

**This Week at Martin Luther Lutheran Church**

**Sunday, January 8th**

9:00 am Christian Education  
10:00 am Worship Service

**Monday, January 9th**

6:15 pm Girl Scouts

**Tuesday, January 10th**

8:15 am Morning Prayer  
7:00 pm NA Meeting  
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday, January 11th**

8:15 am Morning Prayer  
10:00 am Bible Study

**Thursday, January 12th**

8:15 am Morning Prayer  
7:00 pm Church Council meeting

**Saturday, January 14th**

10:00 am AHEAD Support Group

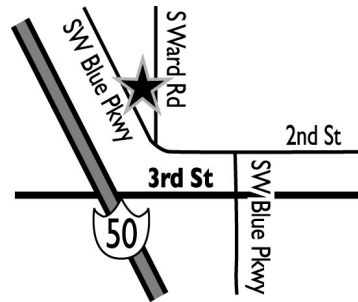
**Sunday, January 15th**

9:00 am Christian Education  
10:00 am Worship Service  
11:30 am Potato Brunch

*Please register your attendance.*

**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor: ..... Rev. Hans Koschmann  
Lay Assistant: ..... DeAnn Bauman  
Acolyte ..... Caleb Ellis  
Altar Guild ..... Dee Fuelling  
Greeter ..... Karolyn Ellis  
Doorstep ..... Deb Heineman  
Usher ..... Mike & Nancy Fischer  
Band: ..... M3



Attendance in worship on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> was 55. The giving was \$2018.00 with an additional \$330.00 toward Property Maintenance and \$191.00 for Initial Offering. Amen!

# Martin Luther Lutheran Church



January 8, 2012

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**January 8, 2012**  
**First Sunday after the Epiphany**

WE GATHER

Welcome and Prayer Requests

Confession

Passing of the Peace

Gathering Hymn 651 (blue hymnal) ..... “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

WE PROCLAIM

Salutation

Prayer of the Day

First Reading .....Genesis 1:1-5

Psalms ..... Psalm 29

Second Reading .....Acts 19:1-7

Children’s Sermon

Gospel Acclamation ..... “Blessed Be the God of Israel”

Gospel .....Mark 1:4-11

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The Sermon ..... "Baptism of Our Lord"

Hymn ..... “This Little Light of Mine”

The Nicene Creed .....Page 32

The Prayers of Intercession

Hymn ..... “Hear Our Prayer”

*(sing vs. 1, then hum as we pray, end with vs. 5)*

WE COMMUNE

The Offering and Special Music

Presentation of the Gifts

Hymn 760 (blue hymnal) ..... “For the Fruit of All Creations”

The Great Thanksgiving .....Page 36

Holy, Holy, Holy.....Page 36

The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer .....Page 39

The Invitation to the Table

The Communion ..... “Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup”

Hymn 706 (blue hymnal) ..... “Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup”

Hymn 776 (blue hymnal) ..... “Be Thou My Vision”

Hymn ..... “Let All Things Now Living”

Blessing

Post Communion Hymn Setting 2 #81 (green hymnal) ..... “This Is the Feast”

Post Communion Prayer .....Page 41

WE SEND

Benediction .....Page 41

Sending Hymn 45 (green hymnal) ..... “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

**A Message From The Pastor**

Thank you all so much for the kind and generous Christmas gift that you have given me! I cannot express my gratitude enough to you all for all of the love and kindness that you have shown my wife and me this past year alone. Thank you all again for this most generous Christmas gift!

**Ministry of the Month – Coldwater**

Coldwater is a passion-driven non-profit organization centered in Lee's Summit, Missouri. Our purpose is to care for the community through the building of friendships. Through these friendships we seek to transform lives and move individuals from isolation and independence into relationship; relationship with God and relationship with one another. Coldwater promotes these friendships through teams such as Neighbor's Food Pantry, Neighbor's Clothes Closet, Special Needs/Coldwater Village, “League of Smiles” children's recreational programs and “No Hungry Kids”. There are 586 children in Lee’s Summit who have been identified as chronically hungry. Coldwater, in partnership with Harvesters is working hard to feed as many of them as possible. With your help, we would like to feed them all! For more information on how to donate or volunteer your time please contact Joanne Ellis at [mjcellis@gmail.com](mailto:mjcellis@gmail.com) or 816-246-1672 or visit the Coldwater website at [www.coldwater.me](http://www.coldwater.me)

**AHEAD Support Group**

Loss knocks us off our feet; it also can enlarge our souls. The AHEAD support group will next meet on 1/14, 10:00 - 1:00 here at church to continue exploring how the soul grows through loss. Join us.

**Women’s Group Tea and Luncheon**

The women of the church are invited to attend a tea and luncheon at Greenwood Antique & Tea Room in Greenwood on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 am. There are several choices for lunch ranging from \$7.45 - \$8.95. Dessert and drinks are extra. Please sign up in the narthex by Sunday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, so we can call for reservations. For questions, please see Carolyn Ellis.

**Potato Brunch – Next Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Alpha Course**

New members of the church and guests are invited to attend the Alpha Course at our church. The Alpha Course is a program designed to introduce people to the basics of the faith, with topics covering who Jesus is, how to pray, who is the Holy Spirit, and the nature of the church. The Alpha Course will start on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and will last for ten weeks. Alpha will start at 5:30 pm and last until 7:30 pm. If you are interested in attending Alpha or help with the program, then please speak with Bob Boone or write him an e-mail at [robert.boone@thrivent.com](mailto:robert.boone@thrivent.com).

**Via de Cristo**

Via de Cristo will be held Feb. 2-5 and is intended for Christians that want to grow in their faith. Via de Cristo is a great way to jump-start your spiritual life after the New Year. It is the start of the journey, and the ministry continues here at MLLC once you return. If you are interested in attending, please speak with Doug Day or e-mail him at [mortgageprokc@gmail.com](mailto:mortgageprokc@gmail.com).