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### HOT COCOA SALE

Youth will be assembling cocoa jars today (12/3) at noon, with pizza for lunch. Jars will be available for purchase beginning this evening, as well as at midweek Advent services and Sunday services. 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? NEW MEMBERS** to be received into membership at Martin Luther Chapel today are Lauren Martin, Betty Sutterer, and Erika Nederveld. May God bless these people as they continue as a part of this community of faith. Would you like to become a member or do you know someone who has expressed an interest in joining this congregation? If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Curt or Dian Silvey, Ministry Assistant.

**CAROLING** The Martin Luther Chapel Choir invites you to join us for an evening of Christmas caroling in our extended community to sing Christmas carols. We will meet at the Chapel at 5:15 pm. Please contact Yatidi Lightfoot if you have any questions.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** The Children's Christmas Play Stage Crew is seeking any and all assistance possible, No special skills required.

**Sunday 12/3** after the morning service (Noon - 2:00 PM) - Building this years' stage.

**Friday 12/15** from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM - Moving the stage upstairs for Saturday's dress rehearsal & Sunday's performances.

**Sunday 12/17** after the evening service (8:00 PM to 9:00 PM) - Stage break-down & Storage.

**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.

**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 act as hosts – the ratio of children to adults is pretty high, so people that are able to interact with the children and help them throughout the meal would be very helpful. Thank you to those who have agreed to help prepare and serve the meal and drop off desserts. 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).

**SOCIAL SENIORS (anyone over 55 years)** invites you to lunch at Martin Luther Chapel on TUESDAY, December 5, at 9:30am. Invite others to attend with you. We will be doing a service project at the Chapel, assisting the office staff with the year-end mailing to alumni, parents, contributors and then enjoy lunch around 1:00 pm. Please mark your interest sheet if you plan to participate and indicate what kind of sandwich you'd like ordered for you from Jimmy John's.



**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*

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The greatest thing is to be found at one's post as a child of God, living each day as though it were our last, but planning as though our world might last a hundred years." ~C.S. Lewis



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



### ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Martin Luther Chapel has adopted 3 families through Haven House in East Lansing. Look for gift tags hanging on our Christmas tree. The deadline for bringing in your gift(s) is Sunday, 12/10.



**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 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, 12/3 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)

**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.

Date	Time	Host	Location
Thursday, January 19	7 - 8:30 pm	Matt Montney	The Montneys
Sunday, January 21	4:30 - 6 pm	Katie Montney	Martin Luther Chapel
Monday, January 22	7 - 8:30 pm	Katrina Weirauch Engle	The Engle's
Thursday, January 25	7 - 8:30 pm	Dan & Cindy Winter	The Winters
Sunday, January 28	12:30 - 2 pm	Andy Barrus	Martin Luther Chapel
Thursday, February 1	7 - 8:30 pm	Betsy Seeley	The Seeleys

**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.

**This Week at Martin Luther Chapel**

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

**MONDAY—12/4**

10:45 am Prayers for the Ministry  
 7:00 pm Faith and Fellowship

**TUESDAY—12/5**

1:00 pm Strike a Pose Art Class

**WEDNESDAY—12/6**

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

**THURSDAY—12/7**

6:00 pm English Conversation Class  
 6:30 pm Stewardship Planning Meeting  
 7:00 pm Book Group

**FRIDAY—12/8**

5:30 pm Christmas Caroling  
 6:00 pm Wellspring Christmas Party

**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)**

**SUNDAY SUPPER** Enjoy delicious lasagna prepared by Cindy Winter. Vegetarian and gluten free options are always available. Students – let us do the cooking for you as you prepare for your last week of classes! Bus runs begin at 5:00 pm for those who live on campus with return runs at 6:30 and 8:00 pm.

**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!

**BECOME A STEPHEN MINISTER** 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. 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.

**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.

