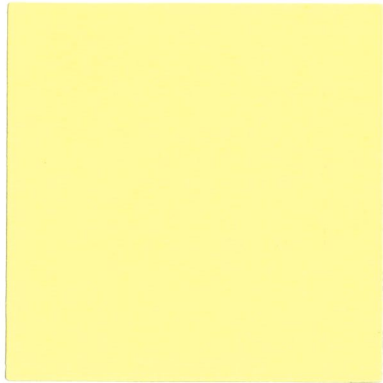




St. Martin Lutheran Church
100 S Clinton Ave
Clintonville, WI 54929



November 2024

NEWSLETTER

OUR MISSION:

PREACHING, TEACHING AND REACHING WITH GOD'S WORD!

St. Martin Lutheran Church and School is 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!!!





ST. MARTIN LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. MARTIN MESSENGER
Phone 715-823-6538 (church ext. 2110 or school ext. 2112)

November 2024

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



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Message from our Senior Pastor ~

It's Always Time For Thanksgiving

“Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.” Psalm 96:1-4

The Thanksgiving season is upon us even though some stores are already filling up with Christmas items. Traditionally, Thanksgiving gives us a little time to recall all the blessings which have been given to us. We do have many things to be thankful for, including house and home, spouse and family, jobs and friends, and many other wonderful blessings. As a church family we also have so much to grateful for, especially saving faith by a Savior who has given us life everlasting through His own life, death, and resurrection.

The text above, and the following verses in Psalm 96, reminds us to have thankful hearts 365 days of the year. So often Thanksgiving comes and then gets shoved out of the way because all the talk centers on the Christmas season. That isn't what the Psalmist is trying to relay to the readers. We are to “sing to the Lord” daily, not just on Thanksgiving or on the Sunday mornings we are in church. His love and mercy never leaves and never fades. He is always with us, blessing us with His presence.

Not only does the Psalmist call us to give thanks to God, but to also proclaim what He has done. We are called to tell others about the love and peace we have in knowing Jesus as our Savior. The Lord is great; He is worthy to be praised! Let us sing and speak with all our might because His glory has made us His own. I pray that we continue to return thanks and praise to our great God by giving of our time, talents, and treasures as He leads us towards His plan for us and our future as a congregation.

I do want to take a few moments to let you all know how much I thank God for each one of you. God has richly blessed me to be called Senior Pastor at St. Martin. I continually thank God that He has allowed me to serve you, His precious people. You are in my prayers and I ask for your prayers as well as we continue to follow His lead.

May our Thanksgiving be one of many celebrated days as Jesus leads us day by day!

In His love and service,
Pastor Jason



Message from our Associate Pastor ~

I was listening to professor of theology Jordan Daniel Wood a few days ago. I've followed his work for a couple of years—we share a few research interests. But he was recently giving a talk on how his time as a stay-at-home dad while he finished his research was helpful for his work as an academic theologian. Specifically, it helped him understand God's relationship to us as our Father better. God loves his children. He cares for us. God knows what it takes to get something through to us.

Each child is different. As a father of four, I know that certain methods of discipline, certain ways of speaking, certain ways of engaging with my kids, are helpful for some, but not helpful for others. If I want to help my children grow, I have to take the time to know what each one of them is like; I have to know them personally. This is exactly what God does with each of us. While a lot of the themes and goals are the same, God loves each of us uniquely, and has a relationship with each of us.

One of the offerings we're going to have here at St. Martin is a parenting class. It will also be a time for parents to share the task of parenting in community with one another. As I work through the material, I'm excited to learn more about how to parent, and to share that with the families of our congregation and community; to give us all time together to speak about parenting, learning how to parent, and support each other as we all learn (myself included) how to parent.

If you want to support that ministry, start praying for its success, and if you or someone you know would benefit from joining us, be on the lookout for more updates! We'll be using the book *Parenting: Getting It Right* by Andy and Sandra Stanley, which Bekah and I have read a few times.

