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Christ - Students - Community Coming Together

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Thought for the Day

What is both Good and New about the Good News
is the mad insistence that Jesus lives on among us
not just as another haunting memory
but as the outlandish, holy, and invisible power of God
working not just through the sacraments
but in countless hidden ways
to make even slobs like us loving and whole
beyond anything we could conceivably pull off by ourselves.

Frederick Buechner

Help us with the annual City Hall Lunch on Feb. 7. We could use help with set up, clean up, and deserts. Sign up on the interest sheet, or contact Renee Dwyer.



Meet Me at Church The Stewardship Team would love to see as many smiling faces as possible as we begin the new year! We're excited to introduce our 'Meet Me At Church' effort - a heartfelt invitation to come together in faith, fellowship and community. Let's start this year united in our mission and shared faith.

- Haven't seen a face around in a while? Text them "Meet me at church!"
- Have you been thinking of introducing someone to the church community? Give them a call and say "Meet me at church!"
- Want to make sure you connect with someone you often see at church? Make a plan, "why not 'meet me at church!'"

To kick off this focus, we invite you to join our team for a time of fellowship, good food, and great conversation after the morning service on Sunday Feb 2! We will be serving a baked potato bar with all the toppings. "Meet me at Church" where faith and community come together!



SAVE the DATE

Blood Drive on Feb. 10
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Give the Gift of Life

St. Peter Lutheran School in St Johns is looking for a part-time Early Childhood Teacher/Director as well as an Administrative Assistant. Any Lutheran interested in either position is encouraged to call the school office at 989-224-3178.



College Corner



Spring Break Servant Event Join us for a Servant Event to Avery County, North Carolina over Spring Break, March 1-8 to work with the local Habitat for Humanity on housing projects and helping the community recover from Hurricane Helene. Contact Pastor Robinson or Pastor Curt



Join us after morning worship for the Student-led Bible Study in the Fireside Lounge. The relaxed setting allows for free discussions among peers. All are welcome so bring a friend.

This Week at
MARTIN LUTHER CHAPEL

SUNDAY - 1/26

9:00 am Choir practice
9:30 am Bible Study (Fireside Lounge)
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:45 am Confirmation Class (Lower level)
11:45 am Student-led Bible Study (Fireside Lounge)
7:00 pm Worship (Sanctuary)

MONDAY - 1/27

4:30 pm *The Chosen* video (Lower level)
5:30 pm Wine, Women & Word (Lower level)

TUESDAY - 1/28

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Con't Ed (Zoom)
8:00 pm Stephen Ministry Peer Supv (Zoom)

THURSDAY - 1/30

11:30 am LSO Meeting (Shaw Hall)
5:30 pm Vocal Lessons (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm US News/English Group (MLC)

SUNDAY - 2/2

9:00 am Choir practice
9:30 am Bible Study (Fireside Lounge)
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:45 am Confirmation Class (Lower level)
12:00 pm Congregation Lunch (Lower level)
7:00 pm Worship (Sanctuary)

Martin Luther Chapel people,
You made Christmas a lot brighter for us. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated.
Thank-you and bless you all.
Alice (mom) and Rhonda (adult daughter)

Jesus Moments



This year we are encouraging everyone in the congregation to be more intentional about sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with their neighbors. We will call them "**Jesus Moments.**" Any interaction, whether a long conversation or a short comment, that **brings a person closer to Jesus qualifies as a "moment."** Our goal, as a congregation, is to have 100 of these moments every month. Let us know on the Interest sheet how many Jesus Moments you had during the week; we will total them up and report back every month.

UPDATE: Jesus Moments Aug ~ 74 | Sep ~ 138 | Oct ~ 110 | Nov ~ 55 | Dec ~ 92

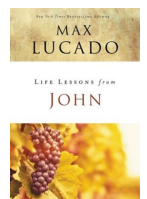
Martin Luther Chapel is looking for a Resident Assistant for the 2025-26 school year. The Resident Assistant is a member of the church staff who is responsible for basic building security and cleaning. In return, the Resident Assistant lives in the church apartment at no cost, with all utilities provided. This position will be available beginning this summer, and will continue through May of 2026. For more information, or to apply for this position, please see Pastor Curt.

Wine, Women & the Word Bible Study Join us Jan. 27 as we continue "The Chosen" study. The video starts at 4:30 p.m. and discussion at 5:30 p.m. We are in Season 3 - Episode 7 with scripture, Luke 14: 12-24 and 16:1-9. Feel free to bring snacks or beverages.



Souper Bowl Sunday, Feb. 9. We are collecting canned soups ("pop top" cans please) to donate to our Mini-Pantry (North side of building) and The Greater Lansing Food Bank. Please bring your favorite type of soup to church for this service event. Place cans in the box. The "Souper" Bowl winner will be decided based on the most popular type of soup received.

55+ Bible Study begins on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. We are reading *Life Lessons from John and John's Gospel* by Max Lucado. We will meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Parking is available in the City Hall lot next to the church. The books will be available soon at church or you can order one online.



"The Bible in History" Bible Study

Join Pastor Curt on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. to take a look at extra-Biblical sources that enhance our understanding of Scripture. We will look at a variety of archeological discoveries and ancient documents that help confirm the accuracy of scriptures historical record and clarify the meaning of some Biblical accounts.

