

# The Portico

Dr. Martin Luther Church

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## February, 2012

### Senior Pastor

Larry Harpster (262) 344-5942

### Pastoral Assistant

Larry Henning (262) 716-6179

### Director of Music

Heidi K. Graf (414) 380-1886

### Administrative Secretary

Mary Engel

### Volunteer Coordinator

Bobbie Dierbeck

### Custodian

Sue McMahon

## Worship Schedule

### Saturday 5:00 PM Chapel Service

traditional format

### Sundays 9:00 AM Worship

Includes a variety of musical styles, a blend of hymns and contemporary songs so that there is something for everyone at each service.

**Sunday School** is held at 10:20 AM on Sundays

### Sundays 10:30 AM Praise Service

"Roll the Stone," our Praise Band continues to perform. Join us at this upbeat and energetic service.

## From the Pastor

### IN 2012, A CARING PLACE FOR EVERYONE

I have been asking people around our community the question, "If you could design a new ministry or a new group that you would be excited to attend, what would it be like?" I have received some interesting responses.

Some people have something come to mind immediately, like a group for single people. Some people can not think of one new idea. Some members brag about a group they are already attending. I personally would like to have a Men's Retreat Group that reads a book once every three months and then goes on a retreat somewhere, discusses it and then goes fishing together. The one aspect of all the responses I have heard is that the new group would be a place where everyone can share, be supported by others and have their faith grow.

I am currently reading a book by Steve Gladen called Small Groups with Purpose: How to Create Healthy communities. He talks about how in his congregation the way people are drawn closer to God is by everyone being in a caring group, where people share their lives, pray for one another and learn how to be better followers of Jesus.

I have a vision for the future of Dr. Martin Luther that everyone in our community has one caring place they can go. Please let me know what your vision for a new group or ministry would be in the future and let's make it happen!

God's Blessings, Pastor Larry Harpster

## Seasoned Lutherans

Seasoned Lutherans (anyone over 50) will meet on Wednesday, February 22 at 12:45PM (following the Ash Wednesday service). Following lunch Pastor Larry Harpster will be giving the presentation.

## Next FREE Community Meal

The next Free Community Meal will be held on Monday, February 27. The meal will be served from 5:00—6:00PM at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 815 S. Concord Road, Oconomowoc



**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Begin Lent by Repenting, remembering that we are dust and to dust we will ultimately return.*

**Noon & 7:00pm: Imposition of Ashes and Communion**

**Join us each Wednesday during lent at 12:00 and 7:00PM for worship. A soup lunch will follow the noon service.**

## DMLC Gift List:

Members of DMLC often ask if there is something specific they can give that will uplift our ministry. Here is a list of items that could be given to our congregation as a gift. If you have any questions, please talk with one of the staff.

New Acolyte and Assistant Minister rope belts \$100

New lights for Sacristy \$140

New Counter and Sink for Sacristy \$586

New Cabinets for Sacristy \$814

New CD player for the sanctuary sound system \$425

New clocks for Sunday school rooms \$60

If you would like to make a donation for any of these items, please mark it for which items it is to be used for. Thank you!

## Portico News Deadline

The deadline for the February issue of *The Portico* is Monday, February 20. All information for the month of March must be submitted by this date. Thank you.

## Young(er) Women's Fellowship Gatherings

**Feb. 5, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug. 5, Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2**  
**4:30—6:00PM in the Education Wing**

*Come when you can, leave when you must, childcare will be provided if requested*

A gathering for young(er) women (define that as you choose) to gather for conversation, mutual support and a glass of wine. Meet to talk, listen, pray, laugh, relax, and enjoy time together to reflect on lives as women and children of God. Feel free to bring a favorite snack, dessert or bottle of wine. This group recognizes the crazy schedules many women keep, so come when schedules permit, enjoy the time set apart.

## Panera Bread Pickup

Reminder! You are invited to stop by on Tuesday mornings at 7:45 to pick up left over bread we receive from Panera Bread in Delafield.



## Thank You!

### St. Ben's

We thank the following people for donating, making and deboning the turkeys and serving the meal: Jennifer Lemke, Betty Peters, Cheri Conners, Gordon Fleury, Betty Toepfer, Art Boettcher, Don and Phyllis Scharfenberg, Robert and Carole Schuett, Charlotte McMahan, Leslie Boettcher, Milene Wegner, Louise Pieper, Joyce Bahr, Dick Zautner and Glenn Shong.

The next time we serve the meal is on Wednesday, February 1.

### Bulletins and Newsletter

Thank you to Betty Till, Joan Keating, Kathy Vogt, Charlotte McMahan, Esther Neumann, Kathleen Kimball, Milene Wegner for assembling the bulletins and newsletter this month.

