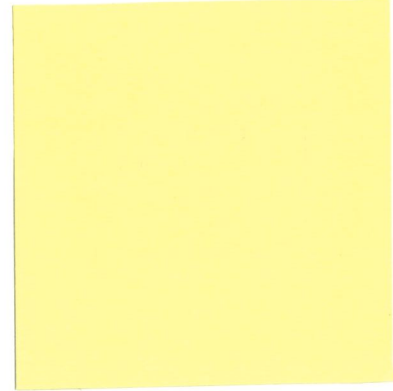




St. Martin Lutheran Church
100 S Clinton Ave
Clintonville, WI 54929



December 2024/January 2025

NEWSLETTER

OUR MISSION:

PREACHING, TEACHING AND REACHING WITH GOD'S WORD!

St. Martin Lutheran Church and School are people who have gathered together under the cross of Jesus Christ to glorify His Name and extend His Kingdom.

We seek to accomplish our mission by offering: Worship, Christian Day School, Bible Study, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Pre-School, Early Childhood Center, Music Programs, Youth Programs, Recreation, and Much More!!!





Senior Pastor – Jason Zobel †
Associate Pastor – Hayden Lukas †
Principal – Emily Ferg

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Message from Our Senior Pastor

Good News Is On The Way!

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11

“Christmas is coming! Christmas is coming!” These are the words that rang so clearly for many years from the little ones in the Zobel household. Why? The Christmas preparations would culminate with family and friends around various trees in the Midwest enjoying the opening of many presents. With the additions over the past few years of a son-in-law, a daughter-in-law, and four grandchildren, the joy of Christmas will continue to resound to all who come near because the joy revolves around a present that never tatters or grows old. And this good news is coming once again!

Over 2000 years ago the households weren't screaming that same phrase. Many had grown quite weary and thought that a promised Messiah would never come. But in a stable, in a little town called Bethlehem, the earth erupted as the Savior was born. Oh, that I could have been there to witness the scene as the angels proclaimed Jesus' birth! Oh, that I could have seen that tiny baby and worshiped Him like the shepherds did!

Though we may not see Him like Mary, Joseph, and the others, we rejoice with the angels in the good news of great joy that is coming to us this month. Though we can't exactly visualize the stable, we see through the eyes of faith the revelation of the One who came to save us from our sin. Indeed, very good news!

As I write this article, I am looking out of my office and wondering how many of the people driving by are looking forward to Jesus coming. I wonder if they have the same security, I do knowing that Jesus has come and brought salvation to the world. I have my thoughts, some of which leave me sad, but I am ever more convinced of the calling God has given to each of us to share this mighty and life-giving news. May we let our voices sing aloud again this Advent that Jesus is coming!

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!

In His love and service,
Pastor Jason, Laurel, and an ever growing and blessed family



Message from our Associate Pastor

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God—even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved. 11 I Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”

1 Corinthians 10:33-11:1

Conflict can be hard. In our families. In our workplaces. Even in our church. It cannot just ruin a day or a week. Conflict can often balloon into something we have no control over. If left unchecked, it can often define years of our lives. “I left that job because of *him*.” “I don't talk to *that* side of the family.” “I can't be in the same room as *her*.”

Conflicts in families can often come up during the holiday season. I have even heard someone say, “We can't spend time with that side of the family without somebody leaving in tears or slamming the front door.” As your pastor, I want to encourage you to approach conflict as a Christian.

Many Christians who practice and write on Christian conflict reconciliation say the first response they always get when they bring up faith during conflict is “Oh, you want me to be a nice guy? A doormat? A pushover?” Not exactly. There is more to conflict reconciliation than just giving people what they want. Oftentimes, that is exactly the problem.

Instead, understanding conflict from a Christian perspective comes down to three things: seeing conflict as an opportunity (1) to glorify God, (2) to serve your neighbor, and (3) to grow into the image of Christ. Christians do not let conflict control their lives. They know conflict is a result of sinfulness. Therefore, conflict of an opportunity. Not to experience pain and sorrow, but to overcome it by following God's plan for our lives.

If you are interested in conflict reconciliation on your life, I encourage you to take some time to talk with Pastor Jason or myself. And I also recommend a book I've found very helpful on the topic: *The Peacemaker* by Ken Sande.

God's blessings on your holiday season. I pray that the peace of Christ reigns in your home, and that you are instruments of God's grace this holiday season. In addition, do remember you're invited to our Christmas open house this year!

Pax,
Pastor Hayden



Christmas Open House @ Pastor Hayden's House:

Pastor Hayden and Rebekah Lukas invite the congregation to join them for their second annual Christmas Open House, 4-7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15. Come celebrate Christmas with us and one another over some festive food and drinks.

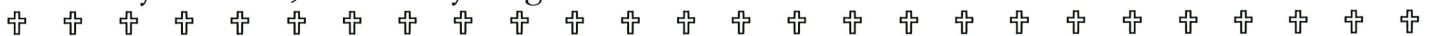
Message from our Principal

“Isn’t there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?!” - Charlie Brown

If your child has had me in class, they know that I am a fan of Charles Schulz Peanuts comic characters. The love for these characters was not only from the humor they provide but also from the fact that my family loved the comic as well. Watching a Charlie Brown Christmas is probably something that is a tradition for your family during this season. Amongst its humor, it really sums up the business that this time of year can bring. A lot of joy comes with this season, and unfortunately, a lot of sadness for some may be present as well. Holidays can be hard for some individuals and families. Money can be tight, time to get things done between work and school may be difficult. When it all becomes too much for Charlie Brown in this beloved cartoon, Linus has a great explanation and reminder for all who are listening. The material things may be nice, but Christmas is all about the one who came to save us. The message is clear that it is a time to remember Jesus' birth and why He came to earth. “That’s what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown.” Don’t get me wrong, the other aspects of Christmas can be fun and exciting, but remember when it all becomes too much, slow down and take time to reflect on the gifts God has given us. Find a way to share that gift by being a witness to others. Invite friends and family to the advent services the students help with. Starting advent devotions as a family to end your day might be a tradition you do or plan to start to make sure the season is focused on the One who saves us. Remember, there are always people here at St. Martin willing to listen, help, encourage, and support you.



