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YOGA CLASS Beginning this Wednesday, 11/15, a free yoga class will be offered on Wednesdays at 11:45 am in the childcare room in the lower level. People of all levels are welcome. Please make sure to bring your own mat. This session runs until Dec. 20 and will resume again in March. The instructor for this class is Kelly and she can be reached at (517) 755-0891.

Chapel Chatter



Flowers on the altar today are given by the Rapsons in celebration of Denny's birthday. Happy birthday, Denny!

Christ - Students - Community Coming Together

DID YOU KNOW? Jean Bearup, mother of Rich Bearup, is an Army Veteran of World War II, having served as a combat nurse in France from 1943-1945. This past Friday, at age 97, she was inducted as the first woman Veteran into the Lansing Community College Veterans Memorial. Yesterday, she was also recognized for her military service at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center where part of her war story was read by a Charlotte High School senior student. Thank you for your service, Jean, and thank you to all veterans who have served!

Thanksgiving Events



THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATIONS This year Martin Luther Chapel is collecting Thanksgiving dinner ingredients for 4-5 foster families from Wellspring Lutheran Services. The cornucopia is out in the welcome area to collect your donations. We are looking for volunteers to help box

the Food donations from the cornucopia on the afternoon of 11/19 at 2pm. Please bring your perishable donations by 4pm 11/19/17. Thank you in advance for helping provide for people who are in need. Questions? Contact Dian Silvey, Ministry Assistant (silveyd@martinlutherchapel.org).

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER will be held next Sunday, Nov. 19, at 5:00 pm. Invite a friend to join you for our traditional turkey dinner. Sign up on the list in the entryway to bring food or help with set up or clean up. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate God's blessings. Please indicate how many will be coming by marking your interest sheet. The mini bus will run on campus at 4:30 pm, 30 minutes earlier than the regularly announced Sunday Supper pick up.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE will be held on Wednesday, 11/22, at 7:00 pm. Invite family and friends to join you for this service.



TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE

In response to Pastor Dave's desire to begin working part-time next June, the Church Council authorized the formation of a "Transition Team" to discuss calling a new staff person. The team consists of Dan Winter, Linda Voorhees, Cheri Krajniak, Chris Kroll, Sally Kalso, Eduardo Farias, Libby Lyons, Anyssa Schember, Council President Katrina Weirauch Engle and Pastor Curt.

The team has begun meeting to study and discuss the current ministry of the congregation, the opportunities for ministry that lie before us, the resources we currently have available, and the possible roles that a new staff person might fulfill within the ministry.

The goal of the team is to recommend to the Church Council what type of new staff person would best serve the congregation as we move forward in ministry over the next years (e.g. Associate Pastor, Deaconess, Vicar, Director of Christian Education, etc.). They hope to have this recommendation ready by the December Church Council meeting. The Church Council will then decide what action to take on the team's recommendation.

If you have questions or comments for the team, please feel free to contact any of the members of the team. We would be happy to talk about our shared ministry, and to hear your comments and suggestions as we look forward to the next phase in the life of the congregation.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Rehearsals continue today for our annual Christmas play, "The Little Drummer of Bethlehem", written by our own Joel Newport. Rehearsals will continue on Sunday mornings from 9:20-10:15 and for 30 minutes following worship on 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, and 12/10. There will be a dress rehearsal on Saturday, 12/16, and the play will be part of the 10:30 am and 7:00 pm services on Sunday, December 17th.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

(The parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids) warns us that there are certain things which cannot be borrowed. The foolish virgins found it impossible to borrow oil, when they discovered they needed it.

[We] cannot borrow a relationship with God; [we] must possess it.

[We] cannot borrow a character; [we] must be clothed with it.

We cannot always be living on the spiritual capital which others have amassed.

There are certain things which we must win or possess for ourselves, for we cannot borrow them from others.

