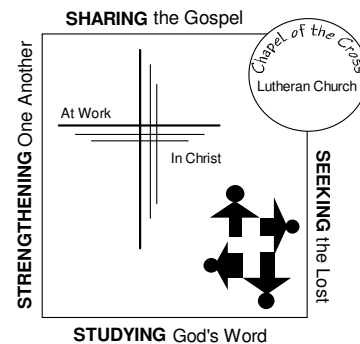


What's Happening at
Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church
November 27th 2011

JOIN US FOR
MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES

BEGINNING THIS WEDS, NOV 30
(see page 5)



THIS WEEK AT CHAPEL
see page 11

WELCOME to Chapel of the Cross!

If you are visiting today, please introduce yourself and be sure to sign our **GUEST REGISTER** located in the Narthex and the **burgundy FELLOWSHIP BOOK** which is passed along the pew during the offering.

COFFEE is served from 9:00-9:30am in the Coffee Shoppe.

A **NURSERY** is available from 9:25am until the end of the late service.

The Nursery is located in the Family Room.

A **FAMILY ROOM** is also available where you may hear and view the service in comfort if you feel your children are restless. The Family Room is located off of the Coffee Shoppe.

Our **LIBRARY** is open from 9:00am-10:45am

Our **OFFICE HOURS** are: Monday through Friday; 9:00am-4:30pm. You may reach us by

PHONE at 636-928-5885 or **FAX** at 636-926-3421 or

EMAIL: office@chapelofthecrosslutheran.org

Don't forget to visit our **website** at: <http://chapelofthecrosslutheran.org>

PASTORAL CARE:

Do you need Pastoral Care or have an emergency requiring pastoral assistance?

Life can sometimes bring struggles our way. If you or a member of your family are experiencing some of life's difficulties, our Pastors are here for you, whether it be personal, family, work or church related struggles.

The Pastors may be reached at the church office 636-928-5885 or at the following numbers:

Pastor Hoehner 636-922-2774; Pastor Uglum 636-577-7539.

Your **Elders** are also available for you. Please see page 4.

PLEASE NOTE: if you are scheduled for tests or surgery, or any need where you would like the Pastor to be present, **please call the church office** so that this may be arranged.

Friendly Reminder: Pastor Hoehner takes Fridays for a day off, and Pastor Uglum takes Thursdays, but of course, our Pastors are always on call for emergencies.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Do you have a specific prayer request? If so, please feel free to fill out a prayer card. Please hand it to the usher prior to the start of service.

OUR BIBLE STUDIES

Sun: **Nov 27th**

Join Pastor Hoehner in Rm A

Sr. High Youth will meet in Daniel's Den with Pastor James to discuss important life issues in light of God's Word.

As always, our kids of all ages will enjoy the best Sunday School Staff teaching them a most fun and Christ-centered curriculum

Note: All Sunday classes begin at 9:35 a.m.

Parents can drop off their children to their Sunday School Teacher in the Gymnasium at 9:25 a.m. The teachers will make sure they get to class. Parents are also welcome to stay for the opening if they wish. The Cherub Choir and Handbells will continue to meet immediately after the opening.

JOIN US FOR NEW 3 WEEK ADULT BIBLE CLASSES BEGINNING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH AT 9:30 A.M.

1. Creation – Evolution Issues

This class will view three videos in three weeks, which show top scientists exploring the arguments in favor of a creating God of the universe, of human life, and of all of creation.

2. "The Nativity Story"

It was the cruelest of times. Under Herod's torturous reign, families struggled to survive and yet, in the midst of utter turmoil, a young woman's faith was put to the test. Join Mary (Keisha Castle-Hughes) and Joseph (Oscar Isaac) on an incredible journey of hope and discovery. Join us to watch this inspirational film.

3. Women's Bible Study

This group will begin a video series called "Paul and the Odyssey" – a video series led by Dr. Paul Meier.

