e-mail her at [rsouth@wi.rr.com](mailto:rsouth@wi.rr.com).



## Women of the ELCA

**The Christian Action Quilting Group** meets on the first and third Thursday of each month from 10:00am to noon (June 1st & 15th, July 6th & 20th, and August 3rd & 17th). Join us in MLC's Red Room to cut, sew, and tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

**WELCA Bible Study** will be meeting on Wednesday, Jun 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. We will not be meeting in July or August, but will start up again on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. Pastor Ari is leading a study on the Nooma Videos by Rob Bell. The videos are excellent and lead to awesome conversations and fellowship, so please join us!

**The Women's Study Group** Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 4:15pm. Pastor Richard Weeden Leads this Bible Study. There will be no study the month of July.

### Looking Ahead: Dates for Your Calendar

- Thursday, June 1st, WELCA Board Meeting at 7pm at MLC.
- Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, WELCA Coffee Hour
- August 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Women's Weekend Retreat at Pine Lake Camp in Waupaca, WI. All women are invited to come and share in "Peace (more than meets the eye)" through Bible Studies, Taize Worship Services, Free Time, and much more! Our Chaplain and Bible Study Leader will be Pastor Kathy J. Jacobson from Peace Bethlehem in Cobb and Crystal Rock in Fennimore, WI. Registration fees post-marked by July 24<sup>th</sup> (which includes all meals and lodging) are \$120 for Juniper Lodge and \$155 for Evergreen Lodge. After Jul 24<sup>th</sup>, fees are \$130 for Juniper Lodge and \$165 for Evergreen Lodge. Look for registration pamphlets on the bulletin board or call Kathy Holat at 414-545-5434 with any questions. Camperships are available.
- Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, Greater Milwaukee Synodical Convention at Ascension Lutheran Church.
- Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, WELCA Pot Luck at 6:30pm. Come and learn more about the women behind the man, Katie Luther.

## Tosa Cares

The next distribution at the Tosa Cares Food Pantry will be **Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>** at Mt. Zion Church. The focus for that distribution will be providing laundry detergent.



Looking ahead, the following distribution will be **Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>** when the focus will be on school supplies.

We could use your help in packing and distributing food for a couple of hours on those dates starting at 8:30. If you are able to contribute food or gently used clothing, please see the Tosa Cares collection point in the narthex at Martin Luther.

Please contact Mary Felkner if you can help at a distribution or for further information.

## Martin Luther Is Coming to Martin Luther!!!

What could be better than that, and who else to share his thoughts on the Reformation. Join us in celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation and Martin Luther's posting of his 95 Theses on Saturday, October 28, 2017.

Look for more details to come, including a celebration dinner and, of course, Martin Luther himself coming to share some of his thoughts and pronouncements.



## Birthdays

Name	Date
Shirley Mieritz	June 01
Ray Le May	June 02
Tom Moore	June 03
Kenneth Sack	June 03
Jay Shields	June 04
Barry Burns	June 05
Beverly Weeden	June 05
Sawyer Fox	June 07
Bruce South	June 07
Katy Almond	June 08
Kyle Manske	June 08
Kelly Taylor-Schaus	June 10
Veda Fox	June 13
Karen Smeiska	June 13
Peter Breitlow	June 15
Claire Manske	June 15
Zebedee Summers	June 16
Pat Denning	June 17
Barry Dahlgren	June 19
Emily Taylor-Schaus	June 20
Doug Gallus	June 21
Tracy Kubiayk	June 21
Carla Meyer	June 21
Scott Wenzel	June 21
Peter Knutso	June 22
Nancy Ring	June 22
Elaine Franzen	June 23
Laura Manske	June 23
Lyn South	June 23
Lauren Kivimaki	June 27
Marie Emmons	June 29
Phyllis Nelson	June 30
Barb Kroupa	July 01
Evan Solie	July 05
Kendall Baer	July 06
Alexis Parkinson Shields	July 09
Patricia Lampien	July 12
Michael Knutson	July 14
Ethan Moore	July 18
Keith Maurer	July 21
Jasmine Za- browski	July 21
Erica Maurer	July 24
Ryder Rankin	July 24

Kegian Fox	July 25
Alyssa Lampien	July 25
Jacob Burks	July 26
Kim Siels	July 26
Amber Anderson	July 27
Lois Daute Orndoff	July 27
Ginny Smeiska	July 29
Angelo Masullo	July 30
Austin Moore	August 03
Mary Meyer	August 05
Kylie Restrepo	August 10
Bill Kroupa	August 11
Valery Meyer	August 11
Madeleine Drewek	August 18
Marcia Smeiska	August 18
Nicholas Schanz	August 20
Paul Solie	August 20
Michael Lee	August 23
Barbara Liedtke	August 23
Tyler Meyer	August 23
Holly Vogel	August 23
Jerry Smeiska	August 25
Samara Summers	August 27
Killian Restrepo	August 29



