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MARTIN LUTHER CHAPEL

cordially invites you to a

BANQUET

celebrating

PROJECT CONNECT:

BUILDING FAITH-SERVING TOGETHER

on Saturday evening,

FEBRUARY 19, 5:00-7:30 P.M.

FOURTH FLOOR, SPARTAN STADIUM

The evening will feature a complimentary
dinner and a short program.

Project Connect

Building Faith *Serving Together*

Calendar of Events

**All-Church Banquet
and Children's Party**
Feb. 19

Commitment Sunday
Feb. 20

**Servant Event
Commissioning Service**
March 4, 5:30

**Spring Break
Servant Events**
March 5-9

Ash Wednesday
March 9

Celebration Sunday
March 20

How will you pray?



By Judy Bearup

Over the past few months Martin Luther Chapel has been getting into high gear with our Project Connect: Building Faith—Serving Together Ministry Campaign. There have been Bible studies and many meetings. You've received mailings to keep you informed of the process and progress. There have been new opportunities to spend time with fellow members of Martin Luther Chapel, either in small group settings or face to face with those you may have not known previously and, hopefully, with whom you have developed closer relationships. Now you have an invitation to attend a banquet on February 19 at Spartan Stadium where we will meet as a community in fellowship one with another.

Throughout this process, one request of you has been constant. You have been asked to pray, pray for the overall success of the campaign, as well as pray about your own personal three-year financial commitment. Before the first of the year we held a prayer vigil that may have been a first-time experience for many people. Thank you to all who were involved in the planning, to others who took the time to come to the Chapel and spend an hour in prayer, and to those who prayed from other locations.

We will soon begin to realize the fruits of our labors. Now how will you pray. Have you prayed for the associate pastor that will be called to serve and work among us? Have you thought of the beauty of attending meetings in the Fireside Lounge with a new air conditioner installed and no longer having to make a choice between being cool or hearing what is said. With new AV equipment in the Sanctuary we can only imagine how Wednesday ON FIRE will benefit. These are but a few of the wonderful things in store for us as the result of our prayers and commitments.

These months of preparation through the ministry campaign have led us finally to new prayers of thanksgiving. We can truly thank God for all His great blessings and His loving and merciful heart for His people. We offer thanks for His presence and guidance in this faith journey. Thank you, Father, for we know the best is yet to come.

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the LORD Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. Malachi 3:10

Martin Luther Chapel's Ministry connects with people at home and in the world.

Martin Luther Chapel recognizes the faith and the caring community that exists here is to be shared with as many people as possible. Thus the people of Martin Luther Chapel have committed themselves to use the most creative and effective means possible to reach out in diverse mission-minded activities that demonstrate the essence of this joyful and caring ministry. These outreach activities include:

Christ Lutheran Saturday Soup Kitchen

Twice annually the people of Martin Luther Chapel help prepare and serve lunch at the Saturday soup kitchen at Christ Lutheran Church, Lansing, MI.

International Friendship House

The goal of the ministry at the International Friendship House is to help the international student and family members experience American culture, make significant friendships, and adjust to life in the U.S.

Lansing Rescue Mission

Martin Luther Chapel collects clothing, personal care items, and non-perishable food items for local homeless adults and children and area food banks.

St. Vincent Ministries

Students from Martin Luther Chapel go to St. Vincent to lead a youth group for the kids that live there.

Prayer Community

The Chapel's prayer community specifically seeks God's best in prayer for people who submit their requests to the church.

Spring Break Servant Event to El Paso, TX and Juarez, Mexico

College students work through Ysleta Lutheran Mission, a Hispanic border mission, and in Juarez, Mexico, where they construct a home for a family in need.

Spring Break Servant Event to Phoenix, AZ

College students work with Habitat for Humanity and Christ Church Lutheran helping those in need in the Guadalupe area.

Spring Break Servant Event to Galveston, TX

College students work with One Mission: Galveston, where they assist with disaster relief doing clean up and rebuilding.

Spring Break Servant Event to Guatemala City, Guatemala

College students work with the Central America Lutheran Mission Society.



