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**MARTIN LUTHER CHAPEL**

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**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.

**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.

# Chapel Chatter

*Christ - Students - Community Coming Together*



Flowers on the altar today are given by Jack Burgess in celebration of his birthday. Happy birthday, Jack!

**DID YOU KNOW?** Martin Luther Chapel is participating in "Giving Tuesday", on Tuesday November 28, 2017. #GivingTuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. Giving to Martin Luther Chapel on Giving Tuesday will be a special gift to further ministry through Martin Luther Chapel among MSU students, faculty, staff and the greater East Lansing Community. You can raise awareness by sharing #MartinLutherChapel #GivingTuesday on your social media accounts.



**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](mailto:silveymom@gmail.com) or 517-420-3124).

**POINSETTIAS** will be ordered to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve service. They may be purchased in red, white, pink, or marble. The cost is \$15 each for a 7 inch plant. To place your order, please mark your interest sheet or the flower chart at the prayer desk. Be sure to indicate the number you would like, your color preference, as well as if you would like it in memory of (IMO) or in honor of (IHO) a friend or loved one.

**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.



 **WEDNESDAY ADVENT VESPERS** Join us Wednesdays at 7 p.m. beginning December 6th for these reflective vesper services helping us prepare for the coming celebration of the birth of Christ.

*Advent Vespers*

**COLLEGE 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, prayer stations will be set up in the sanctuary for a time of quiet reflection. Take time out of your busy semester to pray and connect with God.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**  
As people of faith who have been forgiven by the death and resurrection of Jesus and freed to live a new life, He asks us to examine our lives with these questions: 1) How do we treat the hungry? 2) How do we treat the thirsty? 3) How do we welcome the stranger? 4) How do we clothe the needy? 5) How do we take care of the sick? 6) How do we visit the prisoner? And then He says: "For as you have done this to the least of these, you have done it to me."

**CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS** will be given to every child on Sunday, Dec. 17, following the Christmas Play performance. If you would like to contribute candy, fruit, stickers, or surprises for the gift bags or would like to help assemble them on Saturday, Dec. 16, between 10:00 am-Noon, please mark your interest sheet or contact Dian Silvey, Ministry Assistant ([silveymom@gmail.com](mailto:silveymom@gmail.com)).

**CHOIR, HANDBELL CHOIR, & INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS EVE** All are welcome to participate in singing and playing music for Martin Luther Chapel's Christmas Eve worship service! We invite you to solo or participate in a small ensemble too, for the Christmas Eve concert from 7:00 - 7:30 pm. Please mark your interest sheet if you'd like to participate.



**Rehearsal Schedule:**  
Choir, 12/14, and 12/21 (Thursdays at 7 pm)  
Children's Choir, 12/3 and 12/10 following music rehearsal for the Christmas play  
Handbell Choir: 12/10 and 12/17 (Sundays at 9 am)  
Instrumental Rehearsals: 12/10 and 12/17 (Sundays at 12:30 pm)



**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS** are available in the entryway. These devotions can enrich your life as you prepare for the coming celebration of Christmas.

## This Week at Martin Luther Chapel

### SUNDAY—11/26

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—11/27

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

### TUESDAY—11/28

1:00 pm Strike a Pose Art Class  
5:30 pm Christmas Decorating  
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry

### WEDNESDAY—11/29

11:45 am Yoga Class  
7:00 pm College Student Bible Study  
8:05 pm Prayer Stations

### THURSDAY—11/30

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

### SUNDAY—12/3

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  
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**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 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup>: 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.

**SUNDAY SUPPER** tonight is being cooked by Chris Behrens. 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.

**SAVE THE DATE!** On Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** takes place Sunday mornings during the sermon in the 9:30 am worship service. Children ages 1 to 10 are invited to hear the gospel in children's words in the Fireside Lounge.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Fireside Lounge.

**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.

**MINI BUS** Need a ride to Chapel from campus and back? We have a mini bus that runs before and after morning worship, Sunday Supper, evening worship, Wednesday ON FIRE, and other Chapel events. The schedule can be found online at <http://martinlutherchapel.org/about/mini-bus-schedule> or on the shelf in the Welcome Area.

**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.

