

The Portico

Dr. Martin Luther Church

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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

CELEBRATE WITH US ON NOVEMBER 13TH!

Our “To Give Is To Live” Stewardship program is in full swing. On Sunday, September 23, about twenty volunteers from our congregation were blessed and sent out to deliver Stewardship packets to the entire community. The congregation is asked to receive the packets, read the contents and fill out the pledge form and Time and Talent sheet promptly. The volunteers will then pick up the packets after they are completed by Sunday, November 6th. Please thank the packet volunteers for giving of their time in this important process.

On Saturday, November 12th and Sunday, November 13th we will be celebrating the completion of our Stewardship program and reporting the results. I am inviting you to please plan on attending worship on that weekend. We will be having special music and a special message lifting up our “To Give Is To Live” theme.

It would be a wonderful celebration if everyone in our community would worship together on the November 12 and 13th weekend. I encourage you to make a special effort to join us then.

See you in church! Pastor Larry Harpster

Thanksgiving Worship

**Wednesday,
November 23
7:00 PM**



Christian Caring Class

(Led by Larry #2)

“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2).

Join Pastor Larry Henning as we learn how to care for one another and deepen our skills to listen to each other’s stories and to share God’s story.

- Two sessions starting Nov. 15 & 16: Tuesday evenings (7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Nov. 15 & 22) or Wednesday mornings (10:00 – Noon, Nov. 16 & 23).
- Sign-up on clipboard in back of the church ... or just tell Larry #2 you’re coming!

Congratulations Confirmands

On Sunday October 30th, the following students affirmed their baptism vows:

Alec Berg
Nate Curry
Dan Graupman
Gave Graupman
Trevor Trepton

Healing Services will be held November 12 and 13

Stewardship Report September, 2011

Monthly	Actual	Budget
Income	\$21,829.66	\$29,914.75
Expense	\$33,230.86	\$29,914.75
Monthly Income—Expense	(\$11,401.20)	
Year to Date	Actual	Budget
Income	\$224,449.21	\$269,232.75
Expense	\$260,333.99	\$269,232.75
Year to Date Income—Expense	(\$35,884.78)	

"I wish I may, I wish I might. Have the wish I wish tonight."

Each month there will be a different \$5.00 or less item for people of the congregation to put in the Wishing well, which is located in the narthex. Items will be given to the Lake Area Free Clinic and/ or the Oconomowoc food pantry, as well as Pastor Harpster to distribute as he sees the need, depending what the item is.

During the month of November we will be collecting **SOCKS** (New—All Sizes for Men, Women and Children)



If anyone knows of a need that would be good for a certain month, please contact Natalie Everts, 920.262.2050 .



St. Ben's

We thank the following people for donating, making and deboning the turkeys and serving the meal: Dan and Jan Schlender, Betty Peters, Lesley Kountz, George Wallis, Don and June Wischer, John and Erlene Humphrey, Gordon Fleury, Betty Toepfer, Pat Siebrecht, Jeanne Johns, Art and Leslie Boettcher, Milene Wegner, Charlotte McMahon, Lee Gallert, Dick Zautner and Glenn Shong.

The next time we serve the meal is on Wednesday, November 2.

Bulletins and Newsletter

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

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.

NEW!!! 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!

Young(er) Women's Fellowship Gatherings

Nov. 6 and Dec. 4
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.

Lake Country Greetings

distributes informational packets about our church and its programs to new residents in the Oconomowoc area. This is a great way to reach out to our community. Please call Diane Gaido at 262.560.1334 if your group or program has anything we could include in our packet. Thank you.

Candlelight Faith Walk

for we walk by faith, not by sight.
2 Corinthians 5:7

Friday, November 4 - 6:00PM

Gather on front steps of Dr. Martin Luther Church
325 S. Main Street, Oconomowoc

You, your family and friends are invited to join us for a Candlelight Faith Walk in support of Tricia Wright and others in need of prayer. We will gather on the front steps of church where you will receive a battery operated candle to carry during the walk. We will then have a prayer before we begin our walk around Fowler Lake. If you are unable to walk, please join us for prayer on the steps and then you may gather in fellowship hall for fellowship. The walk will end at Dr. Martin Luther Church where refreshments will be served in fellowship hall.