Blessings,
Pastor Hayden



St. Martin Parenting Class starts in January. It's a question every parent asks at some point about their parenting: "Am I doing it right?" We all want to get "it" right. We want to be good parents. We'll probably never stop asking if we're doing it right. But there are things we can learn along the way so we can raise our children in keeping with God's wisdom. Pastor Hayden and his wife Rebekah will be leading a free parenting class at St. Martin ***Sunday nights from January 19-March 9.*** We'll meet in the fellowship hall from 5:30-6:45pm. Whether you're still expecting your first child or your kids are just getting into their 20's, this will be a time for parents to learn from and support one another in the wonderful calling we share as parents. Open to all school, church, and community families. Childcare included.

Small Group Host Information Night ~ St. Martin is working on getting a new Small Group home ministry started in early 2025. These groups will be meeting in the homes of various members along with one hosted at St. Martin. On November 18th at 6:30pm, Pastor Jason will have an information meeting for all individuals/couples who are willing to host one of these small groups. On this evening, the study will be shared along with what a typical gathering would entail. If you have shown interest already, or are curious about becoming a Small Group host, please contact Pastor Jason. Our prayer is that this new ministry will be a wonderful impact for families at St. Martin and in our community as we grow closer together in His Word and as we live life together in His name. God bless!

Shout unto the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD He is God; it is He Who has made us, and we are His, His people, and the flock of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; give thanks unto Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy endures forever; and His faithfulness unto all generations. Psalm 100

Happy Thanksgiving!



School & Church Office will be
closed November 28-29

Message from our Principal

With the start of school, some parents and children worry about the friendships they will make. I found a great article about this and ways you can assist your child in developing good friendships. Here is the article written by Suzanne Gosselin with In Touch Ministries.

Friends play an important role in your child's social, emotional, and spiritual development. And 1 Corinthians 15:33 is clear about the consequences of bad friends: "Do not be deceived: 'Bad company ruins good morals.'" So how can parents **help** their children make good friends? Here are four ways to start:

1. **Pray for good friends for your child.** Many Christian parents pray for their child's future spouse—but before a husband or wife enters the picture, dozens of other friends and relationships will shape your child. Pray that God will provide godly friends for your child to encourage her in her faith.
2. **Build character that chooses good friends.** As you help your child grow to value faithfulness, goodness, peace, and other fruit of the Spirit in their own lives, they will naturally be attracted to others with these qualities.
3. **Teach them not to settle.** In middle school, my best friend was a neighbor girl who constantly ditched me for better offers and verbally tore me down for not being cool enough. Every day my mom counseled me, through my tears, reminding me that this "friend" didn't recognize my value and that she was not a true friend. Eventually, I found other friends and had less and less time for this toxic relationship.
4. **Do a friendship study.** If your child is having friend problems, such as dealing with a bad friend or not having any friends, look up these verses from Proverbs together and talk about what makes a good friend. After reading the passages, talk about qualities you've each appreciated in friends you've had in the past.
 - Proverbs 17:17
 - Proverbs 13:20
 - Proverbs 18:24
 - Proverbs 27:17

Helping your child think through the purpose and importance of friends in his life can help him make better friends. Remind him that the first step to making the right kind of friend is *being* the right kind of friend. When he is kind, friendly and takes an interest in what others have to say, people will be more likely to want to strike up a friendship. And, of course, his best friend Jesus promises to always be with him—"a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Prov. 18:24).

Cheerfully in Christ, Emily Ferg



75+ Birthdays

Dennis Kussmann (11/6)	Dennis Fredrick (11/16)
Gerry Mueller (11/9)	Ted Bemis (11/22)
Charles Klein (11/9)	Carolyn Lehman (11/22)
Mary Marquardt (11/11)	Dale Kluth (11/23)
Mary Werbelow (11/11)	Roger Kratzke (11/26)
Marie Fredrick (11/12)	Nancy Koeppen (11/28)
Robert Kohel (11/13)	Diane Conradt (11/29)

50+ Wedding Anniversary

Bert & Verdell Krueger (11/5)
Ernest & Elaine Kriewaldt (11/13)
Fred & Sandra Marquardt (11/17)
Wayne & Mavis Kubitz (11/17)

★
★ *Happy* ★
★ *Anniversary* ★

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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.