## Wishing Well for February

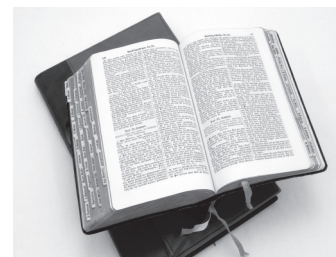
### Donations for College Goody Boxes

Head's up to all parents/relatives of college students! It's time to start preparing for our Spring Semester "goody boxes" for our college students. I'd like to mail them out by March 5th. Please watch for good deals on small items that would fit into a medium size flat rate postal box. Microwavable food, candy, gum, small school supplies, \$5 gift cards to fast food places or visa/mc gift cards, are all suggestions. Cash donations towards the price of shipping or purchases are also appreciated. Donations can be placed into/by the wishing well~please take cash or gift cards to the church office. Don't forget to turn in your students' name and address! I make a new list each time we send these out! 😊 Thanks for your support! POC Caroline Driscoll 646-5605 or [driscollmc@earthlink.net](mailto:driscollmc@earthlink.net)

## Men's Bible Studies

**You are invited** to participate in a great casual learning and fellowship experience that takes place on the **SECOND Saturday of every month** at the Pabst Farms YMCA from 7:30 - 8:30 am. You do not need to be a member of the YMCA to participate. Please contact Chris Butschke (262.966.0270) or Mike Driscoll (262.646.5605) for directions/additional details.

**An additional night of Men's Bible Study** will meet every **fourth Thursday of the month** at 7:00 PM at the offices of Tricia's Troops Cancer Connection. The address



for Tricia's Troops Cancer Connection is 120 E. Wisconsin Avenue, but the entrance is in the **BACK** of the building overlooking Fowler Lake. The office is in-between Laker's and the old On The Deck building, which now house's Root's Coffee Bar. Come and join us!

## What's New In Sunday School!

Wow! What a season! Hopefully, everyone had a chance at some point to sit back and enjoy the festivities, wonderment, and glory that make up our Christmas season.

Here in Sunday School our kids learned stories of Mary and Joseph and the events leading up to our Savior's birth. As many of you witnessed, they also worked very hard practicing and performing the story as told by "Grandma Mary". A special thank you goes out to Heidi and Kathleen Graf for all their hard work putting it together!

Coming up in February we will host "Bring A Friend Day". All children are invited to bring a friend to Sunday School for a fund day and to help spread the good news.

## Annual VBS Basket Raffle

It's time for our annual Vacation Bible School fundraiser. We need gift baskets of all kinds to raffle off during our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. There are endless ideas! Search the internet or come up with your own. Some ideas would be spa, mani/pedi, camping, fishing, gardening, movie night, ice cream, coffee, chocolate, kid's art, books, candles, on and on.

Sign up with your idea in the back of the sanctuary or contact Angie Lewein. Please be sure to indicate your basket's theme to avoid duplicates. All donations should be turned in by Sunday, February 19.

Tickets will be on sale two weeks prior before and after church services. You do not need to be present to win! All proceeds will fund our 2012 Vacation Bible School program. Thank you!

Contact Angie at [chrisandangie97@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisandangie97@hotmail.com) or 567-5629

### JOIN THE DMLC SCRAPBOOKERS & FREE YOUR PHOTOS!

Are your photos trapped in your  
computer or camera?

Are your children's newborn pic-  
tures in the same box as their  
graduation pictures?

We can help you turn them into  
cherished keepsakes for generations  
to come!

All are wel-  
come! Bring a  
friend! 567-  
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info

All crafts wel-  
come! Beading,  
knitting, stamp-  
ing, etc.

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday  
every  
month  
9:00 – 4:00

# Third Annual

## DMLC Youth Ski Trip

You don't want to miss it! DMLC Youth will once again be heading up north for a weekend of fun in the snow. All Youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up are invited. Bring a friend and double the fun!

\$100 fee includes transportation, lodging, meals, lift ticket and ski or snowboard equipment.



Who: All youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up

Where: Hurley, WI

When: Thursday, Feb. 23 – Sunday, Feb. 26

Sign up in the back of the sanctuary.

For more information contact Chris Lewein at [leweincj@hotmail.com](mailto:leweincj@hotmail.com) or 262-567-5629.

### Dartball Schedule: Mondays @ 7:30PM

February 6	Bye Week
February 13	DMLC at Cross, Ixonia
February 20	St. Mark's #2, Watertown at DMLC
February 27	St. Paul's, Ixonia at DMLC
March 5	Make Up Night
March 12	2 <sup>nd</sup> place vs 3 <sup>rd</sup> place in each division
March 19	First Round Winners vs. 1 <sup>st</sup> Place in each division
March 26	Championship Match & Captain's Mtg.
April 2	League Banquet @ Plattduetcher Hall 7:30 PM

### From the Mailbox

Dr. Martin Luther Church Family,

Thank you for all your prayers and cards. It makes us so grateful for all the kindness our church family has offered us through these hard times.

