

**What's Happening at
Chapel of the Cross**
Sunday, December 23, 2012

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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:
G, T-Tho	Doug Broste	636-734-2077
A, R	Wyatt Gross	636-459-5496
S-She	Dan Heidelberg	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
C, Shr-Sw	Wade McKee	636-928-3699
M-Men, Z	Michael Moellering	314-922-7405
B-Be, D	Dave Riedemann	636-447-2427
K, X, Y	Doug Seifert	636-278-2782
Bi-By	Duane Theilen	636-387-3683
J, P, U	Bob VanGilder	314-650-2053
E, Mey-My	Doug White	314-541-8500
L, V	Justin Yockey	314-973-6618

Elder Chairman is Chris Becker 636-288-3664

Vice-Chairman is Dan Heidelberg 636-240-1951

Chapel's First Fruits of Faith				
Income: Weekend of December 16, 2012	This week	Yr to Date	'11 YTD	
Budgeted Income Required:	\$ 13,298.08	\$ 664,904.00	—	
Actual Budget Funds:	\$ 17,413.52	\$ 714,072.75	\$ 676,523.25	
Electronic Giving (included in line above)	\$ 2175.00	\$ 94,671.00		
Abundant Giving:	\$ 784.50	\$ 39,527.13		
Lutheran Malaria Initiative:	122.00	5,748.63		
Attendance: Week 51	'12 Actual	'12 Wkly Ave	'11 Actual	'11 Wkly Ave
	526	516	530	497

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

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.

Our Sunday Bible Studies Begin at 9:35am

BEGINNING DECEMBER 2, 2012

Adults in the Education Wing

SEARCHING THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES led by Rev. Mark Hoehner, Rev. Bob Hoehner. In January, Andrew Nelson in Rm A.

THAT YOU MAY HAVE CERTAINTY CONCERNING THE THINGS YOU HAVE BEEN TAUGHT: The Nativity...How much do we really know? led by Rev. James Uglum in Rm B

“GOD IS IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM” led by Anita Clausing in Rm D on Lower Level.

High School Youth meet in Daniel’s Den with Andrew Nelson. All our youth are welcomed and encouraged to bring a friend.

Children in Sunday School. Opening in the Gym/Fellowship Hall.

Our Weekday Bible Studies

Tue: Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study Every first and fourth Tuesday at 9:30 am in Rm 12. Our current study is the LifeLight study on Proverbs. You are welcome to join us at any time. Any questions? Call Linda Little at 636-272-2701.

Wed: Confirmation for 6th, 7th & 8th Graders from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Wed: Early Morning Bible Study with Bob VanGilder at 6:30am at Bob Evans on Mid Rivers Mall Dr. near the Mall. Our new topic is “The Book of Hebrews”. For more information, call Bob VanGilder 314-650-2053.

Wed: Evening Bible Study: With Rev. Robert Hoehner. Class begins September 12th at 6:15 pm. The Bible Study this fall will focus on the Minor Prophets of the Old Testament. The spiritual struggles and questions that these prophets dealt with were not limited to their historical time and situations. They are timeless and continue to be relevant today.

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.

DEC 24:	ECCLESIASTES 3-4	DEC 27:	ECCLESIASTES 9-10
DEC 25:	ECCLESIASTES 5-6	DEC 28:	ECCLESIASTES 10-11
DEC 26:	ECCLESIASTES 7-8	DEC 29:	SONG OF SONGS 1-3



CHAPEL YOUTH HAPPENINGS:

Sunday Morning (9:30-10:30 AM) in Daniel's Den: Bible Study ("Visiting with Angels")

Wednesday Evening (6:00-7:30 PM) Join us for Soup Supper & Worship

Christmas Eve, Mon Dec 24
3 pm –Communion
7pm - Candlelight
11pm –Candlelight w/Communion

Christmas Day, Tues Dec 25
at 9:30am

New Year's Eve, Mon Dec 31
3pm Communion
(we will not have 7pm Service)

The church office will be closed Mon Dec 24, Tues Dec 25, Mon Dec 31 & Tue Jan 1. We will be checking phone messages throughout the holidays.

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS:

VISITING WITH ANGELS.

How would you respond to a visit from an angel? In stories before Christ's birth, we see several encounters people has with angels. Join us for Bible Study, discussion, and real-life applications based on the angels' visits with Zachariah, Mary, and the Shepherds on the first Christmas. Led by Andrew Nelson.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP RESUMES DECEMBER 26

Beginning **Wednesday, December 26th**, the high school youth group will meet for hang-time, games, and devotions from 6:00 to 7:30 PM in the Gym/Daniel's Den. Our topic on 12/26 is "Social Media Christmas" -all high school youth & friends are invited.

YOUTH OPEN HOUSE DECEMBER 27

On **Thursday, December 27** we will have an open house for all Jr. & Sr. High Youth (6th– 12th Grade). We will have an open gym, open youth room, and large group games for anyone who wants to come. Doors will be open from 7:00-9:30 PM.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND GET YOUR TABLE READY FOR TRIVIA NIGHT!

