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THANK YOU to all who came out on Saturday to help with the spring garden clean up. We look forward to the beauty of the gardens throughout the next several months!

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? Next week, May 6, we are hosting a recital at 2 pm for cellist Sandro Sidamonidze. Sandro is a Michigan State University student and a native of Georgia. This recital is free and open to the public.

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 longtime friends of Martin Luther Chapel—for their thoughtfulness.



FINALS WEEK BUILDING HOURS The building will be open today through Thursday from 9:00 am – midnight for studying. Coffee and hot water for tea and cocoa will be available. God bless your preparation for finals!



OUTDOOR STUDY DAY All Students are invited for a study day at the chapel this afternoon. We will be outside on the lawn along Grove Street, so bring a blanket/beach towel/lawn chair. In case of bad weather, we will be in the Fireside lounge. Come study with us and enjoy the beautiful sunshine!



COMMISSIONING STEPHEN MINISTERS Next Sunday, May 6, at the 10:30 am service 8 members of the latest class of Stephen Ministers will be commissioned after completing the first 50 hours of Stephen Ministry training.

RAISE YOUR VOICES IN SONG At both services today we will be having a hymn sing (also known as “Stump the Accompanist”). You get to choose the hymns for the service from either the hard cover hymnal, or the blue or maroon soft cover hymnals. Such a deal – finally the congregation gets to control the music for the service! Let praises to our Lord abound!

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES! For those of you who are graduating, we pray that God blesses you in your future endeavors.



INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS AND LEADERS at Martin Luther Chapel will take place during both Worship services today. We give thanks for you and your willingness to serve during 2018-2019.

- President** – Dan Winter
- Vice President & Chair of Spiritual Care and Growth Team** – Courtney Weatherbee
- Secretary** – Nick Tuori
- Treasurer** – Jeremy Lange
- Assistant Treasurers** – Dan and Connie Hanrahan
- Financial Secretaries** – Jeff and Jenny Anderson, Lisa and Todd Parker, Tim Miank and Reed Kalso
- Head Trustee** – George Berghorn

New Student Leaders for 2018 – 2019 Are:

Lutheran Student Organization Hunter Carmack, Emma Chrzanowski, Jenna Morehead, Timothy Mowers

Peer Ministry Laura Hohnstadt, Lauren Martin, Sophia Coke, Matt Eichstaedt

Wednesday ON FIRE leadership team consists of Jillian Matasovsky, Coordinator, Avery Riggs, Julia Sager, Meghan Woell, and Elizabeth Clarke, lead instrumentalist.

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

CALL PROCESS UPDATE

Call Day at Concordia Theological Seminary at Fort Wayne was held on Wednesday. If you were watching the livestream, you may already know that Marin Cerchez, the candidate we had requested to be placed at Martin Luther Chapel as our next Associate Pastor, was placed as the pastor of St. John Lutheran in Jenison. While we believed that Marin would have been an excellent fit here, we trust that the Lord of the Church is working through this process to place His servants where they will best serve. We want to wish Marin, his family, and St. John congregation all the best as they look forward to beginning a ministry partnership later this summer.

Now that Call Day has passed, the Call Team will begin the process of searching for a Pastor "from the field" to call as our next Associate Pastor. Bishop Jamison Hardy has expressed his support for us in this search and will begin looking for potential candidates for us to review. The Call Committee would also like to invite the people of Martin Luther Chapel to nominate pastors that they believe would be worth considering for this position.

If you know of a pastor you would like to be considered, please forward his name and information about where he is now serving to a member of the Call Committee or to the church office. Please give us this information as soon as possible, and no later than May 15th. The Call Committee hopes to be able to review information for a number of potential pastors by the first week of June, with the potential for visits with potential candidates soon after that. If one or more of these pastors seem like a good match for our ministry, a Congregational Meeting will be called to vote on extending a call. The Call Committee will keep the congregation informed of our progress on a regular basis.

Please continue to keep this process in your prayers, that our Lord might lead us to the pastor He has in mind for us.

SUNDAY SUPPER Looking for a study break? Our last Sunday Supper of the academic year will be served at 5:30 pm today and will be prepared by Matt Straney. Plan to attend and stay for the evening worship service!

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY Do you wish to formally become a member of Martin Luther Chapel? If so, please speak to Pastor Curt. We will be scheduling a new member Sunday soon.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES for those young people, 4th grade and older, who are ready but are not yet receiving communion, have begun. There will be no meeting today, but classes will resume on May 6 and 13 at 4 pm. The children will celebrate their first communion on Sunday, May 20, at the 9:30 am worship service. Please pray for the children and families making this milestone.