God Bless,  
Diane Gallert

### Quilts for Lutheran World Relief

Join us on Wednesday February 15th at 9:00 a.m. in fellowship hall as we make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. You do not need to know how to sew to help with this project.



### Income Tax done FREE

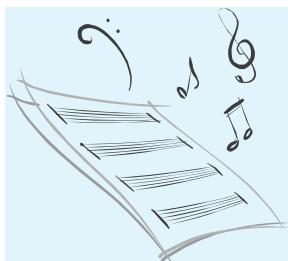
AARP Tax Aide is pleased to announce their tax preparation service to our local community.

Through the charter of the organization, we are trained to provide a wide range of services that supports most residential taxpayers.

The operation in Oconomowoc will be provided every **Tuesday** through April 10th at the Oconomowoc Senior Center located at 210 S. Main Street.

The tax preparation service is done **by appointment only**.

Please call (262) 567-3287 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to set up your appointment.



## Music Notes

### Greetings and Belated Happy New Year!

This is the first chance I have had to write to you since before Christmas. Our Christmas services were well attended and very joyful events. Many, many people gave of their time and talents in order to make our programs so special. With that in mind I would like to acknowledge and thank those involved.

First of all, I want to thank Angie Lewein and the Sunday School teachers for all of their help producing the Children's Christmas Program. So many things happen behind the scenes: costuming, set making, practicing etc. Also, I want to thank my mother for writing the play and then reluctantly agreeing to be in the play.

Thanks also go to the parents for rehearsing those lines and getting their children to our extra rehearsals. Finally, I want to thank the children for their hard work: learning lines and songs, singing their hearts out and for their patience and enthusiasm. You did a spectacular job!

Moving ahead to Christmas Eve, I have lost count the number of hours and people involved in preparing for the Christmas services. The adult Handbells gave us marvelous performances. I was especially grateful for the extra rehearsals they committed to so that the entire 3 octave choir could perform with the choir. This was the first year that we tried doing this. It was a very challenging piece and they mastered it!

The Festival Choir also gave a beautiful performance Christmas Eve. Their parts were also challenging and though we had only a dozen singers, their joyful songs filled the air and our hearts! Special thanks goes to Katie Bart for accompanying the choir. She made it possible for me to conduct the combined choirs and instrumentalists. Thank you also goes to Dick Zautner

who, at the last minute, built a podium for this vertically challenged conductor. It was great to be able to see all of the musicians and them me.

Next, I want to thank the Orchestra for persevering through tough rehearsals and extra practice to finally bring it all together and giving us a wonderful performance. It is such a thrill to have so many DMLC musicians coming together and making music! I especially love it when we have new, young players who join us as they develop their skills.

This lengthy thank you note would not be complete unless I mention my two other partners in this endeavor. I heartily thank Dave Magedanz and Kurt Kimball for the endless hours they gave to rehearsals, their patience in dealing with a finicky music director, for teaching me a few new things along the way, for their advice in overcoming challenges and for making it fun too. The addition of their many, many percussive instruments to all of our music was truly amazing. Thank you, Dave, for arranging the percussion trios and for purchasing and learning to play the pan drum less than a month before Christmas. Thank you, Kurt, for being willing to play anything and everything Dave and I tossed your way.

Finally, I want to acknowledge that all of these talents came from our Lord and Maker. We strive to give our best to God as he has so graciously blessed us. May God grant us the will and ability to continue to praise him with the sound of music!

*Soli Deo Gloria*

Blessings to you,

Heidi K. Graf

Director of Music

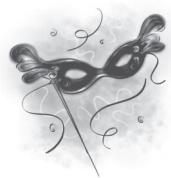
**Healing Services will be held**

**February 11 and 12**

### Additional Nursery

There is an additional nursery open during the 9:00 am service! It is open to 2 - 6 year old children and located in the lower education wing.

The cry room at the back of the Sanctuary is reserved for infants - 2 years.



# It's Mardi Gras Time!



Join the fun at Dr. Martin Luther Church

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## SHROVE TUESDAY

## PANCAKE SUPPER

### February 21



Serving from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

In Fellowship Hall

All the pancakes you can eat, plus sausage, applesauce and dessert

### PRICES:

\$7.00 for anyone over 12

\$3.00 for Children 3 to 12

Under 3 – FREE

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#### I will help with the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

- Cook from 3:30 - 5:30p.m. (Includes set up)
- Cook from 5:30 - 7:00p.m. (Includes clean up)
- Donate Dessert
- lend an electric griddle
- run a game
- sell raffle tickets

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_