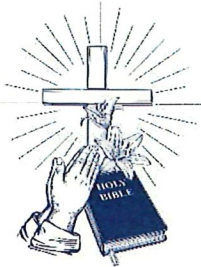
Pastoral Acts:

Baptism:

- Carson Dean Hoepfer ~ October 6, 2024
- Wesley Ray Veldboom ~ October 6, 2024
- Maverick Jeffrey Todd Krueger ~ October 20, 2024

Called to Heavenly Home:

- Carol Ann (Kubitz) Fisher ~ October 13, 2024



Did You Know?

St. Martin Youth Craft Sale: on Saturday, November 2, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Greeting Cards:

The office has a collection of greeting cards available for purchase. They are \$8 per box (Christmas, wedding, anniversary, birthday, sympathy) or \$1.00 for an individual card (baby, sympathy, get well, anniversary, wedding, confirmation, baptism, graduation, birthday & homemade birthday, and homemade Thank you cards). Come check out the inventory the next time you're here!

Seated Communion Service: Seated communion will be the second Thursday of the month, November 14th, 1:00 pm

Lunch Bunch: The next group meetings will take place at 11:15 am on Thursday, November 14th. 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 meal). Call Eva Novak with any questions at 715-823-4879.

Gym Use: Over Christmas Break, December 26 through January 2, the gym floor will be getting waxed. During this time no one is to walk/run/play on the floor. Thanks for your cooperation.

Compassionate Connection: Items to donate for the month of November is diapers and Pull-ups. Visit them on their website www.compassionateconnect.com.

Thrivent Choice Dollars:

Kerry Mielke

Michael Mielke

Mary Schultz

Richard Schultz

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 in 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!

Cemetery Reminder:

With fall underway and winter just around the corner, it's time to switch out your cemetery decorations. Fall and winter decorations may go up on November 1st. Thank you to all those that removed their items on time; the caretakers really appreciated it! When choosing your decorations, please be advised that the Cemetery Board and caretakers will not be responsible if glass and similar items are broken.

Looking for Assistance

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: Nov. 17; Dec. 8, 24-2:00, 24-6:30, 25-9:00; *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: Nov. 28-Thanksgiving; Dec. 24, 25; *Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23.*

Giving Tree Program for the Nursing Homes/Assisted Living Centers/Shut-ins :



sponsored by the Board of Parish Education. Help us let our isolated members know that they are not forgotten. We will be collecting GREETING CARDS instead of items for gift bags. As you prepare your own cards to send out this year, please set aside a few for us. Write a short note in each card and drop it in the box in the Narthex. Please do not use saliva to seal it shut, just tuck in the flap.

We will collect cards until December 8th and then they will be distributed to the Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Centers, and shut-ins in our area. We would love to have enough extra cards to include other residents, not just our own members. Please help us share the Blessings of the Christmas season with those so often overlooked. Thank you.

Employment Opportunities ~

Substitute Teachers Needed: St. Martin Lutheran School is looking for substitute teachers for Kindergarten through Grade 8. If you would like to be put on our substitute teacher list, please contact Emily Ferg, 715-823-6538 ext. 2112.

St. Martin Daycare: is looking for an Infant Teacher, full-time or part-time. Please contact Jen Lang (daycare@stmmlc.org) for job description and an application.

2025 Calendar Sale: The St. Martin Youth Group is selling 2025 wall calendars. They are made from high quality, heavyweight card stock with beautiful, professional photographs. They make a perfect gift for family, friends, and businesses. To view a sample online go to: <http://ygp.com/products/wall-calendar>

ONLY A LIMITED QUANTITY ~ 11 CALENDARS LEFT!



Calendars available in the office for pick up at the time of payment.

Name: _____

Address: -

Phone Number:

of Calendars: _____ x \$8.00 = _____

(Please make check payable to St. Martin and include it with order form.)