SUMMER CAMPING TRIP! We are planning a summer camping trip to Orchard Beach State Park in Manistee, MI from June 22-24, open to college students. Please mark your interest sheets if you think you would like to go, so we can reserve enough camp sites.

This Week at Martin Luther Chapel

SUNDAY—4/29

8:45 am Staff Prayer

9:30 am Bible Study

10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

12:00 pm Peer Ministers Year End Lunch

2:00 pm College Student Outdoor Study Day

5:30 pm Sunday Supper

7:00 pm Worship (Sanctuary)

MONDAY—4/30

10:45 am Prayers for the Ministry

TUESDAY—5/1

1:00 pm Strike a Pose Art Class

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training Class

WEDNESDAY—5/2

11:00 am Wednesday ON FIRE Leaders Mtg.

11:30 am Yoga Class

THURSDAY—5/3

11:00 am Ken Keahey Memorial Service

6:00 pm English Conversation Class

7:00 pm MLC Book Group

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY—5/6

8:45 am Staff Prayer

9:30 am Bible Study

10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

2:00 pm Recital: Sandro Sidamonidze

4:00 pm First Communion Class

4:15 Confirmation Class

7:00 pm Worship (Sanctuary)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY "Believing in the resurrection of Jesus isn't just a matter of believing that certain things are true about the physical body of Jesus that had been crucified. These truths are vital and nonnegotiable, but they point beyond themselves, to the God who is responsible for them. Believing in this God means believing that it is going to be all right; and this belief is, ultimately, incompatible with fear. As John says in his letter, perfect love casts out fear. And the resurrection is the revelation of perfect love..." -N.T. Wright, *Following Jesus*

THE ULTIMATE DATE NIGHT On Thursday, May 17 at Crowne Plaza Lansing West (925 South Creyts Rd), Thrivent Financial is sponsoring "The Ultimate Date Night", an evening of non-stop music, comedy, and laughter! Nuggets of marriage wisdom and Biblical principles are sprinkled throughout the program. Jay and Laura Lafoon's unique transparent style allows everyone to learn valuable marriage tools while having fun! Doors open for this FREE event at 6:30 pm, and the program begins at 7 pm. You do need to register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ultimate-date-night-lansing-tickets-44645307316>, or call Kate Tippet at 419-410-5854. You do not need to be a Thrivent Member to attend.

OFFICE ASSISTANT NEEDED beginning mid-June, 2018. Very good computer skills are essential. The work schedule during the academic year is up to 12 hours per week. The work schedule during the summer is up to 16 hours per week. Some Sunday availability is helpful. Beginning pay is \$10.50/hour. Please talk to one of the pastors if you're interested. Applications are available in the entryway.

CITYSERVE VOLUNTEER SIGNUP Local Lansing churches are invited to partner with Trinity Lutheran Church and Our Savior Lutheran Church for a day of community service on Saturday, June 9th, 2018. Volunteer opportunities will include painting, clean-up efforts, weeding, general repair work, food preparation for the work team, and more. To find out more or to volunteer, visit <http://www.oursaviorlansing.org/cityserve/> or contact Vicar Weeks at 517.882.8665 ext. 308. Join us as we give back to our community while giving witness to the love of Christ! You can also sign up on your interest sheet.

MLC BOOK CLUB The selection for May is *Born on a Blue Day* by Daniel Tammet. Several hard copies and a CD version are available to check out in the chapel office. The next meeting will be this Thursday, May 3rd, at 7:00 pm in the fireside lounge.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASS led by Dave Unkefer and Kris Munger meets on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Education rooms on the lower level. Join us for conversations to practice speaking and listening to English in a friendly and relaxing atmosphere. For more info contact Dave (deunkefer@gmail.com) or Kris (healingpoetry@hotmail.com).

SUMMER SOFTBALL Are you and/or a friend going to be around East Lansing this summer and need some exercise and fellowship? Martin Luther Chapel is calling all returning and first-time softball players again to field a Coed softball team in the Meridian Township Softball league. Games begin at the end of April through mid to late July and include a 12- 14 game schedule. You must be at least 16 years old to play. This year's fee will be \$50/person (the fee for the umpire has gone up) plus \$10 for a team shirt if you need one. Questions? Contact Sally Kalso (albrec39@gmail.com or 989-600-3783). Let us know if you are interested in continuing the tradition by marking your interest sheet!