Cheerfully in Christ, Mrs. Emily Ferg



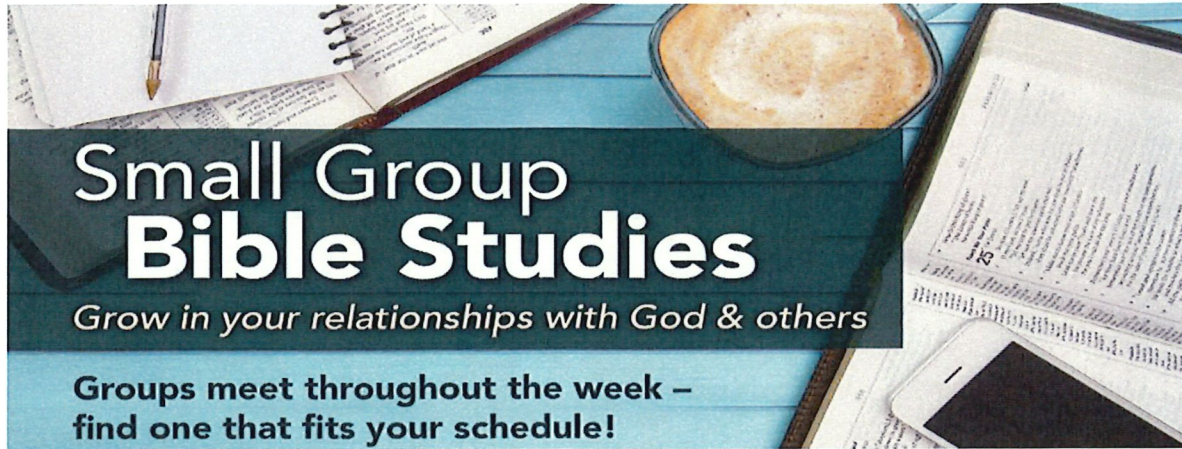
The Lutheran Witness: It is time for the renewal of the new subscription year. You will receive 11 issues over the 12-month period. The cost is \$27.65 for the year. If you would like to renew your subscription or are interested in subscribing, please contact Kathy Sawall (ksawall@stmllc.org) or 715-823-6538 ext. 2110. If you are new, I will need your name and address. **Please make checks out to: St. Martin Lutheran Church.**

Annual Voters Meeting: Agenda -January 19th, 2025, commence following the 8:00 am Sunday morning service. Reminder Board Chairman’s, your yearend reports need to be turned into Mrs. Sawall prior to January 9th. (Tentative agenda as of November 20th, 2024)

PREACHING, TEACHING, AND REACHING WITH GOD’S WORD

- Opening Devotion
- Comments from Pastor Zobel, Pastor Lucas and Principal Emily Ferg
- Approve minutes from the November 3, 2024 Voters Meeting.
- Treasurer’s Report as of December 31st, 2024
- Comments from Vice-president Steve Conradt
- Strategic Planning Committee update
- President’s comments
- Handouts as to accomplishments of each Board for 2024 and challenges for 2025. Also, from St. Martin Cemetery Committee and St. Martin Memorial Trust.
- Update as to members serving on Boards for 2025.
- Remember to call Thrivent to direct your 2024 funds to be sure you maximize it for those who have policies.
- Adjourn with Luther’s Morning Prayer





Small Group Bible Studies

Grow in your relationships with God & others

**Groups meet throughout the week –
find one that fits your schedule!**

Small Group Home Bible Studies: We are looking for more hosts. You can choose the day and time that is convenient for you. Please contact Pastor Jason at 608-228-4134 if you are interested in hosting a small group.

Those who are interested in attending a small group Bible study should look for sign-up sheets in December. These studies are being planned for early 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jason.

**ST. MARTIN LUTHERAN CHURCH,
SCHOOL, AND DAYCARE**

PARENTING: GETTING “IT” RIGHT

*A free parenting class open to the
Clintonville community. Childcare Included.*

**SUNDAY NIGHTS | JAN 19-MAR 9
5:30PM - 6:45PM
ST. MARTIN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Open to Parents of children age 0-18.
Contact: Pastor Hayden; hlukasestmlc.org;
Call or Text: 248-254-2306

75+ Birthdays ~ December

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| Ronald Rindt (12/1) | Carol Buelter (12/17) |
| Dennis Kubitz (12/2) | Arlo Dumke (12/17) |
| Charles Wruck (12/4) | Duaine Kussmann (12/20) |
| Darlene Loose (12/6) | James Vanderwalker (12/20) |
| Dennis Krubsack (12/8) | Arlett Bensyl (12/21) |
| Dale Steinke (12/8) | Kathy Hall (12/21) |
| Marlyn Pingel (12/11) | Daryl Krueger (12/26) |
| Wayne Kubitz (12/15) | August Kratzke (12/27) |
| Joyce Werth (12/15) | Dennis Lichtenberg (12/28) |
| Verdell Krueger (12/16) | Arlyn Pingel (12/28) |
| | Mary Blum (12/29) |

50+ Wedding Anniversary ~ December

Dennis & Joy Krubsack (12/1) 51 years
Robert & Darlene Kohel (12/5) 54 years
Charles & Beverly Wruck (12/19) 65 years
Roger & Arlene Kratzke (12/26) 60 years

50+ Wedding Anniversary ~ January

Allen & Sharon Blum (1/14) 64 years
Marlyn & Merry Pingel (1/24) 55 years

75+ Birthdays ~ January

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| James Merholtz (1/4) | Denis Frazier (1/23) |
| Ernest Kriewaldt (1/15) | Harold Fisher (1/24) |
| Carol Steenbock (1/15) | James Bestul (1/27) |
| Herman Pankow (1/19) | Joyce Korb (1/28) |
| | Orville Noak (1/28) |



We Recognize



PRAYERS FOR: Our friends and family in the Service:

Joshua Schroeder (member), Travis Eanone (member), Caleb Schauder (non-member), Joseph B. Reese (non-member), Nicole Machmueller Reese (non-member), Nathan Rye (non-member), Dylan Mueller (non-member), Marcus Schultz (member), Rev. Patrick Flynn (non-member), Steven Fosheim (non-member). If they are no longer in the service, please contact the church office.

