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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan's University Chapel Hour will present its next service on Wednesday Sept. 12 at 11:00 a.m. in the Evelyn Chapel (1301 N. Park St., Bloomington).

This service is free and open to the public.

The chapel hour will highlight Rosh Hashanah, a Jewish religious observance. Students from Hillel, a campus organization that promotes positive relations between Jewish students, faculty and the university as a whole, will deliver part of the service. Rev. Hope Luckie, University Chaplain, will also discuss the start of Ramadan, a Muslim religious observance.

The Jewish High Holiday Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the Jewish religious New Year. The New Year and ensuing 10 days emphasize penitence and self-examination, concluding with the observance of Yom Kippur, a solemn day for the reconciliation of sins.

During Ramadan, the ninth month in the Islamic calendar, Muslims believe that Allah revealed the Qur'an to Muhammad. Throughout the month, Muslims abstain from food and drink between sun up and sun down in order to focus more on prayer and their faith.

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

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