## Anniversaries

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Years</b>
Carla & Paul Meyer	June 03	17
Liz & Nick Schanz	June 04	6
Barb & Kendall Baer	June 05	63
Kate & Ari Mattson	June 07	14
Carol & Lowell Williams	June 07	59
Jasmine & Joseph Zambrowski	June 15	4
Petra Eccarius Brylow & Dennis Brylow	June 19	13
Mary & Tom Smith	June 20	36
Tori & Lenny Mallak	June 25	29
Maurice Schaus & Kelly Taylor-Schaus	June 26	24
Tony & Sarah Breitlow	July 02	12
Rachel & Colin Rankin	July 08	17
Carrie & Robert Anderson	July 09	1
Jenn & Matt Coyle	July 12	5
Beth & Mike Halloran	July 14	5
Barb & Dennis Benjamin	July 17	51
Wendy & Rob Buettner	July 18	19
Kathy & Barry Holat	July 26	31
Deb & John Anderson	August 05	39
Katy & Steve Almond	August 07	24
Jill & Barry Dahlgren	August 08	47
Barb & Bill Kroupa	August 16	37
Robin & Dick Herrmann	August 18	44
Jean & Keith Maurer	August 27	34
Lori & Homero Avila	August 30	9
Jane & Peter Breitlow	August 30	42

## New Members

Carrie & Rob Anderson  
Barb & Dennis Benjamin  
Marie & Jordan Emmons  
Victoria Mallak

## Christian Music Concert and Luncheon at MLC

SAVE THE DATE! Do you like upbeat Christian music? Please join Tori Mallak and her friends (Pastor Steve Anderson & Nick Russo) on Sunday, August 27th, for a performance in preparation for their concert in Sweden. A light luncheon will be served @ Noon followed by some fun Christian music. Please join us!!!

## THE ANNUAL MERU BENEFIT GOLF OUTING SUNDAY AUG 20, 2017

SUPPORTING LOCAL AND  
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS



The Mt. Meru Coffee Project's objective is to develop and grow relationships, building on fair prices and practices between the Meru coffee growers and coffee consumers.

Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity builds and renovates homes for families in need of sustainable housing. Simple, decent, and affordable homes that transform the lives of their partner families and the neighborhoods in which they live.

**FUN - GAMES - PRIZES - RAFFLES - AUCTION**

JOIN US AT KETTLE HILLS COLF COURSE  
FOR A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON  
18 HOLES - \$90.00 TEE-OFF 1:30 PM  
9HOLES - \$70.00 TEE-OFF 3:30PM

REGISTRATION OPEN - MAY 1ST THRU AUG. 13TH  
VISIT [www.mtmerucoffee.org](http://www.mtmerucoffee.org) to sign up

# Upcoming Cornerstone Events In Brief

## Pentecost

Wear **Red** on Sunday,  
June 4 - to commemorate  
the coming of the Holy Spirit  
to the disciples.

**Learn the Story  
Bible Study**  
Every Third Thursday at  
7pm.



**Youth Trip  
Commisioning**  
July 30<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30am  
service

## Upcoming Tosa Cares Distributions

June 17<sup>th</sup> & August 12th

## Mission Impossible Cross+Genera- tional Summer Event

August 15 – 17  
5:30pm to 8pm

**Mt Meru Golf Outing**  
Sunday August 20th

**Christian Music  
Concert at MLC**  
Sunday, August 27th

## Online and Text Giving!

MLC's online and Text Giving  
options are now available!

**Online Giving** - Simply go to  
this website to make a one-  
time offering or set up a  
weekly or monthly offering.  
[https://martinluther-  
church.breezechms.com/give/  
online](https://martinluther-church.breezechms.com/give/online)

**Text Giving** - Send a text to  
this number: 414-269-6599  
(type anything you want in the  
message box and send). You  
will receive a text back. Fol-  
low the link to set up your giv-  
ing information. You will only  
have to put in your info the  
first time—after set up, any  
time you want to give, you will  
simply text the amount you  
want to give and send!

## When You Need to Get in Touch

Email: .....mlc@martinlutherchurch.net  
Rev. Ari Mattson.....414.476.9411  
Cell/text: 262.501.3996  
Email: pastor@martinlutherchurch.net  
Rob Buettner,  
Council President.....414.429.5506  
Ronna Paradowski, Administrative  
Assistant....414.476.9411  
Kelly Kuhl, Organist &  
Adult Choir Director.....262.642.6303  
Lani Knutson, Children's Choir Director &  
Handbell Director .....414.477.9364

## Worship Service Times Fall and Summer

**8:00am Worship**  
**9:15 Christian Formation** (look  
for different events on several of  
the Sundays during the summer  
as well)  
**10:30am Worship**

Martin Luther Lutheran Church, ELCA  
9235 West Bluemound Road  
Milwaukee WI 53226-4406

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