Mon: Little Lambs' Story Hour for Chapel's preschool aged youth will be held on the second Monday of each month (except in April) during the school year. We will meet at 9:30 am in the preschool classroom. We will learn about God's love for us as we read Bible stories based on Adam, Adam, What Do You See? There will be a craft and a snack, as well as time to visit Chapel's Andrew Pelley Library. Contact Liz Riedemann (636-447-2427 or riedemann5@charter.net) if you and your child are planning to attend the Story Hour.

Tues: Ladies' Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Please join us at 9:30am on the 1st & 4th Tues. The goal is that through in-depth personal and group study of scripture we will grow in our personal faith in Jesus Christ, enjoy fellowship with members of His body, and reach out in love to others in witness and service. If you have questions please contact Linda Little at 636-272-2701.

Weds: Early Morning Bible Study with Bob VanGilder at 6:30am at Bob Evans on Mid Rivers Mall Dr near the Mall. Our current topic is 'A Study of Ephesians'. For more information, call Bob VanGilder 314-650-2053.

ADVENT SERVICES: Weds Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, 21:

11am Worship Service
7pm Worship Service
(begins with Hymn Sing at 6:45pm)
preceded by Soup Supper at 6pm

Sat: Men's Bible Study We meet the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month from 7:30am – 9:00am in Room 13 on the lower level. A light breakfast is served at 7:30am with our study beginning at 8:00am. Any questions? Call Butch Schleicher at 946-3681.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS for 2 yr. Reading Plan

(may be started at any time)

"Today's Light" Bible is available from CPH. Daily readings are accompanied by study notes.

NOV 28:	1 PETER 1	DEC 1:	1 PETER 5
NOV 29:	1 PETER 2	DEC 2:	2 PETER 1-2
NOV 30:	1 PETER 3-4	DEC 3:	2 PETER 3

Chapel's ELDERS are there for You

As a member of Chapel of the Cross, you have a person working for you whose duties are to "Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care" (1 Peter 5:2) If you have questions, concerns, or if you or someone you love are simply having difficulties and aren't sure if you need pastoral care, please pick up the phone and call your elder.

If your last name begins with:	Your Elder is:	Contact Number:
C	Chris Becker	636-288-3664
G, T-Tho	Doug Broste	636-734-2077
A, R	Wyatt Gross	636-459-5496
S-She	Dan Heidelmeyer	636-240-1951
H	Allen Herbst	636-240-4527
Ti-Tu, W	Martin Koeneman	636-916-3507
F, I, N, O, Q	Dan Kroehnke	636-397-0860
Shr-Sw	John Lomax	636-695-3036
M-Men, Z	Richard Minasian	636-447-5354
B-Be, D	Dave Riedemann	636-447-2427
K, X, Y	Doug Seifert	636-278-2782
Bi-By	Duane Theilen	636-447-5126
J, P, U	Bob VanGilder	314-650-2053
E, Mey-My	Doug White	314-541-8500
L, V	Justin Yockey	636-387-1055

The Elder Chairman is Wade McKee 636-928-3699.

CHAPEL'S FIRST FRUITS OF FAITH

Income: Weekend of Nov 20, 2011	This week	Yr to Date	'10 YTD
Budgeted Income Required:	\$ 14,238.00	\$ 669,186.00	—
Actual Budget Funds:	\$ 14,593.74	\$ 614,100.56	\$ 618,265.06
Attendance: Week 47	'11 Actual 545	'11 Wkly Ave 498	'10 Actual 529
			'10 Wkly Ave 505

"And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will."
2 Corinthians 8:5



CHAPEL'S GENERATIONS JOURNEY

Week of 11/20/11

\$ 2,371.50

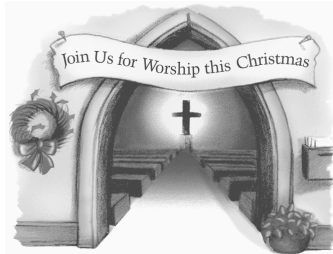
Campaign to Date

\$ 590,988.14



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11am Worship Service
 7pm Worship Service
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 preceded by Soup Supper at 6pm



