

We Welcome.
We Call.
We Share.



We are glad that you are with us today! Our mission is to serve God by caring for others and sharing His love. Our sanctuary is available before worship for your personal devotion & prayers. Just prior to the service is a time for announcements and for making prayer requests. Please sign the friendship book in the pew so that we may get to know you better and keep our communion records current. Pass the book to the person sitting next to you—when it returns to you, note their name & be sure to say hello!

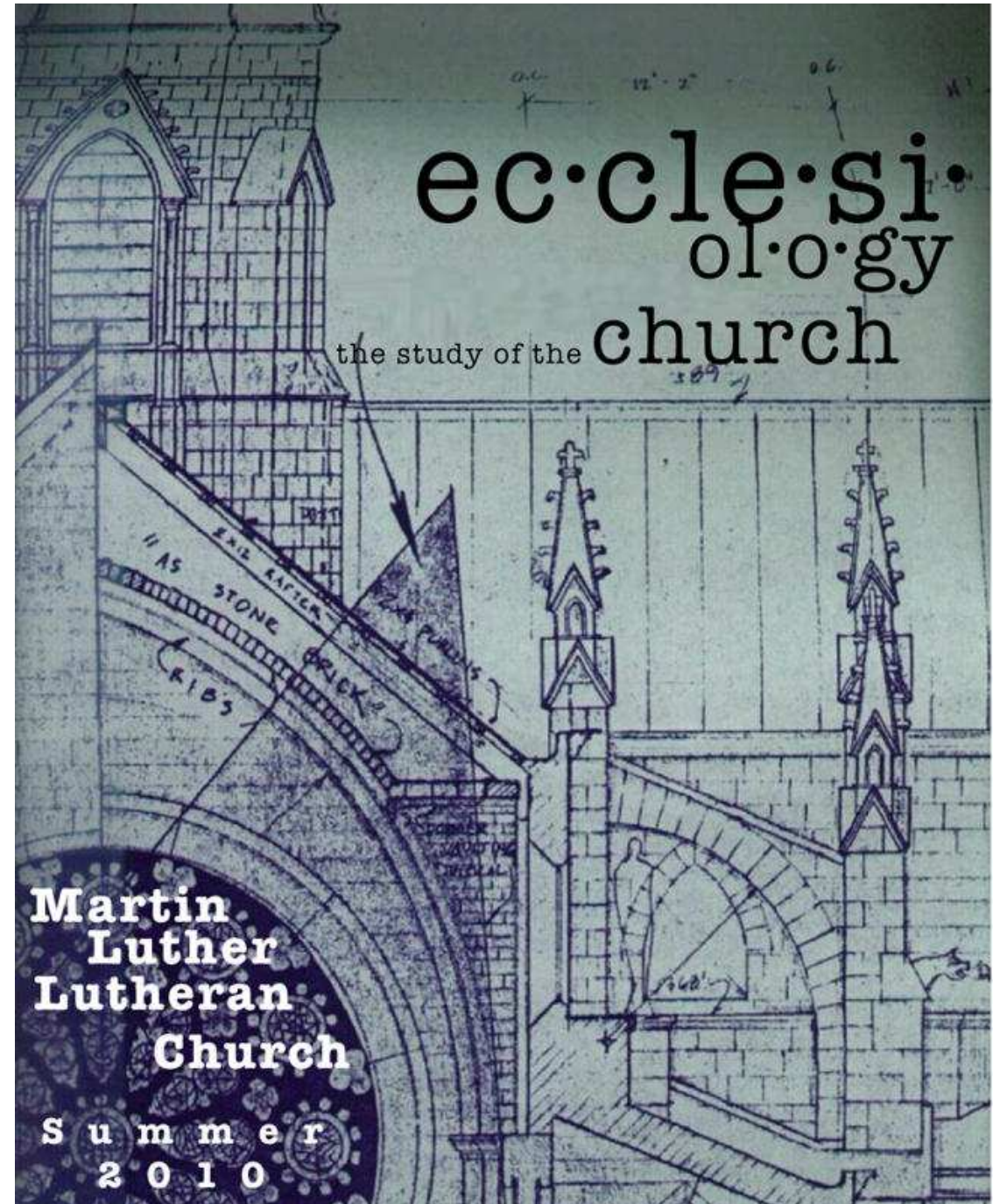
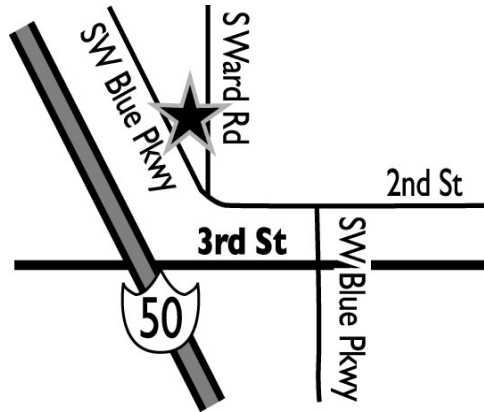
Mission Statement: We welcome all people to our faith community. We call each other to grow in love, faith, and understanding of our spiritual gifts. We go out to be disciples with our unique gifts to share the grace of Jesus Christ.

