

News Release

Theater Production "Church Basement Ladies" Comes to the Stage at the U of M Crookston; Performances on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 13, 14, 15 in Kiehle Auditorium

By *Itollefts on Tuesday, December 3, 2013* The musical production "Church Basement Ladies" is based on recipes, food, and change in

the church. It's funny, heartwarming, and down to earth and will bring back memories of people in churches everywhere. This student-directed theatrical production is scheduled in Kiehle Auditorium at the University of Minnesota Crookston on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 13, 14, 15, 2013. On Friday and Saturday evenings the performance is at 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under with a \$15 maximum for families.

Church Basement Ladies is a musical written by Jim Stowell and Jessica Zuehlke with music and lyrics by Drew Jansen. The church basement kitchen throughout much of America is often the heart and soul of any church. In "Church Basement Ladies" we meet the pastor, three main kitchen cooks and one daughter, who run the kitchen and care for the congregation by preparing and serving the food. Like any great kitchen, problems are solved here as well.



Under the guidance of Associate Professor George French, Beth Motley, a senior from Vadnais Heights, Minn., majoring in equine science leads as the student director and choreographed by Jessica Kappes, a postsecondary enrollment option student from Ada, Minn. Cast members include Alissa Hernandez, a senior from double majoring in animal science and equine science in Savage, Minn.; Jessica Stone, a freshman from Cloquet, Minn., majoring in equine science; Cassie Hagg, a freshman from Pillager, Minn., majoring in health sciences; Cheyanne Bell, a freshman from Lakeville, Minn., majoring in sport and recreation management; and Alex Conwell, a post-secondary enrollment option student from Red Lake Falls, Minn.

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In the photo, left to right, are Cassie Hagg, Alex Conwell, Cheyanne Bell, Jessica Stone, and Alissa Hernandez.



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