

MARTIN LUTHER NEWS

JANUARY 2012 UPDATE

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OUR MISSION IS

Martin Luther Lutheran Church shares the love of Jesus Christ in Word and Deed with each other, our neighborhood, community, and beyond.

OUR VISION IS

Martin Luther Lutheran Church is a community of faith, a beacon of light, united in a unique ministry that breaks down barriers through the power of sharing God's love.

Due to the holiday schedule, this issue of the newsletter was created in an abbreviated form and is more of a news update. The traditional version will return in February.

Thank you.



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

(IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP)



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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation has been scheduled for Sunday, January 29, 2012 immediately following 10:30 a.m. worship. Annual reports from staff, officers, ministry team chairpersons and MLCW are due in the office by Monday, January 9th. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Ideally, the report should be typed and/or submitted on disk or emailed as an attachment and ready to print for inclusion in the Annual Report. However, should your report need to be typed by the office or edited in any way, please allow time for preparation before the final printing. Reports will be available for review on Sunday, January 22.

The Nominating Committee has selected the following slate of officers for your consideration.*

President—Jack Ritter

Secretary—Sue Straight

Treasurer—Judy Armeni

Congregational Life—Rita Brenner

Stewardship/Finance/Public Relations—Rick Vesey

Ministry Teams not noted have a chairman who is currently serving a term that has not expired as yet. You may see your annual report for a detailed listing with terms noted.

*Additional eligible and consenting persons may be nominated upon submission to the Nominating Committee (Jerry Baker, Chair; Mardell Ritter, Lois Klein, Darlene McKelley, Amy Diefenderfer) of a written nomination signed by no less than ten voting members of the congregation, including the consenting candidate, not less than two weeks prior to the date of election (Annual Meeting of the Congregation, January 29, 2012).

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the families of Rita Alm, Mary Ann Beatty, and Rosalie Gay who have given their respective memorials to the Endowment Fund.

Also many thanks to the family of Ruth Jones who has given her memorial to the Special Music Fund.

Our Memorial Fund contributions offer a special tithe to our financial efforts and we are very grateful.

Gordon Mitchell, Chair

Memorial & Celebration Fund

THE GATHERING TABLE

The Gathering Table Bible study and fellowship opportunity continues and is open to all members and friends of Martin Luther Lutheran Church. Men and women of all ages are welcome. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 12:00 Noon and ending around 1:30 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall which is handicap accessible. Bring along a sack lunch if you like. A beverage will be provided.



Each month's study stands alone, so come whenever you are able. The gatherings provide at time of learning, laughing, sharing and spending time with the Lord. Noted below are the topics and study leader scheduled for the next two months.

Please join us—and bring a friend!

ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY TO BE CELEBRATED!

The Gathering Table will be celebrating its one year anniversary in February 2012. From rather humble beginnings the group has continued to grow in both attendance and interest. The list of guest leaders also has expanded. Founding member, Carole Price, thanks the Lord for the direction the group has taken and we encourage you to pray for the continued success of *The Gathering Table*.

An expanded one year calendar of class listings and leaders follows for your convenience.

January 10, 2012: “Epiphany: Unfolding the Discovery” (Life-altering) led by Carole Price

February 14, 2012: “Rejoice in the Lord!” (First anniversary celebration of *The Gathering Table*) led by Jeannette Shorthouse

The Wisdom of C. S. Lewis (March—June) led by Susan Sheridan

March 13, 2012: Video Presentation—“*Beyond Narnia*”, a biographical docudrama. Join us as we discover C. S. Lewis, the man behind *The Chronicles of Narnia*. A man (who in his own words was “a blaspheming atheist”) that ultimately embraced orthodox Christianity and became arguably the leading popular Christian apologist of the 20th century.

April 10, 2012: “Supposing We Really Found Him”—“It is always shocking to meet life where we thought we were alone. ‘Look out!’ we cry, ‘it’s alive’. And therefore this is the very point at which so many draw back—I would have done so myself if I could—and proceed no further with Christianity.”—C. S. Lewis

May 8, 2012: “What Christianity Offers”—“Now the whole offer which Christianity makes is this: that we can, if we let God have his way, come to share in the life of Christ. If we share in this kind of life we also shall be sons of God. The whole purpose of becoming a Christian is simply nothing else.”—C. S. Lewis

June 12, 2012: “I Will Make You Perfect”—“He warned people to ‘count the cost’ before becoming Christians. ‘Make no mistake,’ He says, ‘if you let me, I will make you perfect. The moment you put yourself in My hands, that is what you are in for. Nothing less, or other, than that.’”—C. S. Lewis

July 10, 2012: “How the Gospel Writers Begin Their Stories” (Chapter one of each Gospel) led by Pastor Paul Heine

August 14, 2012: “Do Miracles Happen Today?” (Or was this gift only for Biblical days?) led by Eileen White

September 11, 2012: “The Stand for Justice” (A study of Micah and Nehemiah) led by Pastor Paul Heine

October 9, 2012: “A study of the parable—The Good Samaritan” (Who is my neighbor?) led by Rev. Charles

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WORSHIP

January Ushers*—Team One

Team One—Jimmy Hill, Ed Mott, Gary Mott, Joe Klein, Ray Slanco

***The Usher Schedule for 2012 will be created and mailed soon, but until that time, please follow the monthly schedule for 2011.**