Our Annual Youth Trivia Night will be **SATURDAY, February 9th** in the gym. Doors will open at 6:00 pm & Trivia will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Tickets go on sale January 6th; \$10 per person/\$80 per table. Get a group of church members, friends, co-workers, and/or neighbors and plan on attending! The proceeds will help the 35 youth and adults attend the 2013 National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, TX this summer. It's a night of fun for a great cause!

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Remember that Confirmation Classes resume on **Wednesday, January 2nd!**

OTHER CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILI COOK OFF

Save the date! Our annual Chili Cook Off will be held on **Sunday, January 27th** after the late service. Sign up sheets will be posted in the Coffee Area after the holidays. Yum!

YOUNG AT HEART

There will be no regular meeting in December since we have two outings scheduled. If you are at least 55, come join us in some Christian fellowship at a potluck (meat is being provided) on **Thursday, January 17th** at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Call Paul Ludy @ 636-278-3881 if you plan to attend.

ATTENTION QUILTERS

We will **not** have Quilt Tacking on Wednesday, December 26th. Any questions, please call Margaret Schulz or Ruby Kramer.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS

Do you enjoy reading the Lutheran Witness? Are you interested in checking it out? The Lutheran Witness contains enlightening articles, letters to the editor, official notices of the LCMS and more. Now is the time to subscribe or renew your subscription. **The annual cost for 11 issues is \$8.80.** Just imagine, if you ordered this on your own the cost would be \$22. Here's your chance to save \$13.20 by ordering through us. **We need your payment by Tuesday January 15,** to allow enough time to get the information to the English District. You can use the Lutheran Witness envelope that you received in the mail with your regular offering envelopes or a blank envelope from the pew, just put "Lutheran Witness" on the outside of the envelope. **Please make your check payable to: "Chapel of the Cross".**

THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Thank you so much for the beautiful Christmas flower arrangement. It is lovely and I enjoy looking at it each time I walk past my kitchen table. I want to also thank all of you for your valuable time and your dedication to our children. You are a blessing to Chapel of the Cross. I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with peace.
Sandy Goecke, Sunday School Secretary

FOURTEEN MORE TENS

The Board of Youth and Education is happy to announce that 14 more students have reached 10 Sundays. Congratulations to Emily Albers, Olivia Brooks, Anna Carroll, Eleanor Clausing, Emil Clausing, Ernie Clausing, Eunice Clausing, Pete Duffy, Joseph Gross, Cora Harms, Lydia Harms, Tyler Mann, Seth Mckee, and Elena Oberneufemann, The Board also thanks the parents for bringing these children and young people to Sunday School each week.

DEAR SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF AND THE BOARD OF YOUTH AND EDUCATION

Thank you for the gift cards to Maggiano's. Because of your thoughtfulness, we are looking forward to enjoying our anniversary dinner there in January. We also want to thank you for your dedication to Chapel's children and youth. Without your support, Chapel's young ones would not be learning about God. As we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birthday, we hope you have a blessed Christmas with your family and loved ones.
David & Liz Riedemann

“A PIECE OF CHRISTMAS”

Chapel's Sunday School children presented their Christmas program, "A Piece of Christmas" on December 16, 2012. The children told us that joy, hope and love are pieces of Christmas, just as pieces of fabric are part of a quilt and that the most important piece of Christmas is the birth of the Savior. Stitches hold a quilt together and we are assured that OUR quilt, the Family of God, is sown together by the very love of Jesus.

Thank you to all the Sunday School students for once again telling us the wonderful Christmas story and for doing it so well.

Thank you to all the parents who helped them learn their lines and brought them to the rehearsals. Thank you to our dedicated Sunday School teachers and staff, to the instrumentalists, to the people who worked with the costumes and props, to the people responsible for the lights and sound, to our director Nancy Seifert and to Sunday School Superintendent Dave Riedemann.

Thank you to everyone who helped set up the tables and chairs for the reception and to those who stayed afterward to help put them away. Thanks to everyone who baked cookies and brought punch for refreshments. Thank you to everyone who helped cut cake, serve the punch and the cookies.

THANK YOU ALL FOR A WONDERFUL EVENING!

Sandy Goecke, Board of Youth and Education

ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild schedules for 2013 are now available in Margaret Schulz's mail slot in the mail tubs in the hallway to the new education wing.

DOES OUR CHURCH SIGN CATCH YOUR EYE?

We are currently looking for another team or two to help with changing the letters on the church sign. We would like to have at least two people per team. This takes about an hour of your time, to pull the letters, change the sign & re-file the letters. Training will be provided. Any questions or you would like to be a part of the team, please call Bev in the church office 636.928.5885 or email: office@chapelofthecrosslutheran.org

MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

We will be taking a break during the holidays, but be sure to check the What's Happening in the New Year for more opportunities to volunteer here at our church. The Stewardship Committee.