CHRISTMAS EVE: Sat, Dec 24

3pm Family Service with Communion
 7pm Candlelight Worship Service
 11pm Candlelight Communion Service

CHRISTMAS DAY: Sun, Dec 25

9:30am Worship Service
Note: NO Service on Mon, Dec 26

JOIN US FOR SUPPER & ADVENT WORSHIP ON WEDS, BEGINNING NOV 30

We hope you can join us at either 11am or 7pm.

Supper begins at 6pm so if need be, you can come straight from work.

If you have time and can put together a crockpot of your favorite soup to share, that will be greatly appreciated!

Advent Soup Suppers

Our upcoming Advent Soup Suppers will be hosted by the following groups:

Nov 30	Chapel Circle
Dec 7	Church Board
Dec 14	Sr Youth Group & Confirmation Class
Dec 21	Board of Elders

CHAPEL YOUTH HAPPENINGS:

SR HIGH:

WEDS NIGHT FELLOWSHIP 6:00PM-7:30PM

SUNDAYS 9:30AM – IN DANIEL’S DEN

CHRISTMAS CAROLING & PARTY

SAT, DEC 17

On Saturday December 17th at 2:30 pm, the youth will be meeting at church to go Christmas caroling, and then return to church for a Christmas Party, including a Mixed up Menu for dinner, and a White Elephant Gift exchange. During the 'Mixed up Menu,' the youth will be served multiple courses, but the food and utensils for each course will be random. (For example, one person might get their dessert first and have to eat the main course without silverware, while someone else might have everything in order like a regular meal. In the end, everyone will end up eating the same thing, but it's fun to see how it all turns out.) In addition to caroling and eating we will also have a White Elephant gift exchange. White Elephant gifts may include, but are not limited to items that you may no longer have a use for, and low cost (under \$5) silly gifts you can find at the store. We will then have the opportunity to exchange gifts with each other, and you never know who is going to get the gift that you have given! Your old items may be the perfect item someone else has been looking for! **Please sign up by Wednesday December 14th** in order for us to make sure that we have enough drivers and food.

ATTN ADULTS: We are looking for a few volunteers to serve as drivers for caroling, as well as some volunteers to help prepare dinner. If you might be able to help with either of these things, please let Chris or Stephanie know as soon as you can.

JR. HIGH :

CONFIRMATION!

Weds at 6:20pm

6th, 7th, and 8th Graders: Meet at 6:20pm – go straight to class.

OTHER CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL At"TEN"dance NEWS

The Board of Youth & Education would like to acknowledge and congratulate the following students who have been in Sunday School TEN times this year: Kennedy Albers, Xavier Brandt, Anna Carrol, Calvin Gross, Joseph Gross, Sarach Gross and Abigail Kester. CONGRATULATIONS! We will be visiting classrooms and taking pictures to honor these students and give them the recognition they deserve. Thank you parents for bringing your children to Sunday School.

“TRANSFORMING THIS CHRISTMAS”

Advent Devotion Now Available

Wouldn't it be wonderful if this Christmas you could rise above the turmoil in your life? Wouldn't it be great if you could really find joy and peace despite all the burdens you carry and the mad, hectic preparations for Christmas? Get your copy of this year's Advent Devotion, "Transforming This Christmas" and watch God raise you above it all as He transforms this Christmas for you. Pick up your copy **TODAY**.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Christmas season is right around the corner. This is an important time to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Nancy Seifert has again volunteered to lead the Children's Christmas Program. This year's Christmas program is called, *We're On The Air*. Through the children's words and song we will again relive the blessed Christmas story. This important program will be presented on the evening of December 18 at 6:00 P.M. This presentation is not just for the children and their parents and family but for the entire Chapel of the Cross congregation. Please plan on joining us.