New Church Program: We have transferred over to a new church program in September. Some of the information did not transfer correctly, so you might get an email or phone call from us looking for the correct information. **Snowbirds**, please contact the office with your winter address and dates you will be gone (this is one item that did not transfer). We are excited with the new options we have with this program ~ congregation emailing, voice messaging, and texting. I am going to need information from each member on your preferences for each of the following (you can opt out by writing "No" next to any option): **PLEASE PRINT NEATLY**

- Newsletter
 - Mail ~ yes _____ no _____
 - Email ~ yes _____ email address _____ no _____
- Emailing ~ using to send out information, closures, notices, etc.
 - Preferred email _____
 - Personal _____
 - Home _____
 - Household _____
 - Work _____
- Voice Messaging ~ we will use this in case of closures, to get notices out right away, etc.
 - Preferred phone number _____
 - Cell phone number _____
 - Home phone number _____
 - Household phone number _____
- Texting ~ We are not going to use this a whole lot due to limited word count. You could be charged a fee with each message we send. Using this for church closures or events.
 - Preferred phone number _____
 - Cell phone number _____

Family Names (First & Last): _____

You can drop this off in the office, put it in the offering plate, email Kathy Sawall – ksawall@stmhc.org, or mail to: St. Martin Lutheran Church, Attn: Kathy Sawall, 100 South Clinton Avenue, Clintonville, WI 54929.

Changes: Please contact the church or school with any changes to address, phone numbers or email. We are trying to keep our new program up-to-date. You can put a note in the offering plate; church email: Kathy Sawall – ksawall@stmhc.org; school email: Teresa Wolf – twolf@stmhc.org; call the office 715-823-6538 ext. 2110; or mail a note to the church.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship
Newsletter Article – November 2024

The consequences of shallow thankfulness

Can you imagine a Thanksgiving dinner without turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and pumpkin pie? I know I can't! To not have these on the menu, or worse, to run out of them with the family around the table, would be a culinary sin of epic proportions. An attempt to serve bratwurst and hamburgers in place of the standard fare would ring hollow and seem totally inappropriate and out of place. It isn't that the food would be bad; brats and burgers are pretty tasty. But not for Thanksgiving — they just don't go together!

This month, as we continue to walk through the stewardship hymn, "Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness" (LSB 788), we turn our attention to verse three. Here, William Watkins Reid, Sr., the man who penned this text, draws attention to some things that do not go along with faithful, thankful stewardship.

Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise ...

We see this often with small children. They greedily snatch the candy out of a grandparent's hand, savagely destroy the wrapper, and attempt to stuff the entire delicacy in their mouth in one bite, only to have a parent say, "Tell grandma thank you." This is followed by the pro forma thanks that is uttered between chocolate chews. It isn't really thankfulness; it is simply checking a box to keep mom or dad off their backs.

Forgive us when our thanks are shallow, O Lord! In this month of Thanksgiving, grant us the grace to offer heaping helpings of this stewardship so that others may see Jesus!

Youth Groups Schedule:

- Friday, Nov. 1 ~ Craft Fair set up 5:00 -8:00 pm
- Sat. Nov. 2 ~ Craft Fair 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Wed. Nov. 6 ~ Gr. 6-8 Youth Group
- Wed. Nov. 13 ~ Gr. 9-12 Youth Group
- Wed. Nov. 20 ~ Gr. 6-8 Youth Group
- Wed. Nov. 27 ~ No Youth Group – Thanksgiving Break
- Wed. Dec. 4 ~ No Youth Group – Youth Advent Cookie Sale after church service
- Wed. Dec. 11 ~ Gr. 9-12 Youth Group
- Wed. Dec. 18 ~ Gr. 6-8 Youth Group



Worship Choir Schedule

- Rehearsal – Wed. Nov. 6, 5:15 pm
- Share in Worship – Sun. Nov. 10, 8:00 am
- Rehearsal – Wed. Nov. 13, 5:15 pm
- Rehearsal – Wed. Nov. 20, 5:15 pm
- Rehearsal – Wed. Dec. 4, Time TBD
- Share in Worship – Sun. Dec. 8, 8:00 am