Pastoral Acts:

Baptisms:

- Jalen Jakob Betow ~ October 27, 2024

Transfers Out:

- Roxanne Barker ~ Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI
- Chelsea (Barker) Oshefsky ~ Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI

Adult Confirmation ~ November 13, 2024

- Carol Kleist & Kate
- Michaellean (Mickey) Nelson
- Makayla Guyette & Bennett
- Bill & Penny Grogan
- Carol Schaefer



- **Seated Communion Service:** Seated communion will be the second Thursday of the month, December 12th and January 9th, at 1:00 pm.

- **Lunch Bunch:** The next group meetings will take place at 11:15 am on Thursday, December 12th and January 9th. This group gets together to support one another and share in a nice meal together. New members are always welcome! The lunch takes place at Mathew's Supper Club and is Dutch (you pay for your own meal). Call Eva Novak with any questions and to make reservations (2 days in advance) at 715-823-4879.

- **Community Meal Thursday, Dec. 12:** St. Martin will be the host of the December 12 meal at the Community Center, serving at 5:30 PM. Menu plan is for Cheddar Ham Chowder soup, Fresh bread, cheese, & desserts. If you are willing to provide cheese, a veggie tray or dessert, or help with serving &/or clean-up, please contact Sue Aschliman 715/853-7544, or Mary Krueger 715/250-0840.
- **Compassionate Connection:** Donation Item of the Month is hats, mittens, chapstick & lotion. To find out more information, go to their website: www.compassionateconnect.com.
- **Thrivent Choice Dollars:**

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| Carol Eanone | Kerry Mielke | Michael Mielke | William Mueller |
| Joseph Steinke | Julia Steinke | Roger Westphal | Robert Fandrey |

In appreciation, we recognize all who direct Choice Dollars to St. Martin. If you wish to not be listed, please contact the office. Please check with your Thrivent representative for information on how you can direct your dollars to St. Martin. **Please note the names listed above are only being published to encourage members that have Thrivent products to make use of getting “free” monies to assist St. Martin’s ministry. It is estimated at least \$5,000.00 are left out there by simply not calling and getting “your free money” put to work. Thanks!

What they are: Funds that eligible Thrivent member can recommend to distribute to nonprofit organizations

How they’re designated: Based on insurance premiums, contract values, and volunteer leadership

How to direct: Call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice”

Deadline: March 31 of the following year (2024 is due by March 31st, 2025); By waiting until January 15th, you capture all possible funds due you for direction for the year. You can direct your choice dollars as many times a year as you want. **NOTE:** This is ‘FREE MONEY’ you are entitled to.

What happens if not directed: If there are remaining funds, Thrivent may use them to promote program participation or other purposes.

Did You Know?

- **Sponsors for the Radio Broadcast:** The 8:00 AM weekly Sunday radio broadcast on WJMQ FM (92.3) is looking for sponsors. Recognize an anniversary, birthday, special occasion, or remember a loved one. The cost for the broadcast is \$110. Available dates are: Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23.
- **Sponsors for the Bulletin:** The weekly bulletin is needing sponsors. Sponsorship is \$30. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored in the past. Available dates are: Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23.

Office Hours Over The Holidays:

December 23 - Open 8:00-Noon
 December 24 & 25 - Office Closed
 December 26-27 – Open 8:00-Noon
 December 30-31 - Open 8:00-Noon
 January 1 – Office Closed

**NO SCHOOL FROM
 DECEMBER 23rd - JANUARY 1st**



NOTE: The church & school office will also be closed when school gets cancelled due to bad weather.

YOUTH COOKIE SALE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Cookie sale will be after each Advent Service (6:30-8 pm) on Wednesday, December 4th, 11th and 18th.

We are looking for donations of baked cookies. Please bring them to the Fellowship Hall during the day of sale no later then 6:00pm. We will be arranging the cookies in a variety on plates to sell. Tell all your friends to stop in to pick up some Christmas treats!



The St. Martin Men's Club will be "ringing the bell" for the Salvation Army from 8am until 4pm at Marketplace Foods in Clintonville on Friday December 6th. If interested in helping out, contact Steve Conradt at 920-402-0225 or brush442000@gmail.com.

St. Martin Memorial Trust Fund – What do you know about it? How can you get more information regarding it? Who is on the committee? First, a brochure was sent to all members over 65 years of age in 2020. It highlighted a lot of information and benefits. If you need information, please inquire at the church office. This fund gives you an excellent opportunity to leave a legacy for St. Martin. Did you know through this fund and its investments over the years, over \$400,000 have been given back to St. Martin for numerous capital items? As a result, these projects did not need to be placed in the church and school annual budget. The current members of the committee are Connie Carpenter, Jeff Hoffman, John Justman, Sue Klotzbuecher, Wendy Pringnitz, and DuWayne Federwitz



In January Sleeping Mat Ministry begins. Our Missions Mat group will begin gathering clean plastic bags after Christmas and begin meeting the first Monday in January. The Mission Mats are made by people from several area churches and sent around the world by Orphan Grain Train. We feel blessed to have these mats to share with others who are facing times of crisis in their lives. All people are invited to join us in this mission. We can find something to do for everyone! Some people work at home, some in the Fellowship hall. We provide training for all and for the task that you feel comfortable doing. We are like a bee hive with different missions all coming together with sweet honey. Nevertheless, in our case, we join to form mats of warmth and care. For more information, contact Joy 715.823.6489, Meta 715.823.3058 or the church office.

