

December 9th, 2018



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Wednesday ON FIRE

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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 \$21 each for a 8 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.

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? Martin Luther Chapel often hosts recitals and concerts for MSU students and community members. Members of Martin Luther Chapel and the general public are welcome to attend these free events. We have two such recitals in the coming week; today at 3 pm, come to hear Yury Ozhegov, viola. On Wednesday, December 12, at 2 pm, we will host a chamber music recital featuring piano, violin, viola, and cello. We are pleased to host the university music community for these events.

ADVENT VESPERS Plan to join us for a Wednesday evening Vespers Service during Advent at 7 pm on December 12 and 19. The theme will center around "Zechariah's Song" from Luke 1:67-79. Offerings from the Advent Vespers services will be going to help disaster relief efforts for victims of the California wildfires.



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 nearly 30 years!

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



HOT COCOA SALE Jars are available for purchase today, 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 \$7 for 1 jar, \$12 for 2 jars, and \$15 for 3 jars. Available flavors are peppermint, peanut butter, and dark chocolate.

These jars make great gifts, and proceeds for the sale go to raising funds for the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis the summer of 2019.

SUNDAY SUPPER Our last Sunday Supper of the semester is today at 5:30 pm. Enjoy a meal of comfort food prepared by the Spiritual Care & Growth Team. Students – let us do the cooking for you as you study for finals! Bus runs begin at 5 pm for those who live on campus.

Calling all cooks: We still need volunteers for Spring 2018! Sign up on your interest sheet or on the sign on the bulletin board. Sunday Supper will resume January 6, 2019.

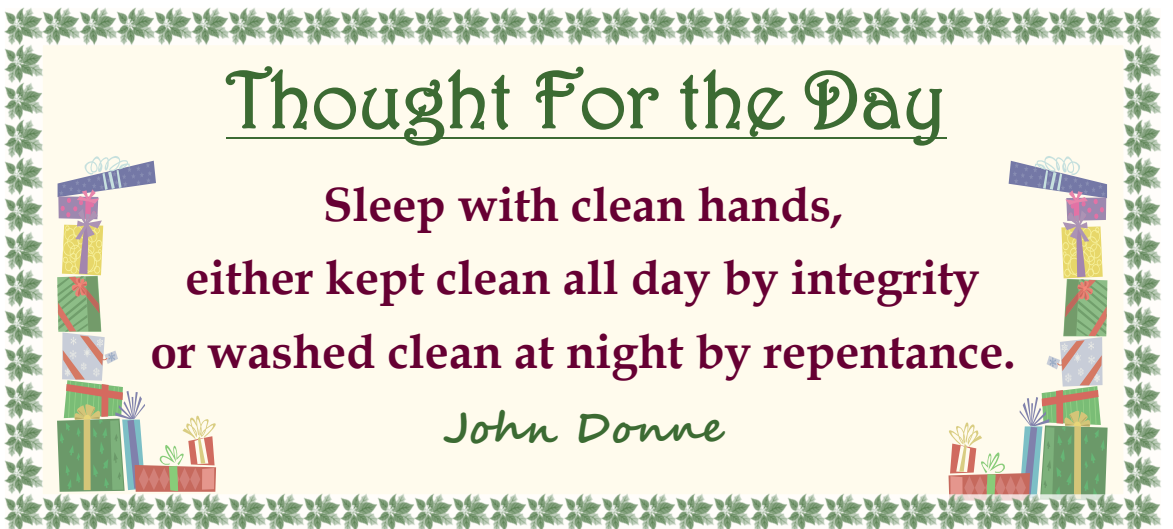
ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS Martin Luther Chapel has adopted 2 families through Haven House in East Lansing. Look for gift tags hanging on the small tree in the entry way. The deadline for bringing in your gift(s) for these families is TODAY.

We will be packing and sorting for the Haven House families on Wednesday evening from 5:30 - 6:45 pm, before the Vespers Service. We have also received an additional family, for whom gifts are due on Sunday, 12/16. These gift tags are printed in orange and grey. For either group, please bring an unwrapped gift with the original tag that you selected from the tree. Thank you for considering bringing joy to a family in need!