SOJ Schedule ~ Rehearsal time 4:00 -5:15 pm on Wednesdays

- Sun. Nov. 3 – Team B, 10:00 am
- Wed. Nov. 6 – Rehearsal, 4:00 pm
- Sun. Nov. 10 – Team C, 10:00 am
- Wed. Nov. 13 – Rehearsal, 4:00 pm
- Sun. Nov. 17 – Team A, 10:00 am
- Wed. Nov. 20 – Rehearsal, 4:00 pm
- Sun. Nov. 24 – Team B, 10:00 am

School Singing Schedule

- Sun. Nov. 10 - Gr. 3&4, 10:00 am
- Sun. Nov. 17 – Gr. 1&2, 8:00 am
- Wed. Dec 4 – Gr. 5-8 Christmas service, 6:00 pm
- Wed. Dec. 11 – Gr. 1-4 Christmas service, 6:00 pm
- Wed. Dec. 18 – Preschool, 4K, & Kdgn Christmas service, 6:00 pm

THANKSGIVING

Trees adorned in splendid
Hues of orange and gold
Autumn days grown shorter
North winds turning cold
Knowingly creation
Seems to be aware
God's promise of the seasons
Is proof that He is there
Verily creation
Invites us to recall
Now with a grateful heart
God has supplied it all



St. Martin Fish Fry: Thank you to all that came to enjoy a fish/chicken meal and all the workers that helped. A special thank you to Steve & Mary Beilfuss, Korth's Badger Tap, Kwik Trip and Bromak Sales Inc. for the donations to make our fish fry a huge success! Proceeds go towards St. Martin Kindergarten and Wolf River Lutheran High School scholarships.

November 2024

St. Martin Lutheran Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Youth Group setup for Craft Fair 5-8pm	2 Youth Craft Fair -- 8am to 3pm Daylight Savings - turn your clock back 1 hour
3 All Saints Day 8am-DS3C Fellowship-Altar Guild 9:10am-Qtrly Voters Mtg No Bible Study 9:10am-Sunday School 10am-SOJC, Team B	4 <i>Teacher In-Service ~ No School</i>	5 <i>Teacher In-Service No School</i> 6pm-Elders Mtg	6 4pm-SOJ rehearsal 5pm-PS Confirmation 5:15pm-Worship Choir 5:30pm-Gr 6-8 Youth Group 6:30pm-DS3	7 8:30am-Quilting Bee 2pm-Ladies Aid; Gr. 3&4 sings 4:30pm-School Board	8	9
10 8am-DS3 8am-Worship Choir sings Fellowship-Elders 9:10am-Bible Study 9:10am-Sunday School 10am-SOJC, Team C	11 6:30pm-Women's Bible Study 6:30pm-Men's Bible Study	12 9am-Pastor Circuit Mtg-Caroline 4:30pm-Evangelism Mtg 4:30pm-Stewardship Mtg 6pm-Trustees Mtg	13 10am-Greentree Chapel 4pm-SOJ rehearsal 5pm-PS Confirmation 5:15pm-Worship Choir 5:30pm-Gr9-12 Youth Group 6:30pm-DS3C	14 8:30am-Quilting Bee 11:15am-Lunch Bunch @Mathews 1pm-Seated Comm; Gr. 3&4 sings	15	16
17 8am-DS3C Fellowship-Youth Brd 9:10am-Bible Study 9:10am-Sunday School 10am-SOJ, Team A	18 6:30pm-Small Group Host Meeting	19 Nursing Home Comm- 9:30am-The Pines 10:15am-Greentree 11am-Kindred Hearts 5pm-Parish Ed Mtg 6:30pm-Council	20 9am-Newsletter Deadline 4pm-SOJ rehearsal 5pm-PS Confirmation 5:15pm-Worship Choir 5:30pm-Gr 6-8 Youth Group 6:30pm-DS3C - Deer Hunter's	21 8:30am-Quilting Bee 9am-StM Bible Class @Aster	22	23
24 Guest Speaker ~ Vicar Michael Speckhard 8am-DS3 Fellowship-Evangelism 9:10am-Bible Study 9:10am-Sunday School 10am-SOJC, Team B	25 6:30pm-Women's Bible Study 6:30pm-Men's Bible Study	26 Nursing Home Comm- 9am-Care Partners #59 9:30am-Care Partners #61 10:30am-Aster	27 <i>Thanksgiving Break ~ No School</i> Office open 8-Noon 9:30am-Shepherds Mtg 10:00am-The Pines Chapel No Youth Group 6:30pm-DS3C	28 <i>Thanksgiving Day ~ No School</i> 9am-DS3C Office Closed	29 <i>Thanksgiving Break ~ No School</i> Office Closed	30

