

April 8, 2018



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Chapel Chatter

Christ - Students - Community Coming Together



Flowers on the altar are given by the Kortemeyer family in celebration of family birthdays.

GLOBAL DAY OF SERVICE On April 14th and 21st, MSU is hosting many volunteer opportunities. We are hoping to get a group of people from Martin Luther Chapel together for one of the opportunities on April 21st. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Libby Lyons at lyonsel6@msu.edu.



FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES will begin for those young people, 4th grade and older, who are ready but not yet receiving communion. Our first meeting will be from 4:30-5:30 pm in the Fireside Lounge on 4/15. If you have a child you would like to enroll in these classes, please mark your interest sheet and speak with Pastor Dave.

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.

"THE DRESSELS" FORMAL DANCE & AWARD CEREMONY

College Students are invited to a formal dance at Martin Luther Chapel on Saturday, April 21, at 7 pm. The theme is "Oscars Night," and voting will happen in a variety of categories.



AN EVENING OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN SONG

Presented by Peter Lightfoot, baritone and Kathleen Scott, pianist, this Friday, April 13, 2018 at 7 pm. Join us



for this fundraiser to help refurbish the organ at Martin Luther Chapel (freewill offering). Free parking is available in the City Hall lot.

SPRING GARDEN CLEAN UP AT THE CHAPEL will take place next Saturday, April 14th, from 9 am to 1 pm. Please mark your interest sheet if you can help out. Even an hour to spare would be helpful!

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
Hebrews 11:1

CONGREGATIONAL CALL MEETING, APRIL 8 After the 10:30 AM worship service today there will be a Congregational Meeting to discuss a recommendation from the Call Committee to call Marin Cerchez, a candidate from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, to become our next full-time Associate Pastor.

Marin is a native of the Republic of Moldova, and grew up while it was under the control of the USSR. As a young man, he came to faith in Christ, and was baptized in the Eastern Orthodox Church. He enrolled in the medical program at Moldova State University, and went into medical practice as an MD for several years. His interest in his Christian faith led him to further studies at High Anthropological School in Moldova (BA, Cultural Anthropology), Central European University in Budapest (MA in Medieval studies) and eventually led him to PhD studies, completed in 2014 at the University of Wisconsin – Madison (History and Comparative Literature).

While at UW-Madison, Marin and his family became involved in Calvary Lutheran Chapel and Student Center, becoming members of Lutheran Church of the Living Christ in Madison. Following the completion of his PhD, he returned to Moldova, but was invited to enroll at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, and was given 'advanced standing' due to his prior education, shortening his studies at the seminary by one year. He is currently finishing his Vicarage (internship) year in Janesville, Wisconsin.

Marin is married to Tatiana, and they have two children, ages 8 and 4.

The Call Committee has discussed his qualifications at length, and delegations of the team have spoken to him three times (once via Skype, once in person, and one phone call with Pastor Curt). Among the reasons we believe he would be a good fit at Martin Luther Chapel:

- He is quite familiar with a university setting, and his advanced degrees could be helpful in an academic community.
- He has a passion for telling people about Jesus. He indicated that his purpose in pursuing the advanced degrees was not to teach, but so that he could interact with others in order to tell them about Jesus.
- He has a wide life experience, including involvement in several different types of churches other than the LCMS.
- He has expressed both a desire to try new approaches to ministry, while also honoring the current culture of the congregation.
- He is very excited about campus ministry and team ministry.
- He has been highly recommended by the placement director at Fort Wayne, and by other pastors who have worked with him.

WORK FOR AOP! We are seeking twelve (12) undergraduate students who are outgoing and friendly to work part-time at MSU this summer during the Academic Orientation Program (AOP). Pay is \$12.50/hour. They will work with the AOP staff and encourage incoming undergraduate students to complete religious preference forms. Training sessions with AOP staff will take place in late May/early June. Applications are available on the shelf in the entryway.

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.

This Week at Martin Luther Chapel

SUNDAY—4/8

8:45 am Staff Prayer
 9:30 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:30 am Congregational Meeting
 4:30 pm Tell Me About Jesus
 5:30 pm Sunday Supper
7:00 pm Worship (Sanctuary)
 8:00 Wednesday ON FIRE Rehearsal

MONDAY—4/9

10:45 am Prayers for the Ministry
 5:30 pm Women's Bible Study
 6:00 pm Finance Team
 7:00 pm 20s & 30s Bible Study

TUESDAY—4/10

1:00 pm Strike a Pose Art Class
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed.
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Training Class
 7:00 pm Spiritual Care and Growth

WEDNESDAY—4/11

11:30 am Yoga Class
7:09 pm Wednesday ON FIRE
 8:05 pm College Student Bible Study

THURSDAY—4/12

12:00 pm Dads Do Lunch
 6:00 pm English Conversation Class
 6:00 pm Stewardship

FRIDAY—4/13

7:00 pm An Evening of British & American Song

SATURDAY—4/14

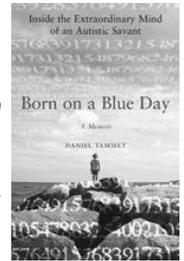
9:00 am Spring Garden Cleanup

SUNDAY—4/15

8:45 am Staff Prayer
 9:30 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 4:15 pm Confirmation
 5:30 pm Sunday Supper
7:00 pm Worship (Sanctuary)
 8:00 Wednesday ON FIRE Rehearsal

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 Thursday, May 4th, at 7:00 pm in the fireside lounge.

Born on a Blue Day is a journey into one of the most fascinating minds alive today -- guided by its owner himself. Daniel Tammet sees numbers as shapes, colors, and textures, and he can perform extraordinary calculations in his head. He can learn to speak new languages fluently, from scratch, in a week. In 2004, he memorized and recited more than 22,000 digits of pi, setting a record. He has savant syndrome, an extremely rare condition that gives him almost unimaginable mental powers.



WINE, WOMEN, AND THE WORD has started a new book: *Ecclesiastes: Wisdom for Living Well: An In-Depth Bible Study* by Courtney Joseph and Beverly Wise. Each lesson is a separate study, so come whenever you can. If you have any questions, please contact Allison Wheeler at rwheela18@aol.com.

CALLING ALL MINISTRY MINDED COOKS AND ASSISTANTS We are in need of someone to cook or act as an assistant for Sunday Supper on **April 29**. If you are available and willing to cook, please sign up on the poster on the bulletin board in the copier room. Questions? Contact Cindy Winter (thewintercrew@yahoo.com).

20S & 30S Upcoming Bible study dates are April 9 & 23, at 7 pm in the Fireside Lounge.

YOGA CLASS A free yoga class is being offered on Wednesdays at 11:30 am in the childcare room in the lower level. People of all levels are welcome. Please make sure to bring your own mat. This session runs from March 21st until May 31. The instructor for this class is Kelly and she can be reached at (517) 755-0891.

MARTIN LUTHER CHAPEL ENDOWMENT FUND Were you aware that the Chapel has an Endowment Fund? The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to establish permanent funds that generate income to support the on-going mission, outreach, and programs of Martin Luther Chapel outside of the annual operating budget. Tax-deductible gifts can be made any time and come in many forms in addition to cash: securities, land, real estate, charitable trusts, memorials, life insurance, or gifts-in-kind. If you would like to make a gift to the Endowment Fund or would like to discuss this program, please speak with Pastor Dave.

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.

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!

PORTALS OF PRAYER for April-June are available for pickup in the entryway.

