

December 3, 2023



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#### Thought for the Day

"The truth of the matter is that you always know the right thing to do. The hard part is doing it."

~General Norman Schwarzkopf,  
U.S. Army



# CHAPEL CHATTER



Christ - Students - Community Coming Together

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Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m. ....Blue Christmas Service

Dec. 17, 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. ...Children's Christmas Program

Dec. 24, 10:30 a.m.....4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

7:00 p.m.....Pre-Service Music

7:30 p.m.....Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

**We are collecting gently used coats** to keep everyone warm this winter season. Coats will go to St. Luke's Coat Bank.

Our Christmas giving this year will be **Haven House Homeless Shelter**. A list of items is available outside the office. Put items under the Christmas Tree by Dec. 17. Questions? Contact Dian at 517-420-3124.

**Food donations** may be dropped off under the Christmas tree by Dec. 17.



#### COOKIES! COOKIES! COOKIES!

We need your help to give students treats during Finals week! Donate home-baked or store bought cookies and bring them into church no later than 9:00 a.m. Sunday,

**Dec. 10**

#### Martin Luther Church Lunch ALL WELCOME

Join us for lunch hosted by Thrivent on Sunday, Dec. 10 after the morning worship service. Representatives from Thrivent Financial will be on hand to talk about Thrivent member benefits. Everyone is welcome to stay for the meal, regardless of their membership status. RSVP is helpful for us to plan for food.

#### Christmas Play Rehearsals

Play rehearsal is Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and music rehearsals at 11:45 a.m. The dress rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 16, 9:00

a.m. We warmly welcome family and friends to join us for the play on Sunday, December 17, during both services.



#### Blue Christmas Service, Wednesday, Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m.

The holidays can be challenging for those coping with grief and separation from loved ones. This gathering honors the sadness we may carry while finding solace in the impending arrival of the Savior. Stephen Ministers will be available for those who wish to talk to someone. Open to everyone, this service aims to provide support during this sensitive time.

Longtime member, Judy Rau, passed away on November 27 with Rich by her side. A memorial service at Martin

Luther Chapel will be Wednesday, **Dec. 6** at 1:30 p.m. with a visitation an hour before the service.



## This Week at Martin Luther Chapel

### SUNDAY - 12/3

9:00 am Christmas Play Rehearsal

9:30 am Bible Class (Fireside Lounge)

9:30 am Choir Practice

**10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)**

11:45 am Christmas Play Music Rehearsal

**7:00 pm Worship (Sanctuary)**

### Monday - 12/4

5:30pm Wine, Women & the Word (Fireside Lounge)

### Wednesday - 12/6

12:30 pm Rau Visitation

1:30 pm Rau Memorial Service

1:00 pm LSO weekly lunch (Landon Hall cafeteria)

### Thursday - 12/7

1:30 pm 55+ Bible Study (Fireside Lounge)

6:30 pm US News & Conversation Group (MLC)

7:00 pm Book Group (Fireside Lounge)

### SUNDAY - 12/10

9:00 am Christmas Play Rehearsal

9:30 am Bible Class (Fireside Lounge)

9:30 am Choir Practice

**10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)**

11:45 am Christmas Play Music Rehearsal

We donated 85 pounds of food to the Greater Lansing Food Bank last week which will provide 154 meals to those in our area!



*Thank you for your generosity!*



The Stephen Ministers at Martin Luther Chapel pray that you experience God's love and care wrapped around you this Christmas season and in the coming

year. If you would like to receive the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact one of the Stephen Ministry Referral Coordinators: Betsy Seeley, Stephen Leader, 517-420-5692

Rev. David Dressel, 517-285-4166,



### 55+ Group Events

>The last 55+ Bible study of 2023 meets **Thursday, Dec. 7, at 1:30** in Fireside Lounge to wrap up our discussions on chapters 10, 11 and 12 of our book. Bring comments of interest about the chapters that will not be covered in class. We will begin a new study **Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024**. We meet the first and third Thursday of the month.

>The next Martin Luther Chapel 55+ lunch event is Dec. 13. at 12:00 p.m. at the Friendship House, hosted by Dan and Cindy Winter. Parking is available at University Lutheran Church and the Chapel Bus will shuttle people to and from Friendship House. 929 Sever Dr, East Lansing. We will have sub sandwiches and other holiday desserts for a cost of \$15 per person. Dan says for a donation of \$100 or more to the Friendship House your lunch will be included! RSVP to Betsy Seeley, (517)420-5692 or [betsy.seeley5@gmail.com](mailto:betsy.seeley5@gmail.com) by Friday, Dec. 8.

Join us for a great opportunity to share faith, fellowship, and fun!!!

### Spring Break Servant Event Trip Feb. 25-Mar 2

Martin Luther Chapel is sponsoring a servant event trip to Newland, North Carolina, to work with the Avery County Habitat for Humanity affiliate to help build a home, getting to know one another, as we gather for devotions and prayer, and experience the beauty of North Carolina.

Questions? See Pastor Curt or Pastor Robinson!



Advent devotionals are available on the table by the office



"That's called an advent calendar — it tells you just how many more days you have to be good!"

### Christmas Eve Music Opportunities

**\*\*Sing in the Christmas Eve Choir**

**\*\*Handbells**

**\*\*Instrument or Vocal solo**

Before the 7:00 p.m. worship service. Check the interest sheet and we will contact you.

Many thanks, Yatidi Lightfoot and Mary Grace