Advent by Candlelight-

Join us on Saturday, December 7th, from 10:30-12:30 as we celebrate Preparing My Heart, Lord Jesus, during this Advent season. We have a group of hostesses who are looking forward to a morning of fellowship with the women of our congregation or those who are not members of St. Martin, everyone is welcome! We will have a sign-up sheet in the office for those interested in attending. Sign-up will be on a first come, first serve basis. The sign-up deadline will be, **Friday, November 22nd** unless we fill all of the spots before this date. We look forward to celebrating this Advent season with you! If you have any questions, please contact; Tammy Behnke 715-460-4139, Rosie Schroeder 715-250-0446, or Shelly Maas 715-250-0445



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Church Services/Radio Broadcasts

- ❖ Tuesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve) ~ Church Services –
 - Christmas Eve Services ~2:00 pm, 4:00 pm, & 6:30 pm
 - Christmas Eve 2:00 pm will be broadcasted on 92.3 FM WJMQ & WJMQRadio.com
 - Christmas Eve 6:30 pm will be broadcasted on WOTE-AM 1380 & 94.9 FM & 96.5 FM & WOTERadio.com
- ❖ Wednesday, December 25th ~ Christmas Day Church Service at 9:00 am.
 - Christmas Day will be broadcasted on WOTE-AM 1380 & 94.9 FM & 96.5 FM & WOTERadio.com

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD AT ST. MARTIN

THERE IS STILL TIME TO PACK A SHOEBOX FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse where shoeboxes are filled with gifts and delivered to children in need around the world. These gift-filled boxes are often the first gift some of these children will receive.

Here at St. Martin, our LWML is again providing this mission opportunity to our members. You can pick up the shoeboxes in the narthex or in the office hallway. Anyone can pack a shoebox--individuals, families, students, and other groups--with fun toys (such as soccer balls, dolls, or cars), school supplies, and hygiene items. Take a list of suggested gifts from brochure holder on the table. In addition to the gifts, each box costs \$10 to ship. You may donate \$10 with your box, but we also will be collecting monetary donations from those who cannot pack a box either through special donation or the door offering.

September, October, and November Chapel offerings will also be used to offset the cost of shipping these wonderful gift-filled shoeboxes.

This is not just a gift-giving project, but is also a discipleship project. With each box we send, Operation Christmas Child put a special book about Jesus in each child's box in their own language. They are told about Jesus when they receive their boxes, and then are invited to a discipleship class, The Greatest Journey, where they learn Bible stories and memorize Scripture verses. At the end of the course, each child receives a New Testament Bible that also includes some Old Testament stories, a dictionary of Biblical terms, and a map of Bible lands. This is often the first copy of God's Word that they children or their families will own. Having learned God's Word, they then can share it with family and friends, so many lives are changed through our shoebox gifts!

Please turn in your gift-filled shoeboxes to the table in the church sanctuary **no later than November 17th**. The Blessing of the Shoeboxes will be held during the chapel service on Wednesday, November 20th. After the blessing, students help load the boxes and your special gifts in a shoebox begin their journey to a special child.

If you have any questions about this project, contact Connie Lambert or Kathy Hall.



RURAL LIFE SUNDAY ANOTHER GRAND SUCCESS! To ALL those who donated, baked, worked, bought tickets, parked cars, helped with Kidz Zone, enjoyed the Kiddie Train, enjoyed the Packer game from the tent, danced, and/or helped in some way, a very sincere thank you from the Boards of Evangelism and Stewardship! Total Profits look to be \$13,212.00! Glory Be!! And God smiled on St. Martin's efforts once again. Please please mark your 2025 calendar for the last Sunday in September, as we consider all the ways St. Martin can reach out to our community through Rural Life Sunday!