Important Dates and Practices:

Sunday Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Weekend No Sunday School	
Sundays Dec. 4 & 11	Practice songs and parts during Sunday School opening	
SATURDAY Dec. 10	9:00-11:00 A.M.	Full program practice
SATURDAY Dec. 17	9:00-11:00 A.M.	Full Dress Rehearsal
Sunday Dec. 18	9:25-10:30 A.M.	Full Dress Rehearsal
Sunday Dec. 18	5:45 P.M. Children arrive	6:00 P.M. Show Time

We encourage all children to participate. Individual parts will be assigned on Sunday, December 4th. Please see your child's Sunday School teacher for more details.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 'THANK YOU'

Thank you SO much Chapel Family ...a total of **95** shoeboxes were donated!!which means because of you 95 children will know the love of Christ this Christmasthey will know that someone, somewhere in the world, cares about them—a direct expression of Christ's lovethey will receive gifts to bring a smile to their faces, and the Gospel message to bring joy to their hearts. **THANK YOU!**

HELPERS NEEDED for Christmas Caroling & Party

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YOU'RE INVITED!!!!

To: **A Birthday Party for Jesus**
When: Sunday, December 4th after the 10:45 service
Where: In the Fellowship Hall

Come celebrate Jesus' birthday with games, crafts, the Nativity Story and Birthday Cake. The party will start following the 10:45 service and go until approximately 2:00 p.m. A hot dog lunch will be served. The games and crafts are for children ages 0 thru 5th grade but ALL are invited to attend for the Nativity Story and Birthday Cake.

Help Needed!!

I am looking for 2 or 3 assistants to help give Jesus a great party! Each "job" will easy to do—no experience necessary!

Please, please, please consider offering a bit of your time so that we can continue this great celebration for our children and our Savior.

Call Barb Biggers 949-0805, for more information or to volunteer, THANKS!!!

THANK YOU

The Silent Auction Committee would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to all who contributed to and assisted with the Silent Auction. The proceeds from the auction were \$1696. Additional funds from Thrivent brought our total to \$2196. This money will be divided between Chapel's Benevolent Fund and the OASIS Food Pantry.

God's Blessings to each and every one of you!

The Silent Auction Committee : Kathy Mortenson
Nina Dean

Barbara Hubbell
Ruth Conant

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with our Sausage Supper. A special thank you, of course, to our 'Sausage Chefs', Brad Biggers and Larry Krull, but whatever you did—set up, clean up, wait tables, helped in kitchenwe couldn't have done it without you!!

COMFORT GROUP

Weds DEC 7

For anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one, this can be a difficult time of year. Even if you have not attended before, you are very welcome to join us for our next meeting of the Comfort Group which will be on Weds, Dec 7th at 9:30am. We will have a special guest speaker, Lori Snyder, with a presentation on the topic of "Dealing with Grief during the Holidays." Following the meeting, you may enjoy staying for our 11am Advent Service.

ANNUAL MITTEN & GIVING TREES

Dear Chapel Family—so that you can plan ahead, we wanted to share with you that as of Sun Nov 20th you will have the following opportunities to share the love of Christ for the 2011 Christmas season.

MITTEN TREE

Help inner city adults and children by decorating our tree which will be placed in the narthex, with mittens, gloves, hats and scarves.

GIVING TREE

Help families who are in need by taking an ornament and purchasing a gift card. Some of these families the Pastors personally will have been working with but we are also asking for you to share with us if you know of any families that are in need.

BEYOND THE GIVING TREE

Anyone who would like to Adopt a Family for Christmas, please see Pastor
Thank you

DON'T FORGET TO SHOP WITH SCRIP!!!

The holidays are quickly approaching, and we would greatly appreciate it if you would remember Chapel Scrip for your shopping needs. We have a wide variety of cards and all profits go to help our Future Church Workers!

