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**Wednesday ON FIRE**  
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**Int'l Student Ministry**  
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**HOT COCOA SALE**  
Youth will be selling cocoa jars today after service. You can also reserve your jars on your interest sheets. The cost for the jars is \$8 for 1 jar, \$14 for 2 jars, and \$18 for 3 jars. Available flavors are peppermint, peanut butter, toffee, and dark chocolate. These jars make great gifts, and proceeds for the sale go to raising funds for the National Youth Gathering in the summer of 2019.



# Chapel Chatter

*Christ - Students - Community Coming Together*



Sign up on your interest sheet or at the prayer desk if you'd like to purchase a \$35 floral arrangement in memory of or in honor of a loved one.

**DID YOU KNOW? COOKIES! COOKIES!** Packages of cookies will be available after the service today, especially for students taking finals. We thank the people of St. Luke Lutheran Church—many of whom are former members and long time friends of Martin Luther Chapel—for their thoughtfulness. We have been celebrating Cookie Sunday before finals week for around 30 years!

**JANUARY 2018 - STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING CLASS** Martin Luther Chapel will begin the next Stephen Ministry class on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. This is your opportunity to receive training in the art of Christian caregiving. There will be 50 hours of training from January to May. After the training, you will join a group of dedicated people who provide confidential care to others. For more information about the class and how to apply, please speak with Pastor Dave, Pastor Curt, or a Stephen Minister.



**ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS** Gifts are due TODAY for the 3 families we have adopted through Haven House. Please bring your unwrapped gifts with the tag from the tree to the chapel by Sunday evening.



**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)).

**SERVANT EVENT APPLICATIONS ARE DUE** If you would like to go on the Spring Break Servant Event March 3-10, 2018, please turn in your application TODAY!

**WEDNESDAY ADVENT VESPERS** Join us Wednesdays at 7 pm, continuing on December 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> for these reflective vesper services helping us prepare for the coming celebration of the birth of Christ.

*Advent Vespers*

**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 email Yatidi Lightfoot if you'd like to participate or have any questions.



**Rehearsal Schedule:**  
Choir: 12/14, and 12/21 (Thursdays at 7 pm)  
Children's Choir: 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.

**POINSETTIAS** will be ordered to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve service. They are available in red, white, pink, or marble. The cost is \$15 for a 7 inch plant. To place your order, 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.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY** The Children's Christmas Play *The Little Drummer of Bethlehem* will be performed at both services next week, December 17 at 10:30 and 7:00 pm. The stage crew could use your help on Friday, 12/15 from 6-7 pm, moving the stage upstairs for Saturday's dress rehearsal and Sunday's performances, and on Sunday, 12/17 after the evening service (8 to 9 pm) for stage breakdown and storage.

**PARENTS:** Be sure that you or your child(ren) fill out an information sheet for the program and return it to Joel Newport, Deb Nault, or Dian Silvey.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

As we go through the "wilderness" times of our lives, remember what the Apostle Paul writes:

"We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.

We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies."

2 Corinthians 4:7-10 (New Living Translation)

**BLESSING SESSIONS** - January – February 2018

The Blessing Sessions are small group, conversational meetings, sponsored by the Stewardship Team, as an intentional effort to engage people in understanding their roles as God's stewards and how that drives our engagement at Martin Luther Chapel. The Blessing Sessions will focus on "Sharing Ourselves, Serving Our Lord, Shaping Our Ministry".

- *Sharing Ourselves:* Sharing how we have been blessed by the presence of God in our lives and our involvement at MLC
- *Serving Our Lord:* Sharing our experiences with giving and serving, whether it is our time, talents or treasures.
- *Shaping Our Ministry:* Discussing how we can continue to grow the ministry at MLC. The Stewardship team invites you to partake in one of the scheduled sessions next month, as detailed below with date/time, host and location.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** William John "Bud" Winter, age 98, passed away on Tuesday, December 5, 2017. He was a member of Martin Luther Chapel, father of Dan (Cindy) Winter and grandfather of Amanda (Brandon) Bussa, Amy (Jerry) Williams, and Brandi (Mike) Czechowskyj. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 16, at 3:00 pm at Martin Luther Chapel. The family will be at church at 2:00 pm to receive friends prior to the memorial service. A meal will be served on the lower level for family and friends immediately following the service.

Memorials may be given to the Martin Luther Chapel Endowment Fund, or to Sparrow Hospice House. Please make checks payable (or [donate online](#)) to Martin Luther Chapel, 444 Abbot Rd, East Lansing, MI, with memo line "Bud Winter Memorial," or to Sparrow Hospice House of Mid-Michigan, PO Box 30480, Lansing, MI 48909.

If you would like to send a card/note to the family, please mail it to: Dan Winter, 4720 Sandstone Dr., Williamston, MI 48895.

**CHAPEL MANAGER POSITION AVAILABLE**

We are looking for an individual or married couple to serve as Chapel Manager(s) beginning in January of this year. **Applications are available in the entryway.** If you have questions or are interested, please mark your interest sheet or talk to Pastor Curt. Many thanks to Addie and Michael VanBemmelen who have been outstanding Chapel Managers since June! We wish them well as Michael begins a job in Zeeland in January!

Date	Time	Host	Location
Thursday, January 19	7 - 8:30 pm	Matt Montney	The Montneys (Lansing)
Sunday, January 21	4:30 - 6 pm	Fred & Kathy Jernigan	Martin Luther Chapel
Monday, January 22	7 - 8:30 pm	John Engle	The Engles (Holt)
Tuesday, January 23	7 - 8:30 pm	Peter & Yatidi Lightfoot	The Lightfoots (Okemos)
Thursday, January 25	7 - 8:30 pm	Dan & Cindy Winter	The Winters (Williamston)
Sunday, January 28	12:30 - 2 pm	College Students	Martin Luther Chapel
Thursday, February 1	7 - 8:30 pm	Betsy Seeley	The Seeleys (East Lansing)

**SUNDAY SUPPER** Enjoy ham and scalloped potatoes prepared by Renee Dwyer. Vegetarian and gluten free options are always available. Students – let us do the cooking for you as you study for finals! Bus runs begin at 5:00 pm for those who live on campus with return runs at 6:30 and 8:00 pm. Cooks – we still need volunteers for Spring 2018!

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** Pastor Curt is leading a study on the Acts of the Apostles. What can the 21st century Church learn from the 1st century Church?

**This Week at Martin Luther Chapel**

**SUNDAY—12/10**

8:45 am Staff Prayer  
9:00 am Handbell Rehearsal  
9:20 am Christmas Play Rehearsal  
9:30 am Bible Study

**10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)**

12:30 pm Instrumental Rehearsal  
4:15 pm Confirmation Class  
5:30 pm Sunday Supper

**7:00 pm Worship (Sanctuary)**

**MONDAY—12/11**

10:45 am Prayers for the Ministry  
5:30 pm Women's Bible Study  
7:00 pm Finance Team

**TUESDAY—12/12**

1:00 pm Strike a Pose Art Class  
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry

**WEDNESDAY—12/13**

11:45 am Yoga Class  
7:00 pm Advent Worship

**THURSDAY—12/14**

5:00 pm Worship Planning  
6:00 pm English Conversation Class  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**FRIDAY—12/15**

6:00 pm Christmas Play Stage Moving

**SATURDAY—12/16**

9:00 am Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal  
3:00 pm Bud Winter Memorial

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"The serpent sent over a lovely fruit basket."

**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 this Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Fireside Lounge.

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

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