ANNOUNCEMENTS November 11, 2018

STUDENTS.....

Welcome to Memorial Lutheran Church!! 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 sometimes snacks are available in the kitchenette (next to the Student Center). We also have free Wi-Fi.

All students are invited to a free Thanksgiving dinner at 6 PM (with all the traditional food items). Bring your friends along! Stay and play Trivia after the dinner.

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

Fermenting the Faith Bible Study for graduate students and young adults meets at Olde Main on Tuesdays at 8:00 PM.

God bless you with a safe and restful Thanksgiving break! Our first Advent service will be Wednesday, November 28 at 7 PM.

Upcoming Events:

December 2 - 10:30 AM-Pizza Breakfast, 1:30 PM-Scavenger Hunt

December 9 - noon-Coffee & Hot Chocolate

TODAY...

Stewardship: This morning Rich Weiss, our congregational president, will share with us about stewardship here at Memorial.

Offering envelopes for 2019 can be picked up in the Narthex. Pledge cards are on the table and you can turn them in to the office. If you would like envelopes please use the sign-up sheet and they will be available for you next week.

Adult Bible study will meet in the Student Center at 10 AM. We will study the Tabernacle and how it points us to Christ.

UPCOMING...

There will be a congregational budget meeting on December 2 between services. Please plan on attending.

The Sunday School is supporting Carl and Kelsey Grulke and their family as missionaries for Lutheran Bible Translators in Botswana, Africa. The congregational board of directors has pledged to match 2 to 1 the offerings the children gather. If you want to help with that, please leave an offering and designate it "Botswana."

The HS Youth are collecting items for the Ronald McDonald House in Des Moines as well as pop tabs. If you are interested in donating items, you can check out their website for a list of needed items. You can also donate money and the youth can do the shopping for you. If you have questions you can contact Heidi Jensen, 233-8088. Thank you so much for your help with this project.

Our next "F.I.S.H." (Friday International Student Hospitality) meal will be Friday, November 16. Cost for the meal is \$3/person, \$7/family. We will serve a traditional American Thanksgiving Dinner. Donation of pies is welcome.

A special Sunday School will be held on November 18 in preparation for Thanksgiving. There will be no Sunday School November 25 because of the holiday.

If your child would like to play a Christmas piece for the Children's Christmas service on December 9 please contact Pastor Mark.

A special Thanksgiving Eve service will be held Wednesday, November 21 at 7 PM.

Advent services will be held November 28, December 5 and 12 at 7 PM. Our theme this year is "Women of Hope." Soup suppers will be held before each service from 5:30-6:30 PM.

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 of Judy in the office.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE, STUDY, AND CONNECT...

Pies are still needed for the "F.I.S.H." Thanksgiving meal on *November 16*. Sign up on the list in the back of church.

A sign-up sheet for Advent Suppers is also posted. Pick a night that works for you. We love to eat your specialty soups! The first one is November 28th.