NEW for the holidays: We are now offering gift card wrappers to personalize your gift for only 25¢ each. They come in a variety of styles, so stop by our booth and check them out! As always, thank you so much for your support!!!

DID YOU KNOW ???

PRAYER CHAIN: Do you wish to have the Prayer Chain started for yourself or a loved one? Please call Marion Harris at 636-922-1278 or Ruth Koeneman at 636-916-3507. You are always welcome to join us as a Prayer Partner of the Prayer Chain.

MEALS OF LOVE: Are you, or someone you know, in need of a meal due to sickness or just coming home from the hospital. Please call Kim Harnagel at 939-6927 to arrange for a **Meal of Love** to be delivered to your home. **This is not affiliated or associated with "Meals on Wheels"**. "Meals of Love" are members of Chapel helping out fellow members. They provide up to four meals per illness/occurrence. If you wish to help make meals, please also call Kim.

Memorial Cards, Portals of Prayer & Prayer Booklets are located in the Narthex in the Info Rack.

Mail Tubs are located on the table in 'The Coffee Shoppe'.

Application for Facility Use forms are located in the Mail Tubs. Please complete and submit to the Church Office when making your request.

Lost & Found is in a box in the cloak room to the left of the narthex. Items will be kept for one month, and if not claimed, will be donated to Goodwill. Thanks for helping to keep our church clutter-free.

CDs of our Sunday Service are available upon request – please call church office.

Doodle Bags are hanging on the wood post in the narthex and are for your child's enjoyment during the church service. **PARENTS:** Please see that the bags get returned to the blue tub in the narthex at the end of the worship service. Thank you!

Want a ride to church?? Chapel's bus service is up & running!! Please call the church office (928-5885) by 11am on the Thursday prior to the Sunday that you wish to be driven to church. **If you are an "on-going" rider & will be going out of town**, please let us know that you will not need to be picked up. Chapel is blessed to be able to provide this special ministry.

Pink Prayer Folder – We Need Your Help!! Please review the names of your family members and friends listed in the pink prayer folder and kindly inform the church office of any changes. If at any time a name is removed and you know that person is in need of continued prayers, please be sure to let us know. Thanks for you help.

'Chapel Scrip'!! Need a gift card?? We offer gift cards for groceries, restaurants, clothing, home improvements, travel, electronics and much more. Stop by our table in the Coffee Shoppe to see the great selection of cards available for you to buy today, or you can use our convenient order form to order as needed. All proceeds go to help Chapel's Future Church Workers!!