~William Barclay

This Week at Martin Luther Chapel

SUNDAY—11/12

8:45 am Staff Prayer
9:20 am Christmas Play Rehearsal
9:30 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
5:30 pm Sunday Supper
7:00 pm Worship (Sanctuary)
8:00 pm Wed. ON FIRE Rehearsal

MONDAY—11/3

10:45 am Prayers for the Ministry
5:30 pm Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY—11/14

1:00 pm Strike a Pose Art Class
4:30 pm Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry

WEDNESDAY—11/15

11:45 am Yoga Class
7:09 Wed. ON FIRE
8:05 Student Bible Study

THURSDAY—11/16

6:00 pm English Conversation
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY—11/19

8:45 am Staff Prayer
9:20 am Christmas Play Rehearsal
9:30 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
2:00 pm Assemble Thanksgiving Baskets
5:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner
7:00 pm Worship (Sanctuary)
8:00 pm Wed. ON FIRE Rehearsal

MLC BOOK GROUP The MLC Book Group selection for December is *Where'd You Go, Bernadette?* by Maria Semple. Copies will be available in the Chapel office to check out. The next meeting will be Thursday, December 7th at 7 pm in the Fireside Lounge.

"COLLEGE STUDENT TO COMMUNITY RESIDENT" PURPOSE PALS

Starting in November, Purpose Pals will be open to ALL people of Martin Luther Chapel. Each community resident to student pairing will have one month to get together a time or two and get to know each other. The beauty of Purpose Pals is that it truly is based on whatever works best for you. You may decide to have your own "pal" each month, or you can choose to have a pal as a couple or a family. You can meet whenever and wherever you decide. To sign up to be a community resident or student Purpose Pal this semester, please mark your interest sheet.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for October-December are available in the entryway in regular and large print.

COLLEGE STUDENT CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY on December 2nd: On the first Saturday in December, we will be having a craft day for all members of the congregation and any friends or family who'd like to come! We will have plenty of yarn available for knitters, crocheters, and those who would like to learn. We will also have DIY types of crafts available for all skill levels, even those who feel they have no creative talent. This is a great opportunity to work on Christmas presents for friends and family or to make items to donate, so please come! Also, if there is enough interest, we may bake cookies as well! Questions? Contact Laura Hohnstadt.

COLLEGE STUDENT SECRET SANTA The Peer Ministers are organizing a Secret Santa gift exchange. Names will be drawn by email over Thanksgiving break. Gifts should be around \$15. If you would like to participate, please mark your interest sheet. Questions? Speak to one of the peer ministry team.

SAVE THE DATE! On Friday, December 8th, at 5:30 pm, we will be going out into our extended community to sing Christmas Carols. Martin Luther Chapel's Choir invites you to join us! We will meet at the chapel at 5:15 pm and then go forth in song. If you have any questions, please speak to Yatidi Lightfoot, Music Director.

SUNDAY SUPPER this week will be mac & cheese prepared by the MLC Youth Group. Gather on the lower level at 5:30 pm for home-cooked food and fellowship before the evening worship service. Vegetarian option is always available. A mini bus run begins at 5:00 pm for those who live on campus with return runs at 6:30 and 8:00 pm.

2018 SPRING BREAK SERVANT EVENT - MARCH 3-10

Are you interested in going on our annual Servant Event trip? Each year students from Martin Luther Chapel travel during their Spring Break to do something that makes a difference in the lives of others. This coming Spring Break the group will be going to El Paso and building a house in the Juarez area, and if there are enough people applying, another group will go to Phoenix (rehabbing houses) or Texas (hurricane relief). Want to know more, or interested in participating? Pick up a copy of the 2018 Servant Application in the Welcome Area.

MARTIN LUTHER CHAPEL STUDENTS is a public Facebook group that helps connect students from MSU and the surrounding East Lansing area and keeps them up to date on events happening around Chapel.

CALLING ALL MINISTRY MINDED COOKS AND ASSISTANTS

We still need Sunday Supper hosts for 12/3 and 12/10. If you are able to serve in this great ministry, please contact Anne in the office or speak to Cindy Winter.

COLLEGE STUDENT BIBLE STUDY meets Wednesday nights at 8:05 pm after Wednesday ON FIRE. It's a great place to get to know other students and discuss topics relevant to young adults and learn what the Bible has to say about them.

20S & 30S GROUP The 20s & 30s group will be meeting every other week on Mondays at 7 pm. Please mark your interest sheet if you would like to participate.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASS led by Dave Unkefer and Kris Munger has resumed and meets on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Education rooms on the lower level. Join us for conversations to practice speaking and listening to English in a friendly and relaxing atmosphere. For more info contact Dave (deunkefer@gmail.com) or Kris (healingpoetry@hotmail.com).

PRAYER REQUESTS If you have special concerns that you would like included in the prayer during the service, please write them on the Prayer Request sheet on the wooden prayer desk in the entryway.