Thought For the Day

**Sleep with clean hands,
either kept clean all day by integrity
or washed clean at night by repentance.**

John Donne



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY The Children's Christmas Play A Christmas Journey will be performed at both services next week, December 16, at 10:30 am and 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend, and feel free to bring a friend.

PARENTS: Remember that there is a dress rehearsal this Saturday, December 15, at 9:00 am until noon. Be sure that you or your child(ren) fill out an information sheet for the program and return it to Tami Smith, Deb Nault, or Dian Silvey.

This Week at Martin Luther Chapel

SUNDAY—12/9

8:45 am Staff Prayer
9:20 am Children's Play Rehearsal
9:30 am Pastor's Bible Study
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
3:00 pm Recital (Sanctuary)
4:30 pm Confirmation
5:30 pm Sunday Supper
7:00 pm Worship (Sanctuary)

MONDAY— 12/10

10:45 am Prayers for the Ministry
5:30 pm Wine, Women and the Word

TUESDAY—12/11

1:00 pm Strike A Pose Art Class
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed.

WEDNESDAY—12/12

10:00 am Free Yoga
2:00 pm Recital (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Advent Vespers

THURSDAY—12/13

6:00 pm Finance
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm Instrumental Rehearsal

SATURDAY— 12/15

9:00 am Children's Play Dress Rehearsal

SUNDAY—12/16

8:45 am Staff Prayer
9:20 am Children's Play Rehearsal
9:30 am Pastor's Bible Study
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm Handbell Choir
2:00 pm Recital (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Worship (Sanctuary)
8:00 pm Stage Break-Down

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS will be given to every child on Sunday, Dec. 16, 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. 15, between 10:00 am-Noon, please mark your interest sheet or contact Dian Silvey, Ministry Assistant (silveymom@gmail.com).



MLC STAGE CREW Each year in preparation for our wonderful Children's Christmas production we must set-up and take down the stage for our young thespians. This year in addition to assistance carrying the required materials upstairs and assembling the stage, we will also be working on props and stage items such as stables. Both setting up and taking down the stage (depending on how many hands we have) takes less than two hours. Work gloves (for carrying wood materials) and additional cordless drills with Phillips screw bits (for assembly & disassembly) are always helpful.

Stage tear-down – Sunday, 12/16, immediately following the conclusion of the evening service. Take-down is always quicker than set-up. If you could assist, please mark your interest sheet or contact Mike Nevells (517-285-8733 or mike.nevells@go-sgi.com).

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

HOLIDAY SERVICES

Please join us on **December 24th** to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Christmas Eve Concert
7:00 pm

Candlelight Service
7:30 pm

CHRISTMAS MUSIC REHEARSALS

Christmas Eve Choir:

December 13th, Thursday, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
December 20th, Thursday, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
December 23rd, Sunday, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Christmas Eve Hand Bell Choir:

December 16, Sunday, Noon - 1:00 pm
December 23, Sunday, Noon - 1:00 pm

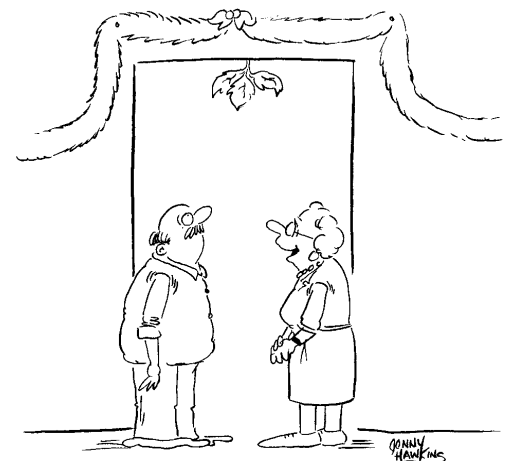
Christmas Eve Instrumental Rehearsals

December 13, Thursday, 8:00 - 9:00 pm
December 20, Thursday, 8:00 - 9:00 pm

Join us for Christmas Caroling!

Our choir is hosting caroling on Saturday, December 22nd at 3:30 pm. Cocoa and other snacks will follow at Peter & Yatidi's place.

Please join us - all are welcome! (all ages, no experience necessary!)



"No, it's actually poison ivy. That's why I'm itching to kiss you."