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Call Me Martin

Born in 316 AD, Martin of Tours started out as a Roman soldier becoming breaking away from the Roman army, and roman paganism, to become a Christian monk. He once cut his cloak in half to provide clothing for a beggar. Later as bishop he was renowned for pleading mercy for prisoners and heretics.

Martin Luther, who posted the 95 Theses in 1517, was named after Martin of Tours, who by that point had become a saint. Martin Luther would have likely celebrated St. Martin's Day on November 11 with giving to the poor.

In 1939, during a trip to Germany, Michael King was so inspired by the German reformer, Martin Luther, he changed his own name to Martin Luther King and changed his five year old son's name to Martin Luther King, Jr. A fitting name for a man who would go on to also become a member of the clergy and advocate for change.

The name Martin in Latin means, "warlike". It is interesting we see so many Martins challenging the status quo, but for a more peaceful and equitable society.



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Congratulations!

Congratulations to
Jared Langenohl and Emma Kowieski who
were married on October 18.

May their marriage be blessed with love,
joy, and laughter for years to come.

Jared is the grandson of
Gerhardt and Lucy Fisher.



Confirmand Speeches



We recognize our audio had difficulties last Sunday.
If you had trouble hearing all the Confirmands Faith Statements,
a printed copy of each is on display in the north narthex.

Can You Help Out(side)?

Fall Clean Up

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 15**

**9am to NOON
Rain or shine**

**Come for awhile or stay
the whole time**



**Bring a rake, trimmers,
gardening tools, gloves, shovel,
and some buckets to prepare
our grounds for winter.**



November 2 to November 9

Sun Nov 2	All Saints Sunday and Daylight Savings Ends 9:30am Worship service Confirmation 10:40am Faith Formation Hour 5:00pm Community Sunday Dinner
Mon Nov 3	7:00pm NA 12 Step Meeting Fellowship Hall
Tues Nov 4	Noon AA 12 Steps Meeting Room 211 6:30pm Hands of AA 12-Step Meeting Upper Room
Wed Nov 5	12:00pm Brown Bag Bible Study 1:00pm Prayer Warriors 4:30pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Voices of Zion choir rehearsal 6:00pm AA New Beginnings Meeting Room 206 7:00pm Festival Bells handbell rehearsal
Thurs Nov 6	7:00pm Stewardship Meeting
Friday Nov 7	12:00pm Mayfair AA Group 6:00pm ACA 12 Step Group Room 100
Sat Nov 8	
Sun Nov 9	9:30am Worship Service 10:40am Faith Formation Hour 6:00pm Confirmation Meeting
Next Week	

Zoom Worship, Brown Bag Meeting, Book Club ID: 841 6597 2335
 Passcode: 12012

Home Grown Faith

Check out this amazing podcast where a father and son (10yo) attempt to put their faith into practice for a whole year, each month exploring a different spiritual practice from within the Christian tradition—like gratitude, Sabbath, prayer, pilgrimage, Lectio Divina, hospitality, and connecting with nature. At the end of the month, the father and son come together for an honest, heartfelt conversation about how the practice has shaped, challenged, or inspired them.



If you've been reflecting on how to pass on the richness of your faith to your children in a way that's authentic and life-giving, this podcast is for you!

<https://homegrownfaith.co.uk/>

This Sunday's Volunteers

Altar Care: Linda Havlicek and Mavis Roesch

Assisting Minister: Nancy Di Giacinto

Lector: Jenny Hawes

Communion, bread: Jenny H.

Communion, wine: Joe Di Giacinto, Lora Marheine, Bob Young

Ushers: Carl and Karen Engelhardt

Greeter: Irene McCarthy and Dick Hollander

Audio/Visual: Abby Sumiec and Erik Peterson

Tellers: Tom Ertel, Jim Goetzinger, and Gary Goll

Volunteer Schedule: mtzionlutheran.org/pages/member-resources

Access the Prayer List

<https://bit.ly/3WkdIAw>

The printed prayer list is updated
every two weeks.



