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SUNDAY SUPPER TO-

NIGHT! Gather on the lower level at 5:30 pm for home-cooked food and fellowship before the evening worship service. A meal of soup and salad will be prepared by the Youth Group. A 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. Students and community residents are welcome to join together for this great Martin Luther Chapel tradition.



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.

COLLEGE STUDENT SECRET SANTA The Peer Ministers are organizing a Secret Santa gift exchange. Names will be drawn and participants notified via 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 Ministers.

FALL CLEAN UP The fall garden clean up will be tomorrow, November 12, beginning at 8 am. We need to get the grounds cleaned up before winter arrives in full! Many hands make light work, so hopefully we will be done around lunch time. If you can help, please mark your interest sheet. Questions? Contact Pastor Curt.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER will be held on Sunday, Nov. 18, 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, 11/21, at 7:00 pm. Invite family and friends to join you for this service.



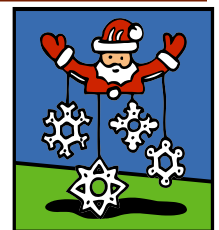
2019 SPRING BREAK SERVANT EVENT Applications are now available for the 2019 Spring Break Servant Event trip. One group will be going to Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, TX and building a house for a family that previously had none. Another group will be traveling to Pensacola, FL to work with Collegiate Challenge - Habitat for Humanity. Spend your Spring Break in service to others! Pick up an application today (look for the tan sheets on the shelves by the office windows).



THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATIONS This year Martin Luther Chapel is collecting Thanksgiving dinner ingredients for Wellspring Lutheran Services. Our cornucopia is now out, and we will be taking donations of non-perishable items through Sunday, November 18th. We will also need volunteers to help assemble the boxes on November 18th so that the boxes can be collected and sent to the recipients in time for them to prepare their Thanksgiving Meal. Thank you in advance for helping provide for people who are in need. Questions? Contact Dian Silvey, Ministry Assistant (silveyd@martinlutherchapel.org).

TREATS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Would you be willing to bring and set up treats and beverages for Sunday mornings? Available snacks can be homemade or store bought – whatever you choose! You would be scheduled every couple of months – the more people that we have on the schedule, the less frequently you would be on the rotation. You can participate as a family, or join with a friend. Please mark your interest sheet if you could help. We are completing the schedule for 2019 soon.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM This year's Children's Christmas Play Rehearsals are on going. Children age 3 – grade 8 are invited to join us for rehearsals on Sunday mornings at 9:20 am, as well as for 30 minutes following the morning worship service. This year's play, A Christmas Journey, has been written by Joel Newport and is being directed by Deb Nault and Tami Smith. It will be presented during both worship services on Sunday, December 16th. Please mark your interest sheet if you would like to join in the fun as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. If you have any questions, please contact Dian Silvey, Ministry Assistant.



Thought For the Day

*The most costly gift is valueless,
if there is no love in the giving.
The cheapest gift is priceless,
if it comes from the love which could give no more.*

WILLIAM BARCLAY

GIVING OPTIONS One big change in the tax law being implemented is that the standard deduction people can take almost doubled under the new rules just put in place. This means more people than ever will take the standard deduction, removing the earlier tax deduction incentive that came with itemizing gifts to your organization in previous years. Donors with traditional IRAs, however, may still receive a tax benefit by making gifts directly to your ministry from their retirement assets.

Here's how it works. People over age 70.5 who have a traditional IRA must make a required distribution (RMD) from their IRA each year. This distribution often takes place in the fourth quarter and is counted and taxed as income to that person. However, the IRA Rollover provision offers a person the option to distribute the RMD directly to charity and avoid the associated income tax if they received it directly. Individuals often have other financial resources and don't depend on the RMD for income. Making a gift to this ministry with otherwise taxable income can be a wise approach.

This Week at Martin Luther Chapel

SUNDAY—11/11

8:45 am Staff Prayer
 9:20 am Children's Play Rehearsal
 9:30 am Pastor's Bible Study
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 4:30 pm Confirmation
 5:30 pm Sunday Supper
7:00 pm Worship (Sanctuary)
 8:00 pm Wednesday on Fire Rehearsal

MONDAY—11/12

8:00 am Fall Clean Up
 10:45 am Prayers for the Ministry
 5:30 pm Women's Bible Study
 7:00 pm Bible and Beer (Crunchy's)

TUESDAY—11/13

10:30 am Coffee with Jesus (Fireside Lounge)
 1:00 pm Strike A Pose Art Class
 6:00 pm Stephen Leaders
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry

WEDNESDAY—11/14

10:00 am Free Yoga
 7:09 pm Wednesday ON FIRE
 8:05 pm Student Led Bible Study

THURSDAY—11/15

12:00 pm Twice Fed (Lower Level)
 6:00 pm English Conversation Class
 6:00 pm Finance
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY—11/18

8:45 am Staff Prayer
 9:20 am Children's Play Rehearsal
 9:30 am Pastor's Bible Study
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 5:00 pm Congregation Thanksgiving Meal
7:00 pm Worship (Sanctuary)

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES We have several different opportunities to get involved.

Bible and Beer meets Monday nights at Crunchy's at 7 pm.

Coffee with Jesus meets Tuesday mornings in the Fireside Lounge at 10:30 am.

College Student-Led Bible Study meets Wednesday evenings following Wednesday ON FIRE at 8:05 pm.

Twice Fed meets on Thursdays at noon in the lower level.

The *Email Bible Study* is ongoing!

Wine, Women, and the Word meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 5:30 pm in the Fireside Lounge.

Sunday Morning Bible Study meets weekly at 9:30 am in the Fireside Lounge.

Sign up on your interest sheet!

MLC BOOK GROUP The Martin Luther Chapel Book Group selection for November is *Best Boy* by Eli Gottlieb. The next meeting is Thursday, December 6, at 7 pm in the Fireside Lounge. Additional copies of the book selection are available in the Chapel office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to assist at the Wellspring Christmas Party on Friday, December 7. 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. Volunteers are also needed to help cook the meal, or to drop off kid-friendly desserts (small cupcakes or kid-friendly cookies preferred). Please mark your interest sheet if you are able to help. Questions: Contact Renee Dwyer (renee.s.dwyer@gmail.com or 517- 974-0323).

WEDNESDAY ON FIRE Join us for **Wednesday ON FIRE!** Wednesday ON FIRE meets weekly at 7:09 pm. Next Wednesday, November 14th, will be the last Wednesday ON FIRE service of the year. The speaker is Barbara Runstadler.

DONATIONS NEEDED! Jillian Matasovsky is going on a medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic over winter break, and her team is seeking donations of medical supplies, now through November 28th, to provide for the people in the DR who otherwise cannot afford them (list of requested supplies below). There is a box in the Welcome Area for donations, and cash/check donations can also be made. Checks should be made out to Alpha Epsilon Delta with "DR trip" on the memo line. They are also looking for business sponsors, so if you know anyone who would be interested, please let her know. Any questions? Just ask Jillian or send her an email at matasovs@msu.edu.

Requested supplies:

Neosporin or store brand triple antibiotic cream
 Cough/Cold tablets or capsules for adults or children- no liquid
 Low Dose Aspirin (81 mg)
 Naproxin (Aleve)
 Lubricating Eye Drops
 Nasal Spray
 Latex Gloves
 Calamine Lotion
 Adult vitamins- no gummies
 Folic Acid
 Dial Liquid Soap
 Gauze, 4x4's
 Pregnancy Tests
 Peptobismol

