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THE OFFICE and building will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th.

Chapel Chatter

Christ - Students - Community Coming Together



Flowers on the altar today are given by Mira Edgerton in memory of her parents.

DID YOU KNOW? Stephen Ministry has been a part of Martin Luther Chapel since 2005. Currently all 12 active MLC Stephen Ministers are engaged in caring relationships, and there is a need for even more caring ministry at MLC. Speak with a Pastor, a Stephen Minister, or contact the office to get more information about becoming a Stephen Minister and pick up an application. Stephen Ministry Classes Start January 9, 2018.

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 this afternoon at 2pm. Please bring your perishable donations by 4pm. 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 tonight at 5:00 pm. Invite a friend to join you for our traditional turkey dinner. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate God's blessings. 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 this Wednesday, 11/22, at 7:00 pm. Invite family and friends to join you for this service.



DECORATING THE CHAPEL On Tuesday, 11/28, we will be decorating the Chapel for Christmas. We will decorate the Sanctuary with the tree and garland swags; then we will move out into the entryway and finish up with the tree in the Welcome area, and the poinsettia tree and wreaths. If you would like to participate, please mark your interest sheet. Questions? Contact Dian Silvey, Ministry Assistant (silveymom@gmail.com or 517-420-3124).

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS Martin Luther Chapel has adopted 3 families through Haven House in East Lansing. Look for gift tags in the entryway today. The remaining tags will be up on the Christmas tree after 11/29. The deadline for bringing in your gift(s) is Sunday, 12/10.



ATTENTION YOUTH! We will be assembling cocoa jars on Sunday, December 3rd at 12:00 pm. We will get pizza for lunch. Need an easy Christmas present idea? We will have multiple flavors, and the jars will be available for purchase throughout the month of December.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What you are is God's gift to you.
What you become is your gift to God.
Author unknown

COLLEGE STUDENT BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER STATIONS

On Wednesday, November 29th, the Bible Study will be at 7 pm (not the usual 8 pm time). Following the Bible Study, the team will have prayer stations set up in the sanctuary for a time of quiet reflection. Take time out of your busy semester to pray and connect with God.

SANCTUARY CARE AND OUR WORSHIP SPACE

Have you seen the banners that hang from the pipe loft in the Sanctuary? How about the beautiful flowers on the Altar that sit on top of the Paraments (decorative, richly embroidered coordinated cloths that hang from the altar, pulpit and banner cross) that change with the different seasons of the Church year? Our beautiful ever changing worship space is the work of the Sanctuary Care Team, a group that meets about 4 times a year and schedules changes and purchases, some come from donations, the colors, Communion ware, candles, flowers and scheduling of volunteers to help make our worship flow smoothly, with beauty and meaning.

My thanks to Barb Baumann for the most recent addition to the banner collection, Barb hand made the green and yellow banners that have been hanging during the Pentecost season this Summer and Fall. She also made the Easter banners that we have been using the past few years. Cheryl Rapson made the Christmas banners several years ago and Sharon Lange, Jody Corbett and others have made the Luther's Rose, the Via Vita Veritas and We are One banners that hang on other occasions. The flower arrangements are usually done by Sharon Lange and the Communion linens and regular purchase of the wine, wafers and grape juice are coordinated by Becky Armstrong, who also makes the Communion bread. Currently Kathy Richards and Leslie Baehre coordinate to change the paraments throughout the year. We are looking for a few more people (students and residents) to help, if you have a desire to learn or contribute to any of these areas, please mark the interest sheet for helping with the Sanctuary Care Team and someone will contact you. Thank you to everyone who has helped throughout the years.

This Week at Martin Luther Chapel

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

MONDAY—11/20

10:45 am Prayers for the Ministry
6:30 pm Council Meeting
7:00 pm Faith and Fellowship

WEDNESDAY—11/22

11:45 am Yoga Class
7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service

THURSDAY—11/23

Office Closed

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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

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 today, 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to assist at the Wellspring Christmas Party on Friday, December 8. It will take place at Martin Luther Chapel, for some of their foster families. We are in need of volunteers to help prepare and/or serve a meal and also volunteers to drop off desserts that day. Please mark your interest sheet if you are able to help. Questions: Contact Renee Dwyer (renee.s.dwyer@gmail.com or 517-974-0323)

YOGA CLASS 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.

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.

RECITAL Elizabeth Clarke, our Wednesday ON FIRE lead instrumentalist, will be giving a recital as part of her degree fulfillment at Cook Recital Hall in the MSU music building on Saturday, December 2 at 8 pm. It will be a chamber recital with strings and flute.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