Submit prayer requests

Email: pastor@mtzionlutheran.org

Call: 414-258-0456

Write: on the prayer cards at the
prayer share wall in the
north narthex.

Christmas Poinsettias are Back



Add to the joy and beauty of the season by giving to the altar poinsettia display!

Name _____

Phone number _____ or Email _____

Given in memory/honor of _____

	Red Qty	White Qty	Pink Qty	Cost Per plant	Total For size
6"				\$15	
7"				\$20	
Total					

☐ I have enclosed payment.

☐ I will pay online (Select Holiday/Special Service from the drop down menu and put "Poinsettia" in the memo).

☐ I would like to bring my poinsettia home.

Circle one I'll likely attend the 4:00pm or 8:00pm service

☐ Share my poinsettia with an at-home member.

Please return forms to church office or offering plate by November 23 .

Sharing Our Best

*Excerpt from Living Lutheran article
“Furnishing Hope and Comfort” by Jennifer Bringle*

David Rebey knows all too well the challenges people face after being released from incarceration. As pastor of [Breaking the Chains Church](#)—a new-start congregation inside Felmers O. Chaney Correctional Center in Wisconsin—Rebey has seen his congregants struggle with meeting even the most basic needs once they [reenter](#) life after prison.

“One of the men at Felmers Chaney contacted me and said, ‘I’m getting out of prison in 30 days, and Pastor, I have a wife and six children, and we have nothing,’” Rebey said.

Upon hearing this, Rebey knew exactly whom to call: Andy Dederich, coordinator of [Share Our Best Furniture Ministry](#). The ministry collects donated furniture and home goods and delivers them to people in need.

“We got together some of our volunteers with Andy’s volunteers, and we were able to furnish the family’s entire house,” Rebey said. “When we left that night, there was a bed for every child.”

Share Our Best Furniture Ministry launched four years ago as a partnership between [Holy Cross Lutheran Church](#) in Menomonee Falls, Wis.—of which Dederich is a member—and [Hephatha Lutheran Church](#) in Milwaukee. Dederich said folks at Holy Cross had furniture in good condition that they wanted to donate, so they contacted [Hephatha](#) to see if the church knew of anyone who could use a bed or sofa.

“There are a lot of kids who have been sleeping on the floor because they don’t have beds,” Dederich said. “That drove us to say, ‘What can we do?’ We knew we had things, and people to deliver them, that would bring a little more hope and comfort to their lives.”

Read the full article at:

[Livinglutheran.org/2025/10/furnishing-hope-and-comfort](https://livinglutheran.org/2025/10/furnishing-hope-and-comfort)



Tosa Cares Thanksgiving Bags

Thanksgiving food drive for



Select one item and buy in quantity
or select different items from the following list.
Please place this bag in the **Gathering Space**
beginning Nov 2 - Nov 17.
Or with a financial gift, we will shop for you.

- green beans
- corn
- cranberry sauce
- cornbread mix
- other bread mixes
- box of potatoes
- peanut butter
- jelly
- cereal
- baking items such as
flour, oil, sugar
- can of fruit and/or
jar of applesauce
- cream of mushroom soup
- can of sweet potatoes or
yams
- cake mix and frosting
- macaroni and cheese

Thank you for helping feed over 380 Tosa Cares families during the holidays. We are grateful!

RenFormation Celebration



We celebrated the 500th wedding anniversary of Martin and Katie Luther.



Douglas,
Monk of Frankfurt...er,
was in attendance!



Much thanks to Shauna and Douglas for your hard work planning, preparing, and serving the wedding feast and creating the photo booth!

Huzzah!

EMERGENCY ALERTLUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**HURRICANE
MELISSA****RUSH AID****lwr.org/melissa-relief**

Dear Partner in Ministry,

We know your congregation is praying for our neighbors in Jamaica and throughout the Caribbean as Hurricane Melissa brings devastation to communities already living in fragile conditions. Thank you.

Our team is working now to assess needs and prepare our emergency response. Your congregation's love is needed to help us respond quickly.

Your gifts will meet families affected by Hurricane Melissa with **urgently needed care like food, water, shelter and essential supplies**. As our response unfolds, we will share updates about the ways your faith in action is reaching our neighbors.