To close out the year, the 150th Anniversary Committee is sponsoring an all church Christmas Caroling event on Sunday December 15th. Everyone is welcome to join in this fun way to celebrate the birth of our Savior. All interested voices meet at the church beginning at 12:30pm. If enough voices are present, we'll split into two groups and proceed to local care facilities as well as the homes of some of our local shut-in members. Any questions contact Steve Conradt at 920-402-0225

Contributions to St. Martin Lutheran Church: If you want donations to be credited in 2024, they must be in the office no later than Friday, January 3, 2025.

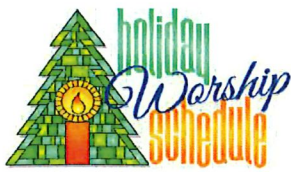
2025 Church Envelopes are here: They will be available in the back of church starting Wednesday, December 4th. PLEASE DO NOT USE THEM UNTIL JANUARY 1ST, 2025. We ask for a couple of weeks that you write your name on your envelope this way we can verify your name with the number assigned to you.

Scrip News: Stop at the scrip table to see what cards we have for your Christmas shopping. They make great stocking stuffers. Ordering for Christmas gifts the deadline is Sunday, December 15 by 2:00 pm. Place your order at the scrip table, online or email scrip@stmlc.org. If you have questions, please contact Tammy Higgins (715)250-2290 or email scrip@stmlc.org.



Eyeglasses Needed Each Year, MOST Ministries provides recycled eyeglasses to people living in the developing nations around the world. MOST Ministries volunteers then sort, test and repackage for distribution by our short-term mission team members.

Needed are donations of: Adult-sized Prescription Glasses, Child-sized Prescription Glasses, Reading Glasses and Non-Prescription Sunglasses. A **MOST Ministries** collection box for eyeglasses is outside office in the collection bin.



St. Martin's Holiday Worship Schedule

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| Sun., Dec. 1st | Sunday Worship | 8:00 am Traditional with communion 10:00 am Service of Joy |
| Wednesday, December 4th | Gr. 5-8 Advent Service | 6:00 pm |
| Sunday, December 8th | Sunday Worship | 8:00 am Traditional 10:00 am Service of Joy with communion |
| Wednesday, December 11th | Gr. 1-4 Advent Service | 6:00 pm |
| Sunday, December 15th | Sunday Worship | 8:00 am Traditional with communion 10:00 am Service of Joy |
| Wednesday, December 18th | Preschool, 4k & Kindergarten Advent Service | 6:00 pm |
| Sunday, December 22nd | Sunday Worship | 8:00 am Traditional 10:00 am Service of Joy with communion |
| Tuesday, December 24 th | Christmas Eve | 2:00 pm Traditional w/communion ~ will be broadcasted on the radio – 92.3 FM WJMQ & WJMQRadio.com 4:00 pm Service of Joy with communion ~ will not be broadcasted on the radio 6:30 pm Candlelight Service with communion ~ will be broadcasted on the radio – WOTE-AM 1380, 94.9 FM, 96.5 FM & WOTERadio.com |
| Wednesday, December 25 th | Christmas Day | 9:00 am Traditional with communion ~ will be broadcasted on the radio – WOTE-AM 1380, 94.9 FM, 96.5 FM & WOTERadio.com |
| Sunday, December 29th | Sunday Worship | 8:00 am Traditional with communion 10:00 am Service of Joy with communion |
| Wednesday, January 1 | Worship | 6:30 pm Traditional with communion |

WHERE THE EYEGASSES GO AROUND THE WORLD

Thank you from Belachew Ensermu, Ethiopian Evangelical Church MekanYesus

“Today I want to express my appreciation to MOST Ministries eyeglass clinic ministry given to Deaf community in Ethiopia. The team from MOST ministries consisted of 12 voluntary devoted Christian members. They came from various places in America. The team consists of various age groups – young and older ones. Eye clinic service to deaf community was held for the first time and was unique. Deaf community needs more of such service because their eye is very essential for communication. All together nearly 1,000 people got eye clinic service and more than 500 of them received eye glasses based on their severity of eye problems. The service was so useful and fruitful to Deaf community.



What impressed me most from their service is that they shared the Good news of our Lord Jesus Christ in a very simple method and they were committed to proclaiming the gospel. They prayed and reflected on their daily service every evening and have exemplary team work spirit. I would like to thank our Lord for helping us to accomplish this noble service to Deaf community in Ethiopia!”
Eyeglass Clinic Short Term Mission Trips Coming Up ~ January – March to Guatemala, Belize, Tanzania, India, and Honduras



“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7

During the evening church service, Wednesday, November 13, the following new members were confirmed:

Carol & Andy Kleist, Kate Heineman ~ They are a blended family with nine children. Andy enjoys bow hunting, fishing, turkey hunting and life in general. Carol enjoys baking, decorating, spending time with family & friends, and keeping up with Kate with everything she is in and her friends.

Mickey Nelson ~ She likes working in her yard, bird feeding, and her dogs & cats (her kids). Mickey helps care for her friend, Marlene, who lives in Oshkosh. Marlene has a farm near Iola that Mickey goes to every day to feed cats, check on house, & mail.

Penny Grogan ~ She works at Individual Sales for Delta Dental Insurance. Penny’s interests are crafts, watching movies & sports, reading, antique and thrift shopping.

Bill Grogan ~ He works as Press Operator at Outlook Group. Bill likes reading, watching sports, antique & thrift shopping and gardening.

Makayla Guyette, Bennett ~ She enjoys spending time with her family & friends. During the summer months, she enjoys fishing with her husband and son. Makayla’s hobbies include cooking, baking, gardening, and crafting.

Carol Schaefer ~ She is a retired RN, with one daughter & son-in-law and 3 grandchildren. Carol enjoys reading, gardening & canning. She loves spending time with family and friends.

Operation Christmas Child 2024 ~ Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!!!