Please RSVP by emailing your name and the number of people who will be participating (we need to know this so we have enough candles) to: dmlc@globaldialog.com or calling 262-567-3829.

Note of Thanks

My thanks to Pastor Harpster, the Wellness Committee and the Prayer Group for all the prayers and kindness during my recent hospitalization and illness.

Esther Neumann

Snow Shoveling

Snow will soon be flying and we are looking for people to clean the sidewalks around church. A snow-blower is available for your use. If you are interested please call the church office at 262-567-3829. We are looking for people for weekends before church services and during the week.



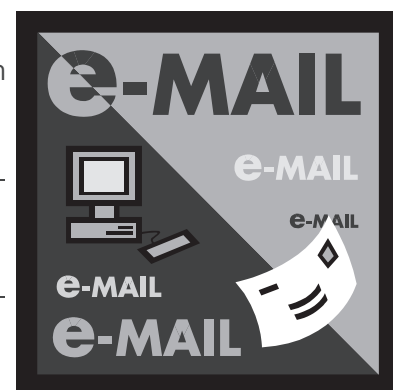
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Email Addresses

The church office is trying to update everyone's email address for the purpose of faster communication. If you have an email address please fill out the bottom portion of this page and return it to the church office. Thank you!

Name _____

Email Address _____



Holy Baptisms

Avery Grace Lussier, daughter of Kevin and Harmony Lussier will be baptized at the 10:30am service on Sunday, November 6.

Nathan Todd Rosch, son of Todd and Angie Rosch will be baptized during the 10:30am service on Sunday, November 13.

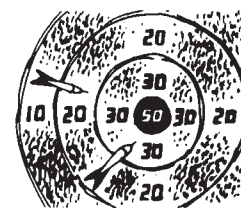
Zoey Sophia Tio, daughter of Tim and Jessica Tio will be baptized at the 5:00pm service on Saturday, November 19

We pray that God's richest blessings be with Avery, Nathan and Zoey as they grow.



Dartball Schedule: Mondays @ 7:30PM

Dartball

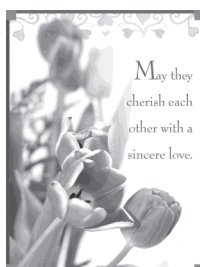


- November 7 DMLC at St. Mark's #2, Watertown
- November 14 DMLC at St. Mark's #1, Watertown
- November 28 St. Mark's, Sugar Island at DMLC
- December 5 St. Paul's, Sugar Island at DMLC
- December 12 St. Peter's, Lebanon at DMLC
- December 19 DMLC at Immanuel, Lebanon
- January 2 DMLC at St. John's, Watertown
- January 9 Immanuel, Watertown at DMLC
- January 16 St. Mark's #1, Watertown at DMLC
- January 23 DMLC at Zion, Ashippun
- January 30 DMLC at St. John's, Ashippun
- 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 2nd place vs 3rd place in each division
- March 19 First Round Winners vs. 1st Place in each division
- March 26 Championship Match & Captain's Mtg.
- April 2 League Banquet @ Plattduetcher Hall 7:30 PM

Wedding Blessings

On October 22nd Cecelia Bart and Adam Schlosser were united in marriage.

We pray God's richest blessing be with these newlyweds.



Seasoned Lutherans

Seasoned Lutherans (anyone over 50) will meet on Wednesday, November 16 at 12:00PM for lunch.

Following lunch Charlotte Vilter presenting "Charlotte's new voices at age 50!"

Office Closed

Please note that the church office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th and Friday, November 25th.