Clintonville Area Food Pantry – Thank you for helping to feed the hungry in our area. Last month we contributed 65 items, served 143 families for total of 400 people. People who are receiving help from the government are not allowed to buy cleaning supplies with government funds. Thank you for your continued support. **The following list is in low supply:** Tuna, macaroni and cheese, cereal, soup, applesauce, peanut butter, pork & beans, canned vegetables, canned fruits, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, jello & pudding, crackers, bar soap, toilet paper, detergents and other cleaning aids.

On November 1, 2024, the pantry will move to 143 South Main Suite B, Clintonville, (Compassionate Connections Center Building). A donation box will be located at the rear of the building. For larger donations, call 715-823-5461 to set up a drop off time.

Stuff the Squad Food Drive Hosted by Clintonville Police

When: November 9th, 2024 from 10 AM-2 PM

Where: Tadych's Marketplace Foods 278 S. Main Street

CPD & our friends at Compassionate Connections Center will collect non-perishable food items for the Clintonville Food Pantry. You can also purchase prepackaged donation bags or make a cash donation, and we will do the shopping for you.

All donations will be delivered to the Clintonville Area Food Pantry, and the pantry will use them to provide supplemental food assistance to Clintonville Area School District households.



Tadych's

MarketPlace FOODS

278 S Main Street Clintonville, WI



Food Pantry Donations Fun Family Project:

As we have been blessed so let us be a blessing to those in need. Here is a fun little way to donate for the month of November. We have a basket in the Narthex and box outside the office for contributions for the food pantry. Please remember to check the expiration dates on all items since we cannot use items that have expired dates. **Each day add a favorite Thanksgiving item to a box and bring your box full on or before November 22 to donate to the food pantry. Suggestions below: (Please no glass containers or jars)**

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| Instant Mashed Potatoes & gravy | Canned Meat (tuna and chicken) |
| Canned Yams | Peanut Butter and Jelly |
| Marshmallows | Macaroni and Cheese |
| Canned Beans | Sugar/Flour/Vegetable Oil |
| Rice | Muffin/cake/brownie mix & frosting |
| Canned Vegetables | Apple Sauce |
| Canned Soups | Cereal |
| Stuffing Mix | Jell-O |
| Broth (Chicken and Beef) | Pudding Mix |
| Pie Crust and Pie Filling | 100% Fruit Juice (Family Size Bottles) |
| Pasta and Pasta Sauce | Box of crackers/graham crackers |



NOVEMBER SCHOOL NEWS



NO SCHOOL ~

There will be NO school on Monday, November 4 and Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The teachers will be going to the district teacher conference... please keep them in your prayers that they will have safe travels. There is also NO school on Wednesday, November 27th thru Friday, November 29th for Thanksgiving Break.

NOVEMBER BASKETBALL GAMES ~

Winter Sports Pictures on Thursday, October 31, 2024 starting around 12:45
Friday, November 1st at Sacred Heart, Shawano 4:00 (Game order GB, BC, GA, BA)
Friday, November 8th at St. James, Shawano at 4:00 (Game order BB, GA, BA)
Friday, November 15th at HOME vs Trinity, Green Bay at 4:00 (Game order GB, BB) Team GB Cleanup
Saturday, November 16th ~ Boys at HOME starting at 9:00
Saturday, November 16th ~ Girls at St. Paul, Bonduel starting at 11:00
Tuesday, November 19th at St. Paul, Bonduel at 4:00 (Game order BB, GA, BA)

Uniforms will not be given out until all paperwork and fees have been paid.

OPERATION H.E.L.P. ~

In November, Operation H.E.L.P. is on Thursday, November 14th. Please let your child know ahead of time if they are able to participate in Operation H.E.L.P. The office or teachers will not be contacting parents to find out if your child is able to go or not.