I’m very excited to report the totals (so far) for our efforts this year. I counted 258 boxes today, and I’m pretty sure we have a few more coming. What an opportunity for children to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ our Savior and King! ALSO: generous monetary donations were collected to help pay the shipping costs to get these boxes to the children in other countries. A check (\$1,657.71) will be mailed to Samaritans Purse. Thank everyone who paid the \$10 shipping online for your box!! Chapel offerings for September and October are dedicated to this mission. \$604.71 was collected. Great job St Martin School! Church door offerings Wednesday, November 13 and Sunday, November 17 totaled \$1,053.00. Blessing and loading took place during Chapel on Wednesday, November 20th. Students helped load every individual box into my van. Then transported to St James in Shawano, which is now a National Drop off week destination. All boxes collected at St James will go to Aurora, Illinois for processing and shipping. Again, a huge THANK YOU to everyone, single person and family who contributed.

We are starting to plan for 2025!! God’s blessings!!! Connie Lambert and Kathy Hall, Coordinators.



Clintonville Area Food Pantry – Thank you for helping to feed the hungry in our area. Last month we contributed 28 items, served 140 families for total of 387 people. People who are receiving help from the government are not allowed to buy cleaning supplies with government funds so needed bar soap, toilet paper, detergents and other cleaning aids. Thank you for your continued support.

Food Pantry Donations:

We have a basket in the Narthex for contributions for the food pantry and a box or basket outside the office. You can donate anytime during the year. Please remember to check the expiration dates on all items since we cannot use items that have expired dates. As we have been blessed so let us be a blessing to those in need.

Suggestions for 12 Days of Giving for Christmas:

- Day 1: 1 box of cereal
- Day 2: 2 jars of peanut butter
- Day 3: 3 cans of chicken
- Day 4: 4 cans of tuna
- Day 5: 5 boxes of mac & cheese
- Day 6: 6 pasta sauces
- Day 7: 7 bags of rice
- Day 8: 8 packages of pasta
- Day 9: 9 cans of soup
- Day 10: 10 cans of fruit or vegetables
- Day 11: 11 boxed potatoes or stuffing
- Day 12: 12 Kid friendly snacks (unsweetened applesauce, dried fruit, trail mix, etc.)



Each day add an item to a box and bring it church anytime during the month of December.

Youth SUPER Sub Sale:

Sunday, February 9, 2025 - SPONSORED BY ST. MARTIN YOUTH
 Sandwich Choices: Beef/Ham/Turkey —\$7.00 or Combo—\$8.00 (all subs come with lettuce, tomato & cheese). Accepting donations of cheese and mayo packets. Please drop off in Fellowship hall by Friday, February 7 and label Youth Sub Sale.



There are 4 ways to order: Drop this form in the offering plate, in the church office, the outside drop box or from a Youth member, who will be taking orders January 3 until January 31.

On Game Day, please come to pick up your delicious SUPER Sub at St. Martin’s between 8:30am-11:45am in the Fellowship Hall. There will be limited extra subs made for purchasing on game day.

Youth Sub Order Form

Name: _____

Pick up time: _____

| Type | Special request | Qty | | TOTAL |
|--------|-----------------|-----|---------------|-------|
| Beef | | | X \$7.00 | |
| Ham | | | X \$7.00 | |
| Turkey | | | X \$7.00 | |
| Combo | | | X \$8.00 | |
| | | | TOTAL: | |

December 2024

St. Martin Lutheran Church Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 8am-DS4C Fellowship-Worship Choir 9:10am-Bible Study No Sunday School 10am-SOJ, Team B | 2 7pm-Dartball @Marion | 3 4:30pm-School Board Mtg 6pm-Elders Mtg | 4 4pm-SOJ rehearsal 5pm-PS Confirmation No Youth Group 6pm-Gr. 5-8 Advent Service Youth Cookie Sale after Advent Service | 5 8:30am-Quilting Bee 2pm-Ladies Aid; Gr. 5&6 sings | 6 Advent by Candlelight setup after 2pm | 7 10:30am- Advent by Candlelight |
| 8 8am-DS4 Fellowship-Altar Guild 9:10am-Bible Study 9:10am-Sunday School 10am-SOJC, Youth | 9 6:30pm-Women's Bible Study 6:30pm-Men's Bible Study 7:30pm-Dartball here, vs. Dupont | 10 9am-Pastor Circuit Mtg- HERE 4:30pm-Evangelism Mtg 4:30pm-Stewardship Mtg 5pm-Parish Ed Mtg 6pm-Trustees Mtg | 11 10am-Greentree Chapel 4pm-SOJ rehearsal 5pm-PS Confirmation No Youth Group 6pm-Gr. 1-4 Advent Service Youth Cookie Sale after Advent Service | 12 8:30am-Quilting Bee 11:15am-Lunch Bunch @Mathews 1pm-Seated Comm; Gr. 5&6 sings 5:30pm-Community Meal, St. Martin Serves | 13 | 14 |
| 15 8am-DS4C Fellowship-Shepherds 9:10am-Bible Study 9:10am-Sunday School 10am-SOJ, Team C 12:30-3:00pm-Caroling - meet in St. Martin parking lot 4-7pm-Christmas Open House @Pastor Hayden's | 16 | 17 Nursing Home Comm ~ 9am-Care Partners #59 9:30am-Care Partners #61 9:30am-The Pines 10:15am-Greentree 10:30am-Aster 11am-Kindred Hearts 6:30pm-Council | 18 4pm-SOJ rehearsal 5pm-PS Confirmation No Youth Group 6pm-PS,4K, Kdgn Advent Service Youth Cookie Sale after Advent Service | 19 8:30am-Quilting Bee 9am-StM Bible Class @Aster | 20 | 21 |
| 22 8am-DS4 Fellowship-Parish Education 9:10am-Bible Study 9:10am-Sunday School 10am-SOJC, Team A | 23 Christmas Break ~ No School Office open 8-Noon | 24 Christmas Eve ~ No School Church Services ~ 2pm-DS4 w/communion 4pm-SOJC, Team B 6:30pm-Candlelight w/ communion Office Closed | 25 Christmas Day ~ No School 9am-DS4 with communion Office Closed | 26 Christmas Break ~ No School Office open 8-Noon No Quilting Bee | 27 Christmas Break ~ No School Office open 8-Noon | 28 |
| 29 8am-DS4C Fellowship-Stewardship 9:10am-Bible Study No Sunday School 10am-SOJC, Team C | 30 Christmas Break ~ No School Office open 8-Noon | 31 Christmas Break ~ No School Office open 8-Noon | | | | |