Donate at:

LWR.org

Honoring the Dead

Modern Halloween is the descendant of the Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced SOW-in). The festival marked the end of the year and the end of the harvest season. It was a time when the veil between the living and the dead was the thinnest, and it was a time to honor ancestors. People would leave food and wine on their doorsteps to appease the spirits.” ([Smithsonian](#)).



The practice of “Souling” was done extensively in medieval Europe. Christian “Souling” was similar to the Samhain practice of appeasing spirits by leaving food and wine at the door, but in the 16th century it shifted to where the poor would go door-to-door begging for apples, cakes, ale or even money and in return, the poor would pray for the souls of the people (and dead relatives) who had given the food.



In the Catholic church, All Saints Day is for those deceased who have gone to heaven while All Souls Day is for those in purgatory. Lutherans view all the dead from the past year as saints on All Saints Day.

Celebrated across All Saints and All Souls days, Dia de los Muertos is also practiced in America, but more heavily concentrated in Mexico. This celebration honors the dead relatives by leaving food, sweets, and drinks for the ancestors to feast on and enjoy alongside the living.



In the 19th century, the traditions of Halloween came with Irish and Scottish immigrants. Yet, as with many of the traditions we have seen evolve, the traditions evolved in America, too. Where terrifying masks were worn in ancient times to allow people to blend in with, and survive, among evil spirits, eventually those masks gave way to any kind of costume. Children went door to door and candy was shared. Where turnips had been carved in the old country and lit with a candle to ward off evil spirits, America offered much more adorable pumpkins for carving.

Autumnal holidays honoring ancestors, celebrating, and sharing food extend to Asia as well. Korea’s largest national holiday, Chuseok, gives thanks to the ancestors through the rite of *Charye*. Pchum Ben in Cambodia believes the line between the living and dead is at its thinnest, too, and so food is left for spirits. White is worn during this religious festival as it symbolizes mourning.



While communities the world over acknowledge the dead a bit differently, we all recognize a very visceral need to do so. Our presents are forged in our pasts to shape our futures—traditions mixed with the hope of what might be. May the flames we light honor our ancestors and illuminate the lessons they provide. May the bread we break today be shared with all the living and the dead, so that no one is ever forgotten.

Jess Monahan

Read more about worldwide holidays honoring the dead below:

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com>

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

David W. 11/01	Emmett J. 11/08	Robert E. 11/16
Sharon R. 11/01	Kyle F. 11/08	Gabby G. 11/16
Janice G. 11/02	Katy M. 11/08	Jacob B. 11/17
Niko A. 11/02	Erin M. 11/09	Elena B. 11/17
Beth F. 11/02	Andrew F. 11/10	Amy K. 11/17
Mary J. 11/03	Elmer B. 11/10	Jelani S. 11/23
Judy H. 11/03	Bob C. 11/12	Krista H. 11/26
Brian C. 11/04	Linda H. 11/13	Brenda F. 11/30
Melissa S. 11/05	Pam K. 11/14	Scott B. 11/30
Jason F. 11/05	Mike K. 11/15	David K. 11/30
Shelly R. 11/07	Jean W. 11/15	Debbie K. 11/30

Wedding Anniversaries

Mike and Brenda M. 11/02	Ellyn and Wayne S. 11/26
John and Anna K. 11/14	John and Lynda Y. 11/27
Jill and Tom A. 11/16	Kent and Margie S. 11/28
Tom and Mary C. 11/21	

The More the Merrier

TOO MANY CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS?

Tosa Cares has the answer for you. We would love to share your holiday decorations with our Tosa Cares families. Bring them with you to Mt. Zion on Sundays and look for the Tosa Cares container on the hallway by the coats or drop off at donation times on Wednesdays 1-3 and Saturdays 10-noon.



SHARING THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS. THANK YOU!

At Mt Zion we are
Joyfully growing disciples in Christ
so that
Everyone we meet comes to know themselves as a reflection of
God's image, worthy of life and love
by prioritizing
Faith Community
Hospitality Justice

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