Happy Thanksgiving

Confirmation Class Schedule

November 2	5:30 p.m.	7 and 8 grade class
November 9	5:30 p.m.	7 and 8 grade class
November 16	5:30 p.m.	7 and 8 grade class
November 23	7:00 p.m.	Class and families worship together at Thanksgiving Eve Worship
November 30	5:30 p.m.	7 and 8 grade class
December 7	5:30 p.m.	7 and 8 grade class
December 14	5:30 p.m.	7 and 8 grade class

Christmas Break until January

Jingle Bell Dinner

Twenty one years ago this year the first **Jingle Bell Dinner** was sponsored by Dr. Martin Luther Church and St. Jerome Parish. Jo Neumann, of DMLC, was instrumental in the founding the annual Christmas meal. Originally the location alternated between the two churches, but since the St. Jerome Parish School opened in 2004 with a state of the art industrial kitchen and easy street level access, the event has been hosted at the school.

We are seeking additional people from DMLC to be part of the committee to help coordinate the meal. Glenn and Joy Shong DMLC coordinators for the past 7 years have 'retired' and would like several people to step up and represent DMLC.

This has been a wonderful outreach service provided by the two churches and we do not want to see it dropped for lack of support. Please consider volunteering to be work with the people from St. Jerome's to continue this worthwhile service to our community. The first planning meeting will be held in October. Please call Joy Shong at 567-9163 or the church office at 567-3829 to volunteer.

Scrapbooking

Please note that the scrapbooking group will meet on Saturday, November 12th 9:00am—4:00pm in Fellowship Hall. See you then!!!!

Sunday School Donations

We could also use a few smaller items including Crayola water paints, Elmer's Glue Sticks and the tiny 1.25 oz. bottles of Elmer's Glue. These items can be placed in the basket by the back door.

Thank you all so much for your continued support of our Sunday School!

Piano needed!

The Sunday School piano need extensive repairs and is not worth fixing. We are looking for a spinet or console piano in good condition. If you have one, please consider donating it for a tax write off. Contact Heidi for more information.

Next FREE Community Meal

Will be held on Monday, November 28 serving from 5:00—6:00 p.m. at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 815 S. Concord Road, Oconomowoc.

Portico News Deadline

The deadline for the December issue of *The Portico* is Monday, November 21. All information for the month of December must be submitted by this date. Thank you.

Quilting

Quilters will not meet in November and December. Join us on Wednesday January 18th at 9:00 a.m. in fellowship hall as we begin a new year of making quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Child sponsored through Compassion, International

Outreach has sponsored Silenat Temesgen, age 8 yrs from Ethiopia. You are invited to write Silenat, forms and information are on the kiosk. All correspondence should be sent to: Child Correspondence Dept., Compassion International, Colorado Springs, CO 80997-0001

Festival Choir

Come and sing! Dr. Martin Luther Church is once again assembling a Festival Choir to sing for the December 24, 5pm worship service.

We will be rehearsing for the 4 weeks prior on Thursday evenings at 6pm. Rehearsals are December 1, 8, 15, and 22. In order to plan ahead and insure that we have a sufficient number of voices, we need your commitment in advance. Please, fill out the form below and return to Heidi Graf before November 20. (Babysitting provided with advance notice.)

Name: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate a voice part:

Child's Voice: _____

Women: Soprano _____ Alto _____

Men: Tenor _____ Bass _____

Please, return to Heidi Graf before November 20.

Christmas Orchestra

Strings, Brass, Woodwinds, Percussion, Keyboard

Time to plan ahead! Get that instrument out from under your bed! Don't be shy! And, yes, I mean you! Once again DMLC is assembling the Christmas Orchestra to play for the 5pm service on Christmas Eve. Musicians, high school age and older, are invited to join us. (Middle School students, please, see me if interested.) Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7pm beginning November 30. (Students away at college are also welcome. I will send music via mail.) Please contact Heidi! 414.380.1886 or hkgraf@wi.rr.com.