January 2025

St. Martin Lutheran Church Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|---|--|-----------|-----------|
| | | | 1 New Years Day ~ No School Office Closed 6:30pm-DS4C | 2 2pm-Ladies Aid 8:30am-Quilting Bee | 3 | 4 |
| 5 8am-DS4C Fellowship-Men's Club 9:10am-Bible Study 9:10am-Sunday School 10am-SOJ, Team B | 6 7pm-Dartball @Belle Plaine | 7 6pm-Elders Mtg | 8 10am-Greentree Chapel 4pm-SOJ rehearsal 5pm-PS Gr. 6-8 Confirmation 5:15pm-Worship Choir rehearsal 5:30pm-Gr. 9-12 Youth Group 6:30pm-DS2 | 9 8:30am-Quilting Bee 11:15am-Lunch Bunch @Mathews 1pm-Seated Comm; Kdgn sings Board year end reports due to church office | 10 | 11 |
| 12 8am-DS2 Fellowship-Trustees 9:10am-Bible Study 9:10am-Sunday School 10am-SOJC, Team A | 13 Teacher In-Service No School 6:30pm-Women's Bible Study 6:30pm-Men's Bible Study 7:30pm-Dartball here, vs.Pella | 14 9am-Pastor Circuit Mtg- Embarrass 4:30pm-Evangelism Mtg 4:30pm-Stewardship Mtg 5pm-Parish Ed Mtg 6pm-Trustees Mtg | 15 8am-Memorial Trust Mtg 4pm-SOJ rehearsal 5pm-PS Gr. 6-8 Confirmation 5:15pm-Worship Choir rehearsal 5:30pm-Gr. 6-8 Youth Group 6:30pm-DS2C | 16 8:30am-Quilting Bee 9am-StM Bible Class @Aster | 17 | 18 |
| 19 8am-DS2C Fellowship-School Brd No Bible Study 9:10amAnnual Voter's Mtg 9:10am-Sunday School 10am-SOJ, Youth 5:30pm-Parenting Class | 20 7pm-Dartball @Dupont | 21 Nursing Home Comm ~ 9:30am-The Pines 10:15am-Greentree 11am-Kindred Hearts 6:30pm-Council | 22 9am-NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 9:30am-Shepherds Mtg 4pm-SOJ rehearsal 5pm-PS Gr. 6-8 Confirmation 5:15pm-Worship Choir rehearsal 5:30pm-Gr. 9-12 Youth Group 6:30pm-DS2 | 23 8:30am-Quilting Bee | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Lutheran Schools Week 8am-DS2 Fellowship-Ladies Aid 9:10am-Bible Study 9:10am-Sunday School 10am-SOJC, Team C 5:30pm-Parenting Class | 27 6:30pm-Women's Bible Study 6:30pm-Men's Bible Study 7:30pm-Dartball here, vs. Marion | 28 Nursing Home Comm ~ 9am-Care Partners #59 9:30am-Care Partners #61 10:30am-Aster | 29 4pm-SOJ rehearsal 5pm-PS Gr. 6-8 Confirmation 5:15pm-Worship Choir rehearsal 5:30pm-Gr. 6-8 Youth Group 6:30pm-DS2C | 30 8:30am-Quilting Bee | 31 | |

DECEMBER/JANUARY SCHOOL NEWS



DECEMBER BASKETBALL GAMES

Friday, December 6th at Pilgrim, Green Bay 4:00 (Game order GB, BB, BA)

Saturday, December 7th~Girls C at Sacred Heart (9:00 & 12:00); Boys C at St. James (10:00 & 1:00)

Tuesday, December 10th at HOME vs St. Paul 4:00 (Game order BB, GA, BA) Girls A Clean Up

Thursday, December 12th at HOME vs Sacred Heart 4:00 (Game order GB, BC, GA, BA) Boys A Clean Up

Saturday, December 14th at HOME vs St. Paul (Game Order GC at 9:00; BC at 10:00) Girls C Clean Up

JANUARY BASKETBALL GAMES

Friday, January 3rd & Saturday, January 4th Girls A Tournament at Sacred Heart, TBD

Tuesday, January 7th at St. Paul (Game Order GC at 4:00; BC at 5:00) NO Bus

Friday, January 10th at HOME vs St. James 4:00 (Game Order BB, GA, BA) Cheer Clean Up

☞ *Parent Night ~ 8th Grade Recognition*

Saturday, January 11th ~ Girls C at St. James (9:00 & 12:00); Boys C at Sacred Heart (10:00 & 2:00)

Friday, January 17th at HOME vs Pilgrim 4:00 (Game Order GB, BB, BA) Boys B Clean Up

Saturday, January 18th for Hoopin For Hope Benefit at St. James (ALL TEAMS ARE PLAYING), TBD

Friday, January 24th at Trinity, Green Bay 4:00 (Game Order GB, BB)

Saturday, January 25th ~ Girls C at Trinity (10:00 & 12:00); Boys C at Pilgrim (10:00 & 1:00)

SINGING SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY

Advent Service on Wednesday, December 4 for grades 5-8 at 6:00pm.

Advent Service on Wednesday, December 11 for grades 1-4 at 6:00pm.

Advent Service on Wednesday, December 18 for grades Preschool, 4K & Kindergarten at 6:00pm.