2ND QUARTER CHAPEL ~

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.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP ~

Santa's Workshop is being held on Friday, December 6, 2024 from 8:00-12:30. We will be looking for volunteers to wrap presents that morning. If interested, please reach out to Bonnie Smith at 715-250-1030. There will be more information sent out via FastDirect and in the December Newsletter.

The only donations Santa's Workshop is looking for this year are small gift bags. They can be dropped off in the school office.

PTL NEWS ~

Scrip: In order to guarantee to have your scrip cards by Black Friday, you will need to place your order no later than Monday, November 18th at 10:00am.

Ways to Order: raiseright.com; email Tammy Higgins at scrip@stmlc.org or at the scrip table.

ALL THINGS AUTUMN DANCE ~

The dance has been rescheduled to Sunday, November 3, 2024 from 4:00-6:00.



November 2024

St. Martin Lutheran School Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 <i>Teacher In-Service ~ No School</i>	5 <i>Teacher In-Service ~ No School</i>	6 Chapel 8:05 ~ All Are Welcome To Attend	7	8	9
10 3rd & 4th Grade Sing at 10:00	11 PTL Executive Meeting 4:30	12 Theme T-Shirt Day ~ Wear Any St. Martin T-Shirt	13 Veterans Chapel 8:05 ~ All Are Welcome To Attend	14 Operation H.E.L.P. (Grades 3-8) 3:00-4:30	15	16
17 1st & 2nd Grade Sing at 8:00	18	19 Theme T-Shirt Day ~ Wear Any St. Martin T-Shirt	20 Chapel 8:05 ~ All Are Welcome To Attend	21	22	23
24	25	26 Chapel w/Baptism Bday 8:05 ~ All Are Welcome To Attend	27 <i>Thanksgiving Break ~ No School</i>	28 <i>Thanksgiving Day ~ No School</i>	29 <i>Thanksgiving Break ~ No School</i>	30

St. Martin Lutheran Church & School

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

July through September 2024

	Jul - Sep 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
1501 · General Receipts	139,297.51	148,238.00	-8,940.49	93.97%
1502 · Board of Elders Receipts	550.00	350.00	200.00	157.14%
1503 · Board of Evangelism Receipts	1,750.00	1,620.00	130.00	108.03%
1504 · Board of Education Receipts	391,506.08	95,548.00	295,958.08	409.75%
1505 · Parish Education Receipts	146.02	250.00	-103.98	58.41%
1506 · Board of Youth Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
1507 · Stewardship Receipts	11,800.39	0.00	11,800.39	100.0%
1508 · Board of Trustees Receipts	630.00	999.00	-369.00	63.06%
1509 · Early Childhood Receipts	58,690.15	75,750.00	-17,059.85	77.48%
1510 · Other Receipts	70.00	15,000.00	-14,930.00	0.47%
1511 · Preschool Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
1512 · Scrip Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Income	604,440.15	337,755.00	266,685.15	178.96%
Expense				
1601 · Board of Elders	50,892.80	43,134.00	7,758.80	117.99%
1602 · Board of Evangelism	1,430.00	1,875.00	-445.00	76.27%
1603 · Board of Education	353,329.87	307,839.00	45,490.87	114.78%
1604 · Board of Youth	1,265.39	1,172.00	93.39	107.97%
1605 · Board of Stewardship	3,281.19	4,197.00	-915.81	78.18%
1606 · Board of Parish Education	699.83	707.00	-7.17	98.99%
1607 · Board of Trustees	21,357.72	22,384.00	-1,026.28	95.42%
1608 · Early Childhood Learning Center	65,023.12	70,500.00	-5,476.88	92.23%
1609 · Other Expenses	1,443.47	3,422.00	-1,978.53	42.18%
1611 · Preschool	10,608.90	8,497.00	2,111.90	124.86%
1612 · Scrip Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Expense	509,332.29	463,727.00	45,605.29	109.84%
Net Income	95,107.86	-125,972.00	221,079.86	-75.5%
 Loan Balances				
Line of Credit	\$0.00			
School Choice Residual Balance	\$306,161.00			