

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 1, 2017

STUDENTS...

Welcome to Memorial Lutheran Church! Memorial exists for students like you. Our building is open from 8:00 AM to 11 PM, Sunday through Friday, and from 10 AM to 7 PM on Saturday. You are welcome to find your own study space. We also have free Wi-Fi.

Student Fellowship will meet on Wednesdays at 8:30 PM in the Student Center. Join us this week for Christian songs, devotion, prayers, and a snack.

Join us today for Casey's breakfast pizza at 10:30 AM on the east side of the Fellowship Hall.

October 7 at 1:30 PM we will take a trip to Ledges State Park near Boone. Meet at the church to coordinate rides.

Fermenting the Faith for young adults and graduate students will meet at Olde Main at 8:00 PM on Tuesdays.

TODAY...

In our prayers: We pray for the victims of earthquakes and hurricanes. For safe travel for the Gerkens in Ethiopia and the Grulke family as they prepare for their trip.

Pastor Carl Grulke and his family are here to share about their preparations to serve with Lutheran Bible Translators in Botswana, Africa. Pastor Grulke will preach for us and lead the Bible class. His wife Kelsey will have a special program for grades 3-8 of the Sunday School. All Sunday school children will meet in their normal places at 9:40 for music, and then the older grades will meet Mrs. Grulke in east Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Mark Gerken and his wife Ruth are worshipping today with Kebede and his family in Ethiopia. We pray for a safe and fruitful week for them together.

If you would like to contribute to efforts to help the victims of the hurricanes, mark on a check or offering envelope "For Hurricane Relief" and place it in the offering to mail, or send it to the church office. At this point we are sending funds to Iowa District West for the purchase and shipping of drywall to a Lutheran school in Houston. *Check with us also about the opportunity to "adopt" one of the 13 teachers and their families who lost homes from the hurricane.*

HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT - The high school youth group are organizing a collection of pop tabs and gift cards during October to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Des Moines. Gift cards from Casey's, Kum & Go, QuikTrip, Hy-Vee, and Target help them to purchase things families need as guests at the house. The Sunday School students will also be a part of this project by donating their October offerings.

An option for worship—We resume our worship service at 10 AM in the Student Center. Parents can attend while their children are in Sunday School and the service will be simplified for internationals who may be attending.

The Young Families group welcome all parents of Sunday school children and younger to join other parents in the church basement every Sunday following the 8:30 AM service for fellowship. The group will host the coffee time and provide treats today.

Adult Bible Study will resume next week at 10 AM to study "A Man Named Martin—3-The Movement" from Lutheran Hour Ministries.

At 8 AM a prayer group meets in the International Room. Anyone is invited to join them in the coming

Sundays as they meet to put concerns before God. For more information, contact Deb Freese.

UPCOMING...

F.I.S.H. (Friday International Student Hospitality) Dinner will be held Friday, October 6 at 6 PM. This will be a special FISH prepared by the Mexican students. Instead of the \$3 cost per person, \$7 for families, we will be taking donations for the earthquake victims in Mexico. **On Sunday, October 8, egg rolls will be sold and the proceeds will also go toward the earthquake victims.** You can sign up for egg rolls ahead of time and mark if you want them cooked and/or frozen to be picked up on Sunday the 8th between services. Cost is 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, or 12 for \$10.

Fall Bible Study will begin October 5 at 7 PM. The topic will be “Music and the Reformation”. The class will be held in the Student Center throughout October.

Sunday, October 15 is the date set for the Reformation festival to be held at the Iowa State Center at 2 PM. There are no tickets for the event, but a freewill offering will be taken to pay expenses and to benefit Lutheran World Relief. The event features Dr. Paul Maier, singing by Simon Estes, and impersonators of Martin and Katie Luther.

Sunday, October 15 from 4 to 6 PM a “**Trunk or Treat**” will be held in the church parking lot. There will be activities in the Fellowship Hall too. All families are invited.

Mark your calendar for the annual Beta Sig brunch on October 22nd. Tickets will be available soon. More information coming.

Change of date for the Fall Student/Congregational Potluck! November 5th is the date Pastor Gerken can be here to tell us about their trip to see Kebede and Workitu. They will join us for our annual potluck dinner. Memorial will provide hot food, place settings, and beverages. We ask members to provide a dessert or salad for themselves and twelve others. The students are our guests. Watch for sign-up sheets!!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE, STUDY, AND CONNECT...

If you would like to be a secret prayer pal to a confirmation student this fall please contact Jan Anderson.

International Student Ministry:

Serving as a conversation partner—Do you have an hour during the week to help an international practice their English? You will receive guidance to get started including ideas for topics or activities.

Teachers are needed for the fall semester: Call Judy if you have an hour to spare.

10 AM Monday - Advanced Level

2 PM Tuesday - Conversational activities

10 AM Friday - Mom’s Group