Sunday, January 26 for grades 1-8 at either 8:00 or 10:00 service to Start Lutheran Schools Week

NOTICE FOR SCHOOL CLOSINGS DUE TO BAD WEATHER

Please tune in the following radio stations:

WFCL 1380 AM/WJMQ 92.3/WTCH 960 AM/ WOWN 99.3 FM/WIXX 101.1 FM

WTAQ 97.5 FM/Y100 100.3 FM/Jack FM 94.3 FM/DukeFM 93.5 & 99.7 FM

WNFL 1440 AM; 101.9 FM

or TV Stations:WLUK-TV Ch 11, WFRV-TV Ch 5, WBAY-TV Ch 2, NBC-TV Ch 26.

Please do not call radio stations, police department, schools, teachers or bus garage as their LINES MUST REMAIN OPEN to receive emergency information!!!

In the event school opens and has to be called off during the day, please make sure your children know where they are to go before they leave the house. For younger children, please send a note to inform the teacher or the office as to who is to pick up and care for the student in this situation.

The church & school office will also be closed when school gets canceled due to bad weather.

St. Martin Lutheran School also notifies you via FD (FastDirect) Broadcast...however for that to work properly, we need your cell phone number and cell provider.

2025-2026 PRE-REGISTRATION FOR ST. MARTIN LUTHERAN SCHOOL

St. Martin is your congregational education and mission school. It has much to offer you and your family, as well as the Clintonville area parents. St. Martin offers an accredited preschool through eighth grade integrated program.

- Current enrolled students from Preschool to Gr. 7 (member & non-member families) have the first priority to pre-register during the month of January. **We will need the \$50.00 pre-registration fee turned into the school office before your child is enrolled, including School Choice families.**
- February 1 pre-registration is open to others within the community.
- If you are enrolling a Preschooler or Pre-Kindgartener (4K), you **MUST** contact the school office at 715-823-6538 x2112 to let us know which class you would prefer to enroll your child in.

If you are interested in more information about our school or would like to visit and receive a tour, you may contact our principal Mrs. Ferg at 715-823-6538, ext. 2113 or eferg@stmlc.org.

FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

The Honor Roll is created to give recognition to the academic efforts of individuals in grades 5-8 who achieve a 3.2 or higher grade point average (GPA); * denotes 4.0. The following students were on the First Quarter Honor Roll:

Gr. 8 ~ Chloe Bessette, Brynleigh Birling*, Christian Ebert, Emily Hagman, Madison Harbaugh, Kate Heineman, Tyler Huss, Zachary Jepson, Deklen Korth, Raeden Miller, Esmeralda Moguel-Ramirez, Marcus Opperman, Charlie Papendorf, Lily Reindl*, Mara Schertz, Lucy Yaeger

Gr. 7 ~ Jessa Baierl*, John Baierl, Nash Ferg, Benjamin Froh, Amelia Henning, Addysen Hubbard, Kameron Kersten, Randi Kersten, Orren Korth, Lawson Kriewaldt, Cora Lang, Keagan Mueller, Jayda Perry, Jason Selle, Dillon Van Straten

Gr. 6 ~ Cole Baierl, Cyrus Caro, Carter Dey*, Aubrey Egdorf, Jase Fletcher, Brooke Graper, Morgan Graper*, Erin Hagman, Elizabeth Martin, Henry Reindl*, Laney Schreiber*, Jenavieve Steinke, Brody Stenson, Liam Wudstrack*, Clara Zoellick*

Gr. 5 ~ Ayden Betow, Brogan Birling, Bryce Burmeister, Leah Heiman, Halley Higgins, Parker Hoffmann, Frankie Kersten, Logan Lorge, Trevin Marquardt, Hailey Moder, Boone Pluger*, Aubree Popp, Emma Rehme, Audrey Rohan, Jordyn Selle*

SECOND QUARTER CHAPEL NEWS:

Our 2nd Quarter Chapel will be going to two different organizations in our community. Half will be going to Down with Milestones for the inclusive park. If you would like more information about this wonderful park, you can check it out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61560539980555>. The other half will be going to Compassionate Connections which supports families in need throughout our community.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

National Lutheran Schools Week is an annual celebration that promotes the important role of Lutheran schools in the United States and around the world. The theme for the 2024-2025 school year celebration is "Endure," inspired by Hebrews 12:1-3 "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

Throughout National Lutheran Schools Week, which is January 26-February 1, Lutheran schools organize various activities and events such as chapel services, prayer gatherings, community service projects and special programs that highlight the theme of being connected to God and to each other. These celebrations provide an opportunity for Lutheran schools to come together and celebrate our Lutheran mission and values, which guide our Lutheran schools as they serve students and families.

OPERATION H.E.L.P.

In December, Operation H.E.L.P. is on Thursday, December 12th only. In January the dates are January 9th and 23rd. Please let your child know ahead of time if they are able to participate in Operation H.E.L.P. The office will no longer call and ask parents about going.

NO SCHOOL

December ~ Christmas break this year is from Monday, December 23rd thru Wednesday, January 1st...returning to school on Thursday, January 2nd.

January ~ The teachers have an In-Service day on Monday, January 13, 2025.

HOLIDAY SPIRIT DRESS UP DAYS

Thursday, December 5 - Candy Cane Kickoff ~ Wear white and red.

Friday, December 13 - Long Winter's Nap ~ Santa's Workshop - Come to school in your coziest pajamas!

Monday, December 16 - Holiday Cheer ~ Wear your favorite holiday sweater - crazy, cute, or ugly.

Tuesday, December 17 - Tree Topper Tuesday ~ Wear your favorite festive hat, headband, or reindeer antlers.

Wednesday, December 18 - New Year's Eve Attire ~ Dress in black and gold or your fancy attire.

Thursday, December 19 - Tinsel Toes ~ Wear your favorite Christmas socks.

Friday, December 20 - Festive Friday ~ Go all out in your most festive sweater or outfit.

