

NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR
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December 23 & 30, 2018

Chapel Chatter

WELCOME, VISITORS!

Whether this is your first time or one thousandth time worshipping with us, we are glad you are here. We rejoice in the birth of our Savior together. Check out the back of this page for information on more upcoming events.



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Christ - Students - Community Coming Together

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday, December 24th – Christmas Eve
 Christmas Eve Concert..... 7 pm
 Candelight Service7:30 pm
Sunday, December 30th
 Worship Service.....10:30 am
 (No evening worship)
Sunday, January 6th
 Worship Service.....10:30 am and 7 pm



Poinsettias decorating the sanctuary for Christmas are given by:

Jack & Madonna Burgess; Dave & Jan Dressel; Jim Folkening & Donna Schmidt, in memory of their parents Madeline Horder & Ray Bremmerman and Ruth & Harvey Folkening; **Peter and Yatidi Lightfoot; Kris Munger**, in memory of Ken Keahey and Kelly Keahey Wyatt; **Bill Pemble**, in memory of Don & Katherine Dojan and Guy Richard Pemble; **David & Susan Pinter**, in memory of Susan's sister, Nancy Chellew; **Jack & Charlotte Shade**, in memory of their son, Richard Shade; **Mary Telfer**, in memory and honor of Arthur and Cleo Woelmer; **David & Patty Thiele**, in memory of their daughter, Amanda Thiele; **Sue Waltersdorf**, in memory and honor of her husband Leigh.



The altar flowers for **December 30th** are given by **Cheryl and Denny Rapson**, in celebration of family birthdays.



BAPTISM On December 23 during the morning Worship service, we celebrate the baptism of **Madelyn Grace Lueders**, daughter of Amy and David Lueders, who was born on October 12, 2018. Her sponsors will be Sara and Joel Balzer. May our God always keep Madelyn in His care.

A Message from Pastor Curt

“The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood.”

I love this paraphrase of John 1:14 from The Message Bible, because it powerfully reminds us of two important truths about Christmas.

First; God became human! That's the miracle of this Celebration. Somehow, miraculously, the eternal, all-powerful, all-knowing, and ever-present God limited himself to be born as a helpless infant, completely dependent upon Mary and Joseph for everything.

Second; God came to us! It's a repeated theme throughout scripture – people wander away, and God comes to find them. In this paraphrase, we are reminded that, in a real sense, God has moved in right next to us. He walks with us, he experiences life with us, he knows who we are and what is happening to us because He is **HERE**. Our God is not a God who is far away, but one who lives in the same neighborhood.

Whatever your situation happens to be today, or in the coming year, I pray that you will remember the message of Christmas; God loves you so much that He changed everything so that He could move in to your neighborhood!

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Curt

This Week at Martin Luther Chapel

SUNDAY—12/23

8:45 am Staff Prayer
9:30 am Pastor's Bible Study
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm Handbell Choir
1:00 pm Christmas Eve Choir
7:00 pm Worship (Sanctuary)

MONDAY— 12/24

7:00 pm Christmas Concert
7:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship

TUESDAY—12/25

Christmas Day— Office Closed

SUNDAY—12/30

8:45 am Staff Prayer
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY— 1/1

New Years Day— Office Closed

THURSDAY— 1/3

7:00 pm MLC Book Group

SUNDAY—1/6

8:45 am Staff Prayer
9:30 am Pastor's Bible Study
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
4:30 pm Confirmation
5:30 pm Sunday Supper

CALLING ALL MINISTRY MINDED COOKS AND ASSISTANTS We are in need of cook(s) and assistant(s) for Sunday during the spring semester (January thru April). If you would be available and willing to cook, please mark your interest sheet or sign up on the poster on the bulletin board in the copier room. Sunday Supper resumes January 6. Questions? Contact Cindy Winter (thewintercrew@yahoo.com). Your help would be greatly appreciated!

CITY HALL LUNCHEON Martin Luther Chapel will be hosting a luncheon near the end of January for our neighbors who work at City Hall. We will be seeking volunteers who are able to help cook and serve, as well as volunteers to provide desserts on that day. If you would be willing to help cook/serve or provide a dessert, please use the comment section of your interest sheet.

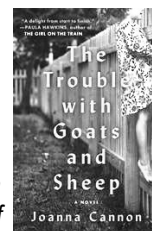
BIBLE 101 SERIES Early in 2019, Pastor Curt will be leading a "Bible 101" class, time and date to be determined. The Bible contains documents written by over 40 different people from several different cultures over the course of nearly 2000 years. It includes historical accounts, legal documents, personal letters, and prophetic visions. This study will take a short look at all different kinds of literature in the Bible and how they contribute to our understanding of God and His love for us. No previous Bible knowledge is necessary, and questions during class discussions are always welcome! If you are interested in this class, please speak to Pastor Curt.

CHRISTIAN FAITH CLASS I Have Good News For You! The next Christian Faith class will be scheduled early in 2019, time and date to be determined. Ten in-depth lessons from the Holy Bible will provide a perfect introduction to the Christian faith for newcomers, and can also make a great refresher for long-time worshipers. If you are interested in attending, please speak to or email Pastor Curt. (dwyerc@martinlutherchapel.org)

SOUP KITCHEN DATE Our next date at the St. Luke Community Kitchen – Christ Campus is February 16, 2019. Mark your calendars for this great service opportunity!

MLC BOOK GROUP This month's selection for the Martin Luther Chapel Book Group is *The Trouble with Goats and Sheep*, by Joanna Cannon. The next meeting is Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 7 pm in the Fireside Lounge.

Synopsis: Mrs. Creasy is missing and the Avenue is alive with whispers. The neighbors blame her sudden disappearance on the heat wave, but ten-year-olds Grace and Tilly aren't convinced, and decide to take matters into their own hands. The cul-de-sac starts to give up its secrets, and a complicated history of deception begins to emerge.



GIVING OPPORTUNITIES Looking for an easy way to benefit Martin Luther Chapel and save on your taxes? If you are 70 ½ or older, you can make a gift directly from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to support Martin Luther Chapel. Gifts made from your IRA (up to \$100,00 per year) are not reportable as taxable income. IRA charitable rollover gifts also qualify for your required minimum distribution (RMD), which can lower your income and taxes. For more info, contact MLC @ (517)332-0778 or mlc@martinlutherchapel.org

Building Hours for December 24 – January 4

Monday, December 24: 9 am – 9 pm
Tuesday, December 25: *Closed – Merry Christmas*
Wednesday, December 26: 9 am – noon
Thursday, December 27: 9 am – 5 pm
Friday, December 28: 9 am – 5 pm
Saturday, December 29: *Closed*
Sunday, December 30: 8 am – 1 pm
Monday, December 31: 9 am – noon
Tuesday, January 1: *Closed – Happy New Year!*
Wednesday, January 2: 9 am – noon
Thursday, January 3: 10 am – 9 pm
Friday, January 4: 9 am – 5 pm

