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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.



CAMPUS MINISTRY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2018! Join The Lutheran Campus Mission Association (LCMA) for the 2018 Campus Ministry Leadership Conference, February 9-10 at The Dunes Learning center! The Campus Ministry Leadership Conference presents speakers who share insights about campus and mainstream culture, disciple-building, peer ministry and outreach—all in a distinctive grassroots setting. Fellowship, spiritual formation and a dynamic devotional spirit characterize this two day intensive event. Along with the speaker, college students from across the nation gather to network and share their common experience of leading Christ's mission on a college campus. The cost of the event is free for students. For more information, check out the posters around the chapel, or visit <http://www.immanueldekalb.com/www/campus-ministry-leadership-conference-cmlc/>.



PASTORAL STAFFING UPDATE

After the 10:30 AM worship service on January 14th, Council President Katrina Weirauch-Engle chaired an informational meeting of the people of Martin Luther Chapel on the possibility of calling a new, full-time, Associate Pastor to begin after Pastor Dave begins serving part-time (after May 31st this year).

Following Pastor Dave's letter to the congregation last September, in which he expressed his desire to serve part-time after May 31, 2018, the Council authorized President Katrina to form a "Transition Team" to explore staffing options for the future. After several meetings, during which the team of 8 people considered demographic data, church data, possible staffing options and financial factors, the Transition Team recommended to the Council that we pursue calling a new Associate Pastor, to begin work here in June 2018, and that we begin the process by trying to get a candidate from one of the Seminaries of our church body. The Council accepted their recommendation, and that recommendation was the topic of the meeting on the 14th. The meeting was recorded; if you would like to view the recording, please contact the church office. Copies of the handouts that we distributed are also available.

On Sunday, January 28th, after the 10:30 AM worship service, we will have another Congregational meeting. Everyone involved in the ministry of the congregation in any way is encouraged to attend this meeting. We anticipate taking a vote at this meeting to decide to call a new, full-time Associate Pastor, and also voting to begin the process by calling a candidate from one of the Seminaries. If a suitable candidate is not located at one of the Seminaries, we would begin the process of calling a pastor who is currently serving in another congregation.

Katrina is currently forming a "Call Committee" to help screen candidates, comprised of people from many aspects of the ministry. Documents are also being drafted, so that we can proceed quickly should the congregation decide to move forward with a seminary candidate. The deadline to apply for a candidate is February 1.

If you have any questions or comments about the process, please feel free to contact Pastor Curt or Katrina.

BLESSING SESSIONS 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. Please sign up in the welcome area.

Date	Time	Leader	Host	Location
Sunday, 1/21	4:30-6:00 pm	Katie Montney	Fred & Kathy Jernigan	MLC
Monday, 1/22	7-8:30 pm	Katrina Engle	John Engle	The Engles (Holt)
Tuesday, 1/23	7-8:30 pm	Andy Barrus	Peter & Yatidi Lightfoot	The Lightfoots (Okemos)
Thursday, 1/25	7-8:30 pm	Sarah AcMoody	Dan & Cindy Winter	The Winters (Williamston)
Sunday, 1/28	12:30-2 pm	Andy Barrus	College Students	MLC
Thursday, 2/1	7-8:30 pm	Sarah AcMoody	Betsy Seeley	The Seeleys (East Lansing)

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY On Sundays at 9:30 am, Pastor Curt is leading a class on "Gospel Words" – looking at the words and metaphors used to describe and convey what it is that God has done for us in Christ.

SERVANT EVENTS

Two groups of students (ten each) will be serving people in need over Spring Break. One group will be in El Paso/Juarez building a home for a family that currently doesn't have one. The other group will be going to Rockport, Texas, helping rebuild and recover from Hurricane Harvey. They will leave Saturday, March 3, returning Saturday, March 10.

On Friday, March 2, at 5:30, we will have a commissioning service for them.

If you wish to financially support these trips, please mark your contribution "Mission Trips."



LUNCHEON FOR CITY HALL WORKERS Martin Luther Chapel will be hosting a luncheon on Friday, 1/26, at noon for our neighbors who work at City Hall. We are seeking desserts to be served that day. If you would be willing to prepare a cake/pie/cookies, etc. for that event, or to help cook, please mark your interest sheet. Your dessert could be dropped off on Thursday or Friday.

BIBLE STUDY We are beginning a new Bible study called "Tell Me About Jesus," organized by Becky Armstrong and Pastor Dave. This group will meet every other week, and is especially designed for our friends who have cognitive or developmental challenges. The next meeting will be February 4th at 4:30 pm.