December 2024

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|---|---|---|--|---|----------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 Theme T-Shirt Day ~ Wear Any St. Martin T-Shirt School Board Meeting 4:30 | 4 Chapel 8:30 ~ All Are Welcome To Attend Advent Service~ Grades 5-8 Sing 6:00 | 5 All Things Christmas Open House 4:00-6:00 Candy Cane Kickoff~ Wear White & Red | 6 2nd Quarter Mid-Term | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 Theme T-Shirt Day ~ Wear Any St. Martin T-Shirt | 11 Chapel 8:30 ~ All Are Welcome To Attend 7th Grade Visit To Wolf River Lutheran HS, TBD Advent Service~ Grades 1-4 Sing 6:00 | 12 Operation H.E.L.P. (Grades 3-8) 3:00-4:30 | 13 8th Grade Elective Course Presentation at Clintonville HS 9:00-10:40 Santa's Workshop 8:00-12:30 Long Winter's Nap~ Wear Your School Appropriate Coziest Pajamas | 14 |
| 15 | 16 Holiday Cheer~ Wear Your Favorite Holiday Sweater-Crazy, Cute, or Ugly | 17 Theme T-Shirt Day ~ Wear Any St. Martin T-Shirt Tree Topper Tuesday- Wear Your Favorite Festive Hat or Headband | 18 Chapel w/Baptism Bday 8:30 ~ All Are Welcome To Attend Advent Service~ Grades PS, 4K & Kindergarten Sing 6:00 New Year's Eve Attire- Dress In Black and Gold or Your Fancy Attire | 19 Christmas Room Party ~ Preschool Tinsel Toes- Wear Your Favorite Christmas Socks | 20 Christmas Room Party ~ Grades 4K-8th Festive Friday- Go All Out in Your Most Festive Sweater or Outfit | 21 |
| 22 | 23 <i>Christmas Break No School</i> | 24 <i>Christmas Eve No School</i> | 25 <i>Christmas Day No School</i> | 26 <i>Christmas Break No School</i> | 27 <i>Christmas Break No School</i> | 28 |
| 29 | 30 <i>Christmas Break No School</i> | 31 <i>Christmas Break No School</i> | | | | |

January 2025

St. Martin Lutheran School Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|----------|
| | | | 1 New Years Day <i>No School</i> | 2 | 3 Kids Heart Challenge Kickoff | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 Theme T-Shirt Day ~ Wear Any St. Martin T-Shirt | 8 Chapel 8:05 ~ All Are Welcome To Attend | 9 Operation H.E.L.P. (Grades 3-8) 3:00-4:30 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 Teacher In-Service ~ No School | 14 Theme T-Shirt Day ~ Wear Any St. Martin T-Shirt ALL LATE WORK needs to be turned in by 3:00 pm to your teacher | 15 Chapel 8:05 ~ All Are Welcome To Attend | 16 | 17 End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 Theme T-Shirt Day ~ Wear Any St. Martin T-Shirt | 22 Chapel 8:05 ~ All Are Welcome To Attend | 23 Operation H.E.L.P. (Grades 3-8) 3:00-4:30 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Lutheran Schools Week Grades 1-8 Sing ~ 8:00 or 10:00 | 27 | 28 | 29 Chapel w/Baptism Bday 8:05 ~ All Are Welcome To Attend | 30 Kids Heart Challenge | 31 Girls A/B Basketball Tournament ~ TBA | |

St. Martin Lutheran Church & School Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July through October 2024

| | Jul - Oct 24 | Budget | \$ Over Budget | % of Budget |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Income | | | | |
| 1501 · General Receipts | 186,163.08 | 197,656.00 | -11,492.92 | 94.19% |
| 1502 · Board of Elders Receipts | 640.00 | 440.00 | 200.00 | 145.46% |
| 1503 · Board of Evangelism Receipts | 1,970.00 | 2,160.00 | -190.00 | 91.2% |
| 1504 · Board of Education Receipts | 408,348.88 | 262,584.00 | 145,764.88 | 155.51% |
| 1505 · Parish Education Receipts | 177.02 | 250.00 | -72.98 | 70.81% |
| 1506 · Board of Youth Receipts | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.0% |
| 1507 · Stewardship Receipts | 18,316.89 | 12,000.00 | 6,316.89 | 152.64% |
| 1508 · Board of Trustees Receipts | 840.00 | 1,336.00 | -496.00 | 62.87% |
| 1509 · Early Childhood Receipts | 78,844.15 | 101,000.00 | -22,155.85 | 78.06% |
| 1510 · Other Receipts | 16,650.00 | 20,000.00 | -3,350.00 | 83.25% |
| 1511 · Preschool Receipts | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.0% |
| 1512 · Scrip Program | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.0% |
| Total Income | 711,950.02 | 597,426.00 | 114,524.02 | 119.17% |
| Expense | | | | |
| 1601 · Board of Elders | 63,555.48 | 57,508.00 | 6,047.48 | 110.52% |
| 1602 · Board of Evangelism | 2,118.15 | 2,500.00 | -381.85 | 84.73% |
| 1603 · Board of Education | 465,187.04 | 424,513.00 | 40,674.04 | 109.58% |
| 1604 · Board of Youth | 1,626.93 | 1,564.00 | 62.93 | 104.02% |
| 1605 · Board of Stewardship | 5,553.97 | 7,264.00 | -1,710.03 | 76.46% |
| 1606 · Board of Parish Education | 871.77 | 884.00 | -12.23 | 98.62% |
| 1607 · Board of Trustees | 24,827.07 | 29,733.00 | -4,905.93 | 83.5% |
| 1608 · Early Childhood Learning Center | 85,109.95 | 94,000.00 | -8,890.05 | 90.54% |
| 1609 · Other Expenses | 1,677.72 | 4,564.00 | -2,886.28 | 36.76% |
| 1611 · Preschool | 15,612.49 | 11,664.00 | 3,948.49 | 133.85% |
| 1612 · Scrip Expenses | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.0% |
| Total Expense | 666,140.57 | 634,194.00 | 31,946.57 | 105.04% |
| Net Income | 45,809.45 | -36,768.00 | 82,577.45 | -124.59% |

Loan Balances

Line of Credit \$0.00
 School Choice Residual Balance \$413,978.00