Sunday, January 1 Altar Duties: Set up, Joyce Peakes; Clean up, Rose Marie Mott

10:30 a.m. Lector: Anthony Ruggiero

Communion Assistant: Carole Conatser

Coffee Hour Hosts: Amy Hamaker & Sausha Peakes

Counters: Team Three; Lois Klein, Captain

Sunday, January 8 Altar Duties: Set up, Joyce Peakes; Clean up, Rose Marie Mott

10:30 a.m. Lector: Jim McClellan

Communion Assistant: Jack Ritter

Coffee Hour Hosts: To be determined

Counters: Team Four; Bob White, Captain

Sunday, January 15 Altar Duties: Set up, Joyce Peakes; Clean up, Rose Marie Mott

10:30 a.m. Lector: Jim Davis

Communion Assistant: Rick Vesey

Coffee Hour Hosts: Cynthia Koonce & Charlotte Stahl

Counters: Team One; Jerry Baker, Captain

Sunday, January 22 Altar Duties: Set up, Joyce Peakes; Clean up, Rose Marie Mott

10:30 a.m. Lector: Paul Ericson

Communion Assistant: Amy Hamaker

Coffee Hour Hosts: To be determined

Counters: Team Two; Jim Buist, Captain

Sunday, January 29 Altar Duties: Set up, Joyce Peakes; Clean up, Rose Marie Mott

10:30 a.m. Lector: Eric Ensley

Communion Assistant: Tim Ritter

Coffee Hour Hosts: To be determined

Counters: Team Three; Lois Klein, Captain



BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays are noted from the 16th day of the issue month through the 15th day of the following month to allow for advance planning in sending birthday wishes.

BIRTHDAYS

(January 16-31)

Helen Crouse	17
Rosina Steger	19
Carole Conatser	21
Elizabeth Masternick	23
Jason Clark	26
Christopher Sugar	27
Amber Stahl	30



BIRTHDAYS

(February 1-15)

Mary Knapp	3
Norma Lyden	5
Pastor Paul Heine	7
Ryan MacDonald	13



Martin Luther member Helen Crouse will be 104 years old on January 17th.

Happy Birthday Helen!

Anyone wanting to send birthday wishes along to Helen may call the church office for her address or check your church directory.



IN REMEMBRANCE

We have been informed by the Lofty Oaks Association of New Hampshire, Robert S. Pearson, President, that the Cunningham-Becker Funeral Home of Poland is arranging to have a young tree planted in memory of Esther Blice. This memorial tree will be planted on public lands during the earliest appropriate season.

The living memorial is a part of a large endeavor to restore the Ohio landscape with the eternal beauty of living trees, for the benefit of all the residents of the state. As a broad reaching legacy to all, it will grow without personal inscription and become an important, enduring part of its natural surroundings.

The association would like to extend their condolences to the friends of Esther Blice, along with the staff of the Cunningham-Becker Funeral Home, who have provided this living memorial.

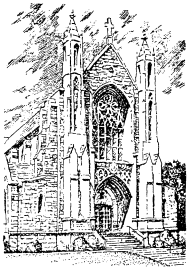


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November 13, 2012: "A Study of the First Commandment" (New Revised Standard Version Bible) led by Rose Marie Mott

December 11, 2012: "The Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done", A study of the first article of the Lord's Prayer based on a video presentation by Walter Wangerin.



On Tuesday, November 29, 2011, long-time member Charles Lenz died. A memorial service will be held at Martin Luther Lutheran Church on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Friends may call and offer their condolences to the family beginning one hour before the start of the service.

On Saturday, December 10, 2011, JoVanna Marie Bianco and Patrick Hunter Wilson (both non-members) were united in marriage at Martin Luther Lutheran Church.

Martin Luther member, William C. Hagen, requested removal from the membership rolls of Martin Luther Lutheran Church. William has lived out of town for several years.

PARISH RECORD

MEMORIAL AND CELEBRATION FUND

(Donations to Martin Luther Church in memory of a past member of the congregation or in honor of a specific individual or event.)

In Memory of Esther Blice

by

Mary Knapp

In Memory of Robert M. Richardson, II

by

Howard & Linda Sniderman Howard & Roberta Rome Mark & Jackie Rome Jean A. Richardson
 Victor & Sue Sperling Mrs. Mary Blair Jeremy Blair Lynn Richardson & Ralph Lim
 Youngstown Roadrunners Club Charles & Danielle Heiden Sandy Carter Jager

In Memory of Charles Lenz

by

Lois Frank

In Memory of Elizabeth Flohr

by

Charles Flohr

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Martin Luther Lutheran Church is in partnership with The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) which is made up of nearly 5 million members in more than 10,000 congregations across the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

The Martin Luther News is published monthly by Martin Luther Lutheran Church reaching out to members and friends.

Church Office

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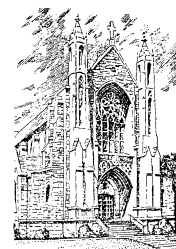
Worship Schedule

Worship/Communion 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Nursery available during the 10:30 a.m. service

NOTE: If no one is available to answer your call, please leave a message on the answering machine. Your call is important to us and we will return your call as soon as possible. Martin Luther Lutheran Church is handicap accessible.



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