

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 2, 2018

STUDENTS ...

Welcome to Memorial Lutheran Church! Memorial exists for students like you. Our building is open from 8:30 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. Coffee, tea, and snacks are available in the kitchenette (next to the Student Center). We also have free Wi-Fi.

Students are invited to have free Casey's breakfast pizza today from 10:30 to 11AM in the Cardinal Room downstairs. Also the student activity group is planning a scavenger hunt today at 1:30 PM. Take a break from studying.

Student Christmas and December Graduates...Next Sunday we will hold our special Christmas service with the students during the 11 AM service. During both services that weekend we will be recognizing those who will graduate in December.

Next Sunday all students are invited to join us for coffee and some treats downstairs after the 11 AM service.

Student Fellowship meets on Wednesday at 8:30 PM in the Student Center. Join us for games as a study break this week!

Address Updates...If you are changing your address for next semester and know the new address already, please give us that update on a communion registration card.

Advent services will be held December 5 and 12 at 7 PM. Join us before the services at 5:30-6:30 PM for soup suppers.

The church needs one more person to help with snow removal this winter. Please contact Jeanne in the office for information.

TODAY...

In our prayers: (*email prayer requests to legroth1@gmail.com*) Jan Osterman and Art Abel are home from the hospital. Trevor & Jill Baier were blessed with the arrival of Dylan Kay.

Today is Mite Box Sunday. Please put your contribution in a plain envelope and take it to the church office. Make your checks out to "Women of Memorial".

Congregational Meeting...This morning our congregation will meet in assembly after the 8:30 AM service in the sanctuary to vote on the 2019 budget, the Kebede budget, and hear about missions we support. Copies of the proposed budget are available.

Our Sunday Adult Study will *not* meet today due to the congregational meeting.

Offering envelopes and pledge cards for 2019 should now be picked up from the church office.

If you would like to give a staff gift you can put it in an envelope or give it to one of the Board members.

Powerful Giving with your Smartphone: With GivePlus Church, you can use your smartphone to give anytime, anywhere! Download the FREE app on your Apple or Android phone. Make one-time or recurring donations using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account. Log in or donate as a guest. Securely and conveniently manage donations using Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN or password. **To give through the app, search your phone's app store for "GivePlus Church". Use the 10 Digit GivePlus Text # 515-379-8204.**

UPCOMING...

Advent soup suppers...Please check the sign-up sheet in the back of the church to bring soup or cookies/bars. This week's donations will go to Camp Okoboji.

Our second midweek Advent worship will be Wednesday at 7 PM. Our service will focus on Hannah and Mary as "Women of Hope."

The Sunday School Christmas Service will be next Sunday, December 9, during the 8:30 AM service. PreK-1st grade children need only rehearse from 9 to 10 on Saturday, December 8th. Children in grades 2 through 8 will rehearse from 9 to 11 AM.

Saturday, December 8 join Judy Newhouse for a fun day of Christmas crafts. It will be from 10AM-2 PM. Drop in at the Cardinal Room any time.

Our next F.I.S.H. (Friday International Student Hospitality) Dinner will be Friday, December 7 with food from Brazil. Cost is \$3/person, \$7/family.

Poinsettias can be ordered this year for \$16.00. They will be placed in the church on Christmas Eve and you are welcome to take them home after the 7 PM Service. Mark your envelope or check with poinsettia and give to Jeanne or Judy in the office.

Tea Rings & Christmas Cookies...Join us in the Fellowship Hall after early service next Sunday for Kathy Jurgens' tea rings and other special treats from the parents group.

Items for the January Messenger are due in the office by December 13. Please email your items to mlcsecretary@aol.com

Kathy Jurgens will provide tea rings to be delivered December 16th and 23rd. A sign-up sheet is on the board in the Narthex.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE, STUDY, AND CONNECT...

As you think about gifts for the end of the year or for Christmas, consider helping to fund one of the mission projects listed on the board in the Narthex.

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International Student Ministry...Contact Judy at ISM.MLChurch@gmail.com if you are interested in serving as a teacher for the advanced English class on Mondays next semester.

If you would like to be a conversation partner that meets approximately 2 times per month for one hour then call Judy and she will match you up with someone who wants to practice their English.

Project Compassion...We could use volunteers to take gifts and devotions to members who cannot make it to worship often. Can you make a call in December? Contact Lyle at legroth1@gmail.com or at the church office.

Thank you! We would like to thank those that helped decorate the sanctuary. These individuals, plus all the others that volunteer for altar and chancel, help to make your worship experience a positive and uplifting one.