If you need anything, call the office at 524-2540 or e-mail mlutherchurch@sbcglobal.net. Visit our website at www.mlchurch.org. For pastoral emergencies or prayer requests you can contact the pastor at (816) 607-1517 or e-mail him at mlcpastor@sbcglobal.net
 God's Blessings to you!

Service Times:
Worship – Sundays at 10:00 am
Sunday School & Adult Studies will resume in the Fall.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Pastor Hans Koschmann
 Lay Assistants:..... Kathy Jenkins
 Ushers: The Del Johnson Family
 Band: M3
 Greeters Jim Jenkins
 Doorstep The Demorest Family



ORDER OF WORSHIP
August 15, 2010 • Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome & prayer requests

Confession

Passing of the Peace

Hymn 718 (Blue Book) “Here in This Place”

Prayer Of The Day:

God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

THE WORD

(Please Be Seated)

First Reading (response page 31)..... Numbers 25:6–13

Psalm..... Psalm 82

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:19–23

Children’s Sermon

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn 613 (Blue Book) “Celtic Alleluia”

Gospel Luke 12:49–56

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The Sermon..... “Church & Culture”

Hymn 672 (Blue Book) “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Prayers

Hymn 783 (Blue Book)..... “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

(Sing verse 1-2, hum verses as we pray, then sing verse 3)

The Offering & Special Music

Presentation of the Gifts Hymn 759 (Blue Book)..... “Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”

(Please stand as you are able)

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The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Words of Instruction for the Table

The Communion

Communion Hymn 764(Blue Book)..... “Blest Are They”

(Please stand as you are able)

Blessing

Post Communion Hymn 671 (Blue Book, verses 1-2)..... “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

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Benediction

SENDING

Song of Blessing..... “Now Go In Peace”

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This week at Martin Luther Lutheran Church

Sunday, August 15th - MLLC PICNIC!

8:45 am Cub Scout God & Family Meeting

10:00 am Worship Service

After service: Church Picnic!

Tuesday, August 17^h

7:00 pm NA Meeting

Wednesday, August 18th - LS Schools Starts!

10:00 am Wednesday Bible study

Saturday, August 21st

8:00 am Work day & Picnic Set-up

Sunday, August 22nd - Heifer Sunday!

8:45 am Cub Scout God & Family Meeting

10:00 am Worship Service

7:00 pm Youth Movie Night

Cub Scout Award

The Cub Scout’s Religious Award, entitled *God and Family*, will be offered for any boys in the 4th and 5th grades. The classes will meet at the church before services from August 8-29, and you should speak with Mike Ellis if you want to be part of this program.

Renewed policies at MLLC

One of the marks of the Christian Church is that we are open. We are not a secret fraternity or a country club. We do not hide behind closed doors and avoid questions from the press. However, we all know that is if often easier to be secretive rather than open or transparent. I personally see a connection between transparency and integrity. Unfortunately, too often churches do not have a standard of integrity to keep them accountable within their own operating systems and have harmed and been harmed as a result. With that said, it has come to my attention that Martin Luther Lutheran Church does not have a thorough list of its formal policies. It is appropriate that we have clear and to-the-point standards of operation in place for the safety of the members and the church itself. Within the next few weeks, the church council will be voting on solidifying several policies, namely for facility use and weddings. I support the council and look forward to continuing in this process with them and you, our church family. Though this effort may sound overtly formal or intimidating, I believe that it is in our best interest as a church family. Protecting our church is the role of the pastor, the council, and each member (the Priesthood of all Believers!). I ask that you pray for our Church Council to have wisdom from the Holy Spirit during this time of renewal. - Pastor Hans

Summer Sermon Series

Don’t miss the last installment in pastor’s 8-part series on The Church next Sunday.

Job Opening

Executive Assistant supports Metro Lutheran Ministry Executive Team and reports to Finance Director. Position is full time with complete benefit package. Require experience with Microsoft products. Prefer prior executive support experience, experience with Raiser's Edge and Quickbooks Software and some bookkeeping knowledge. Send resume to dennyhixson@mlmkc.org.

Give-A-Meal-A Month

Canned Meat Baked Beans Peaches Jell-o Any School Supplies

School starts on August 18th this year. Let's help those who need supplies and food at this transitional time of the year. Please bring your school supply donations early in the month. Janice Crance will take the food and school supplies to Lee's Summit Social Services and can be contacted at 816-525-6149.

Sunday School Rally Day

Rally Day is scheduled for September 12th! We will kick off the school year with an introductory Sunday School class for each age group starting at 9am. Next, find out how to best use your gifts and interests at our Servent Fair after class. If you are part of a ministry or group at MLLC, please see Rev. Hans about preparing a table for your ministry.

Where will you be on September 12th?

