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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. Supper tonight will be breakfast foods prepared by Wednesday ON FIRE leaders. 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*



Flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of Dr. Lois F. Kaufman by her husband, Dr. Matt Kaufman, and her children, Matthew, Jonathan, Dr. Timothy, Mark, and Laura Anne.

**DID YOU KNOW?** A group of leaders from Martin Luther Chapel will be attending the English District Board of Directors Dinner in West Bloomfield this Thursday, November 8. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with the English District leaders and share our ministry story. As always, keep the leaders of our church and our District in your prayers.



**COFFEE NIGHT** The Lutheran Student Organization is planning a coffee night on Saturday, November 10th. There will be a short Bible study, board games, and a demonstration of coffee brewing around the world. Naturally, coffee will be served, along with tea and sweets. Mark your interest sheet if you're able to attend!

**FALL CLEAN UP** The fall garden clean up will be Monday, 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.



**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).

**ELECTION HOSTS** are still needed at Martin Luther Chapel for Tuesday, November 6th as we host Precinct 2 as a polling place. You will not be involved with the elections, but help is needed to provide direction to our guests who may ask questions about locations of bathrooms, elevator, beverages, etc. Please consider if you would like to assist and indicate your availability on the sign up poster in the Welcome Area.

**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.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** This year's Children's Christmas Play Rehearsals begin TODAY! 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

*If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.*

—C.S. Lewis.

**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—11/4

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

### MONDAY—11/5

10:45 am Prayers for the Ministry  
 7:00 pm Bible and Beer (Crunchy's)

### TUESDAY—11/6

10:30 am Coffee with Jesus (Fireside Lounge)  
 1:00 pm Strike A Pose Art Class

### WEDNESDAY—11/7

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

### THURSDAY—11/8

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

### SATURDAY— 11/10

5:00 pm Coffee Night

### 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

**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.

**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.

*Sent to a therapeutic community for autism at the age of eleven, Todd Aaron, now in his fifties, is the Old Fox of Payton Living Center. A joyous man who re-reads the encyclopedia compulsively, he is unnerved by the sudden arrivals of a menacing new staffer and a disruptive roommate. His equilibrium is further worsened by a one-eyed new resident with romantic intentions. Undone by these pressures, Todd attempts an escape.*



**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!

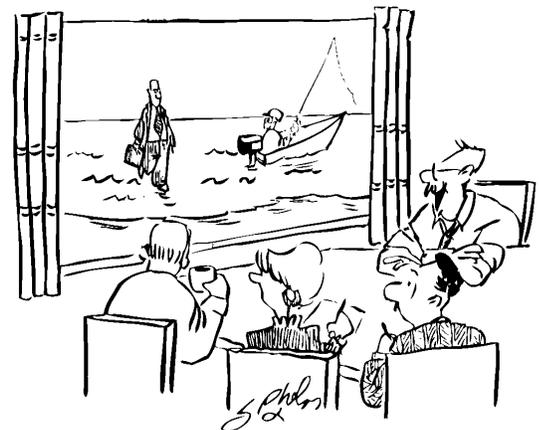
Wine, Women, and the Word meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 5:30 pm in the Fireside Lounge.

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

**Sign up on your interest sheet!**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO DRIVE THE MINI BUS?** More bus volunteers are needed. Chauffer's license required. Talk to Pastor Curt for more information.

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES** Did you know there will soon be three educational ministries happening during morning services each week? #1: Children's church, #2: English class for children, and #3: a discussion group for adult English learners (new, starting 10/14). If you are interested in participating as a student or a leader - or for more information - please mark your interest sheet. Volunteer scheduling is flexible to match your availability.



**"At last, a pastor who fits our job description."**