El Paso, Texas/Juarez, Mexico Spring Break Servant Event

Fall Servant Event to Livois, Haiti

The people of Martin Luther Chapel work through Haiti Lutheran Mission Society doing earthquake cleanup and relief work

Spiritual Care & Growth Team

This team cares for the spiritual and personal needs of those in our midst.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry equips laypeople to provide confidential, distinctively Christian, one-to-one care to those who are experiencing all kinds of life needs and circumstances, both in our congregation and community.

Wednesday ON FIRE Worship Service

This service is a student-led time of praise, prayer, and message in a contemporary format using a praise singing group, electronic and percussion instruments, and multimedia presentations.

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Recognizing the importance of using the Internet for active outreach, Martin Luther Chapel implemented an appealing and highly interactive website.

Our goal is that the *Project Connect: Building Faith—Serving Together* campaign will help us to continue these outreach activities and expand our ministry capabilities allowing us to reach more people with the love of Christ.

You are invited to the All-Church Banquet

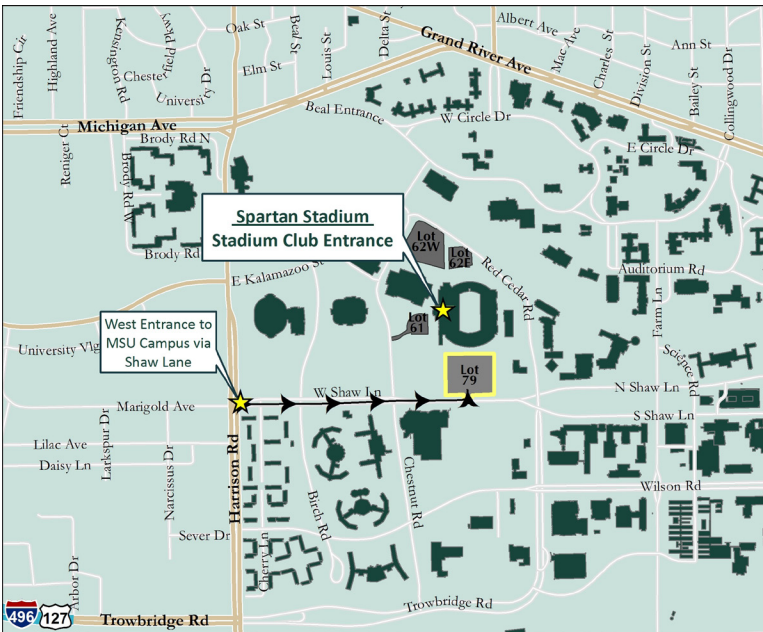


You will not want to miss the All-Church Banquet on Saturday, February 19, 2011 from 5:00 to 7:30 pm. This event gives us an opportunity to enjoy fellowship with one another and celebrate God's gifts to us. At the same time and place, a Children's Party will also be held.

The banquet will be held on the fourth floor of Spartan Stadium. The evening will include a complimentary dinner and a short program. The musicians of Martin Luther Chapel will provide live music throughout the evening.

The entrance to the stadium is on the west side of the building. Parking for this event will be available in parking lot 79 which is directly south of the stadium. This parking lot can be accessed by West Shaw Lane. If you arrive for the beginning of the banquet, there should be no charge for parking (because of the 9:00 MSU men's basketball game, those arriving late may have to pay for parking). Parking for people with disabilities is just to the west of the stadium. To use this lot, please bring your invitation and handicapper permit to show the parking representative. If you use Google Maps or Yahoo for driving directions, the search phrase "Spartan Stadium, East Lansing, MI" will take you to the correct place. Other search engines may take you to a different parking lot near the stadium. For on-campus residents, there will be a van run starting at 4:30.

There is no cost for this dinner, but we do need a count. Please respond to members of the hospitality committee when they call. If you have not yet received an invitation or a phone call, please contact the Martin Luther Chapel office at 517.332.0778 to indicate that you will be coming to the all-church banquet.



Commitment Sunday

The key day for making our commitment to return part of what our Lord has generously bestowed on us is Sunday, February 20. At Both services, we will have the opportunity to place our commitment cards for Project Connect in the offering. Help prepare for this day with your prayerful consideration of how you can help make Martin Luther Chapel's vision for the future a reality.