Please submit your articles for **WHAT'S HAPPENING BY 12 NOON ON WEDS**

Send to office@chapelofthecrosslutheran.org

THIS WEEK AT CHAPEL

<p>FEED MY SHEEP SUNDAY 27 8:00AM Worship Service 9:00AM Coffee in Coffee Shoppe 9:00AM Library open 'til 10:45AM 9:25AM Sun. Sch. Movie Cherub Choir/Handbells 9:35AM Bible Studies <i>see page 2</i> 9:30AM Chapel Scrip/Coffee Shoppe 10:45AM Worship Service 11:45AM Chapel Scrip/Coffee Shoppe 6:00PM AI-A Rm13</p>	<p>MONDAY 28 9:30AM Little Lambs in RmD 12:00PM Keenager Bowling 5:30PM VB in FH (BF) 6:00PM It's All Greek to Me RmA 7:00PM Worship Service</p>	<p>TUESDAY 29 5:00PM Martial Arts 6:00PM Zumba Fitness in Gym 7:00PM Chapel Bells 7:15PM Martial Arts</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 30 6:30AM Bible Study at Bob Evans 9:30AM Quilt Tacking in LLL 11:00AM Advent Service 6:00PM Advent Supper in FH 7:00PM Advent Service (begins with Hymn Sing at 6:45PM) 7:30PM VB in FH (BF)</p>	<p>THURSDAY 1 1:00PM Crochet Class ConfRm 7:00PM Adult Choir Rehearsal Set up in FH/K for Advent by Candlelight '11 Help at OASIS (10-11:30am)</p>	<p>FRIDAY 2 10:00AM Friendly Visitors Rm12 (Packaging Cookies '11) 7:00PM Hobby Night Rm12 7:00PM Advent by Candlelight FH '11 Wedding Rehearsal '11</p>
<p>SATURDAY 3 9:45AM AA Rm12 (10:15-11:15) Take down in FH Advent Cttee til noon Set up for B'day Party for Jesus Noon Wedding '11</p>	<p>SUNDAY 4 8:00AM Communion Service 9:00AM Coffee in Coffee Shoppe 9:00AM Library open 'til 10:45AM 9:25AM Sun. Sch. Rehearsals Cherub Choir/Handbells 9:35AM Bible Studies <i>see page 2</i> 9:30AM Chapel Scrip/Coffee Shoppe 10:45AM Communion Service 11:45AM Chapel Scrip/Coffee Shoppe B'day Party for Jesus '11 following late service ALL invited 6:00PM AI-A Rm13</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>KEY: CS-Coffee Shoppe FH-Fellowship Hall/ Gym LLL-Lower Level Lobby S-Sanctuary DD-Daniel's Den</p> </div>

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

WEEK Beginning Sunday, November 27		WEEK Beginning Sunday, December 4	
GREETERS:	8:00 Butch Schleicher & Chris Brooks 10:45 Howard & Jennifer Woodruff	GREETERS:	8:00 Don & Charlotte Sugar 10:45 Ruby Kramer & Judy Herbst
ACOLYTES:	8:00 Adam White 10:45 Elizabeth Johnston	ACOLYTES:	8:00 Emil Clausing Jack Diekemper 10:45 Meghan Burge Matthew Koboldt
USHERS:	8:00 Richard Matt*, Kellee Matt, Sheryl Munz, Dennis Guyott, Al Ross, & Dee Krieger 10:45 Bill Hiner*, Cornel Savala, Wade McKee, Bryan Hulsey, Alex Savala, Kara Brooks, Adam Brooks & Nic Savala 10:45 Subs Linda & Ralph Williams Mon Al Riley & Jeremy Brown	USHERS:	8:00 Bill Hankins*, Beverly Hankins, Gary Oberneufemann, Kathy Collins, Rich & Janet Minasian 10:45 Kim Woodworth*, Bill Clemens, Al Schuettpelez, Tim Meyer, Bob Carter, Randy Goltz and Douglas Broste 10:45 Subs Linda & Ralph Williams Mon Larry & Shirley Diehl
ELDER ON DUTY:	John Lomax	ASSISTING	8:00 Elders Schleicher , Theilen , VanGilder, Becker
TRUSTEE:	Willard Johnson	WITH	10:45 Elders Riedemann , Broste , Lomax, Heidemeyer
COUNTERS:	Paul & Rosa Ludy, Bob Renken, Ruby Kramer, Melanie Harris & Diane Klos	COMMUNION	Mon Elders Miller & White
		ELDER ON DUTY:	John Lomax
		TRUSTEE:	Tim Meyer
		COUNTERS:	John Middendorf, Leon Heitgerd, Rachelle Lilge, Angela Worley, Phyllis Richoz

SERVICE 8:00
COORD: 10:45 Ruby Kramer
ALTAR GUILD Dianne Nelson
for Nov: Terri Scheer
Kathleen Dwyer
Mon: Susan Meyer, Ruth Conant

COFFEE HOSTESS
for Nov: Rich & Janet Minasian
BULLETIN
FOLDERS: Bob Renken, Ruby Kramer,
Betty Choate, Diane Klos,
Kathy Mortenson, Marlene
Singleton, Gladys Smart,
Phyllis Richoz, Bev Cossey,
Joanne Goers