SUBMITTING ARTICLES If you would like to submit an article to Chapel Chatter for your group or event, please send it to the office by Thursday morning.

This Week at Martin Luther Chapel

SUNDAY—1/21

8:45 am Staff Prayer
 9:30 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 12:00 pm Servant Event Meeting
 4:30 pm Blessing Session (MLC)
 5:30 pm Sunday Supper
7:00 pm Worship (Sanctuary)
 8:00 Wednesday ON FIRE Rehearsal

MONDAY—1/22

11:00 am Funeral Service—Bob Stevens
(Visitation at 10 am, luncheon to follow)
 5:30 pm Women's Bible Study
 7:00 pm Blessing Session (Engle's)

TUESDAY—1/23

1:00 pm Strike a Pose Art Class
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training Class
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry
 7:00 pm Blessing Session (Lightfoot's)

WEDNESDAY—1/24

7:09 pm Wednesday ON FIRE
 8:00 pm College Student Bible Study

THURSDAY—1/25

6:00 pm English Conversation Class
 7:00 pm Blessing Session (Winter's)
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY—1/26

12:00 pm City Hall Lunch

SATURDAY—1/27

10:00 am Stephen Ministry Training Retreat

SUNDAY—1/28

8:45 am Staff Prayer
 9:30 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:30 am Congregational Meeting
 12:30 pm Blessing Session (MLC)
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PRAYER REQUESTS If you have special concerns that you would like included in the prayer during the service, please write them on the Prayer Request sheet on the wooden prayer desk in the entryway.

NEW CHAPEL MANAGER We welcome Matt Eichstaedt as the new Chapel Manager. He is a Michigan State student and one of our Peer Ministers, and has been actively involved in Wednesday ON FIRE as well. He has already started his new position as Chapel Manager. We look forward to Matt's continued presence and participation in ministry at Martin Luther Chapel. Please extend your warm welcome to him in his new role.

SOUP KITCHEN AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH Want to help serve lunch at the soup kitchen at Christ Lutheran Church, 122 S. Pennsylvania, Lansing? Martin Luther Chapel will be serving the meal Saturday, February 17, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Sign up on the interest sheet if you'd like to participate or would like more information.

MLC BOOK GROUP selection for February is *The Golden Son* by Shilpi Somaya Gowda. Copies are available for pick up soon in the Chapel office. The next meeting will be February 1st. Please mark your interest sheet if you would like to be added to the email list.

CALLING ALL MINISTRY MINDED COOKS AND ASSISTANTS We are in need of cooks and assistants 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. Questions? Contact Cindy Winter (thewintercrew@yahoo.com). Your help would be greatly appreciated! Dates available: 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 3/11, 3/25, 4/8, 4/22, and 4/29.

SUNDAY SUPPER Sunday Supper takes place tonight hosted by the Trustees. Gather on the lower level at 5:30 pm for home-cooked food and fellowship before the evening worship service. 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 & 8:00 pm.

FUNERAL SERVICE Robert "Bob" Stevens, age 87, passed away on Thursday, January 18, 2018. Bob is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Margaret; son, Mark (Lauren); daughters, Lesa Stevens, Linda (Bob) Johnson and granddaughter, Mackenzie Stevens; brother, John (Bertha) nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Bob will take place Monday, January 22 at 11:00 am at Martin Luther Chapel (with visitation beginning at 10:00 am, one hour before the service), with a luncheon to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorials be given to Martin Luther Chapel. Please indicate "Bob Stevens Memorial" on the memo line. If you would like to send a note or card of condolence to Margaret, her address is: 7225 Coleman Road, East Lansing MI 48823.

MINI RETREAT FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS will be held at Martin Luther Chapel Friday, February 2, from 8:00 pm – midnight. There'll be food, games, devotions, and lots of opportunity to get to know each other. The mini bus will run through campus beginning at 7:30 pm. If you'd like to come, mark your interest sheet.

COLLEGE STUDENT BIBLE STUDY meets Wednesday nights at 8:05 pm after Wednesday ON FIRE. It's a great place to get to know other students and discuss topics relevant to young adults and learn what the Bible has to say about them.

20S & 30S 2018 SCHEDULE Faith & Fellowship at Crunchy's (254 W. Grand River, East Lansing) on Mondays at 7 pm on February 5th, March 5th, and April 2nd. Bible Bible study dates are January 29, February 12 & 26, March 12 & 26, and April 9 & 23, at 7 pm in the Fireside Lounge.