Hopefully at our annual Summit Spirit Fest! With live music, games, food, and vendors, this year's Spirit Fest is a chance for fellowship and to bring a new face to our church family! We are inviting other churches to participate and hope to have more booths and concessions. We will have three bands, plus our own M3 will be there Please sign up to attend on the clipboard that is passed around during the service today. And if you are interested in helping out, please call the church or e-mail mlutherchurch@sbcglobal.net. Get excited – and get involved!

Children's Church in Egypt: now through August 29th

We have a new summer program, *Children's Church in Egypt*. Each Sunday our youth will learn new and interesting facts about Egypt during Biblical times. The kids will be released for Children's Church after the Children's sermon, and can be picked up by their parents in the large classroom near the office after the service. This program is for Preschool through – 6th grade.

Attention all Golfers! Early Bird Registration Deadline Soon!

Come join us for the Hollis/MLM Golf Benefit! The Golf Benefit will take place on Friday, October 1 at Painted Hills Golf Course (7101 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66112). The Golf Benefit starts at noon with a hamburger buffet, 18 holes of golf, golf cart rental and refreshments, 1 pm tee off and a chili dinner and socializing at Hollis Renewal Center after. Supporting both Hollis and MLM through the Hollis/MLM Golf Benefit is a unique opportunity to support spiritual renewal and also reach out to those in need in Jesus' name. The Early Bird registration is \$80 per person by September 11 (\$95 per person after). Sign up online at www.mlmkc.org or call Suzanne Bartling, MLM Director of Outreach Ministry, at 816-285-3146 or suzannebartling@mlmkc.org.

Today's Scripture Readings

FIRST READING (Response on page 31)..... Numbers 25:6–13

⁶Just then one of the Israelites came and brought a Midianite woman into his family, in the sight of Moses and in the sight of the whole congregation of the Israelites, while they were weeping at the entrance of the tent of meeting. ⁷When Phinehas son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he got up and left the congregation. Taking a spear in his hand, ⁸he went after the Israelite man into the tent, and pierced the two of them, the Israelite and the woman, through the belly. So the plague was stopped among the people of Israel. ⁹Nevertheless those that died by the plague were twenty-four thousand. ¹⁰The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ¹¹Phinehas son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, has turned back my wrath from the Israelites by manifesting such zeal among them on my behalf that in my jealousy I did not consume the Israelites. ¹²Therefore say, 'I hereby grant him my covenant of peace. ¹³It shall be for him and for his descendants after him a covenant of perpetual priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the Israelites.'

PSALM Psalm 82



¹God stands to charge the divine coun-¹ cil assembled,
giving judgment in the midst¹ of the gods:

²"**How long will you¹ judge unjustly,
and show favor¹ to the wicked?**

³Save the weak¹ and the orphan;
defend the hum-¹ ble and needy;

⁴**rescue the weak¹ and the poor;
deliver them from the power¹ of the wicked. R**

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander a-¹ bout in darkness;
all the foundations of the¹ earth are shaken.

⁶**Now I say to you,¹ 'You are gods,
and all of you children of¹ the Most High;**

⁷nevertheless, you shall¹ die like mortals,
and fall like¹ any prince."

⁸**Arise, O God, and¹ rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations¹ for your own. R**



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SECOND READING (Response on page 31).....1 Corinthians 9:19–23

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

GOSPEL (Response on page 32)Luke 12:49–56

⁴⁹I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." ⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is grounded in Jesus' command to love one another. People who are hurting receive the love and care they need for support through one-to-one caring relationships.

- Is life more than you can handle alone right now?
- Are your health, your attitude, or your relationships suffering?
- Are you adjusting to a new job, change in marital status, a serious illness, the death of a loved one, or a recent move?
- Would you like to have someone in your life who really cares?

Everyone goes through difficult times. Having someone to care, to listen, and to share God's love with you can help you get through the confusion, stress, or loneliness you may be experiencing.

What is a Stephen Minister?

A Stephen Minister IS...

A child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting; a caring Christian friend who takes the time to really listen; a lay person who has received 50 hours of training in how to provide distinctively Christian care.

A Stephen Minister is NOT...

A counselor or therapist; A problem-solver; A casual visitor

What are the needs with which Stephen Ministry can help?

We help those who are...

Hospitalized, Terminally Ill, Bereaved, In a job crisis, Disabled, Homebound, Lonely, New church members, In a spiritual crisis, Looking for a caring, Christian friend.

How exactly does the referrals process work?

- (1) A person – either you, a relative, or a friend – is hurting and in need of Christian care.
- (2) The Stephen Ministry Referrals Coordinator learns about this need for care from a Pastor, a friend, or from the person in need of care. Only after the person in need of care has granted permission does the coordinator assign a Stephens Minister to help.

If you are interested, Stephen ministry training consists of 20 weekly sessions of 2.5 hours each. The cost of the training and training materials are \$50. If you have any questions or are interested in attending classes, contact Karolyn Ellis at 765-5982.