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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Illinois Wesleyan's University Chapel Hour and Special Events and Services will hold a Ramadan service given by Munib Said Abdulrehman, class of '01, titled "Ramadan Traditions among the Swahili of Kenya" on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 11 a.m. in Evelyn Chapel, 1301 N. Park St., in Bloomington.

The event, co-sponsored by the IWU Muslim Students' Association, is free and open to the public.

Ramadan is the Muslim month of fasting in which followers dedicate daylight hours to worship and prayer while abstaining from food or drink. In the Muslim faith they believe that during the month of Ramadan, Allah, their god, revealed the first verses of the Qur'an, the holy book of Islam, to the prophet Muhammad. The fast is broken in the evening with a meal called iftar, which consists of dates and sweet drinks and is eaten with family and friends. Ramadan begins during the 9th month of the Muslim calendar and ends on the first day of the month of Shawwal during which the family prays together, exchanges gifts, and feasts.

For additional information, contact the Illinois Wesleyan Chaplain's office at (309) 556-3005.

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