THE SEASON OF GIVING

During the Advent Season, the pace of life speeds up. To make your life a little easier, we offer a convenient way to make regular contributions or that additional gift before the end of the year. Check out our electronic giving options by visiting our website at: chapelofthecrosslutheran.org; scroll down to the lower left corner where you will find the "online giving" icon; follow the prompts. Don't have a computer or internet? Contact the church office to fill out a form & have it processed for you automatically. We accept Debit Cards or Automatic Withdrawals from your checking or savings account. Have one less

thing on your to-do list *"write donation check for Chapel"*.

Sign up for electronic giving today!

DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?

Are you interested in helping to enhance our worship service? Please contact Emilie Lail at 636-498-5722 if you are willing to share your talents.

CHAPEL SCRIP'!!

Need a Gift Card? Stop by our counter 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. If you can't be there on a Sunday morning, but would like to order gift cards, please feel free to call Roger and Lisa Kutschkau at 636-926-0986. All proceeds go to help the Benevolent Fund.

HELP NEEDED

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with streaming our services on the web and with sound tech responsibilities. If you are interested, please contact Brad Biggers (636-949-0805) or Jerry Mortenson (636-441-3108) or find them in the choir loft.

ADVERTISERS WANTED

We are upgrading our Chapel Light Newsletter. We have hired an outside firm to print and collate our newsletter. They will provide the paper, ink, and man-power free of charge. In exchange, they are soliciting ads to go on the last page. If you are interested in finding out more information on getting your ad in the Chapel Light and reaching over 600 households, please contact the church office or drop off a business card.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

(SEE BULLETIN BOARD FOR FURTHER INFO ON ANY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES/AREA EVENTS)

EMPLOYMENT

Dear Chapel Family, please notify the Church Office of any Employment Opportunities that you hear of so that we may share this information with our members. Thank You!

HARTS ON STRINGS CHRISTMAS CD

The Harts on Strings Christmas CD "King of Kings" is now available for sale in the church office for \$15. "Ever since their debut CD, "Be Still, My Soul", many of us have been hoping for a follow-up recording of Sacred Christmas songs. Now that it is here, their growth and skill and experience has made this project worth the wait". As a gift, or an addition to your collection, this CD will fill the void that can be felt in secular holiday music.

Merry Christmas!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR DECEMBER 24, 25, 31, 2012

Date	Mon, Dec 24	Tues, Dec 25	Mon, Dec 31
Greeters	3 pm Butch Schleicher Don & Charlotte Chris Brooks 7 pm Marty & Kim Macke 11 pm Chuck & Judy Wiegand	9:30 am Sugar	3 pm Ruby Kramer Judy Herbst
Acolytes	3 pm Jordyn Seavert Rachel Stocker 7 pm Nicholas Savala 11 pm Lydia Harms Elena Oberneufemann	n/a	n/a
Ushers	3 pm Richard Matt's Team 7 pm Bill Hankins' Team 11 pm Steve Junkel's Team	Brandon Kemper's Team	Larry Diehl's Team
Communion Elders	3 pm Gross, Vangilder, White, R. Hoehner 7 pm n/a 11 pm Kroehnke, Moellering, Yockey, Perkins	n/a	n/a
Elder on Duty	Theilen	Vangilder	Becker
Altar Guild	Margaret Schulz Sandy Schleicher Ellen Krull		

Sun.	12/23/2012	8:00 AM	Worship Service
		9:00 AM	Andrew Pelley Library Open
		9:30 AM	To 10:30 & 11:45 to 12:15 Chapel Scrip
		9:25 AM	Sunday School & Bible Studies
		10:45 AM	Worship Service
		6:00 PM	Sunday School Program-All Invited
		6:00 PM	AI-A
Mon.	12/24/2012		Christmas Eve
			Church Office Closed
		3:00 PM	Family Service with Communion
		7:00 PM	Candlelight Worship
		11:00 PM	Candlelight Communion Service
Tues.	12/25/2012		Christmas Day
			Church Office Closed
		9:30 AM	Worship Service
Wed.	12/26/2012	6:30 AM	Wed Early Morning Bible Study
		6:00 PM	High School/College Youth Group
		7:30 PM	Volleyball in Gym
Thur.	12/27/2012	10:30 AM	AI-A in rm 13
		2:00 PM	Crochet Class
		6:00 PM	Zumba Fitness
		6:30 PM	Wedding Rehearsal
Fri.	12/28/2012	3:00 PM	Burkhardt/Byington Wedding
Sat.	12/29/2012	9:00 AM	Zumba Fitness
		9:45 AM	AA in Rm A
Sun.	12/30/2012	8:00 AM	Worship Service
		9:00 AM	Andrew Pelley Library Open
		9:30 AM	To 10:30 & 11:45 to 12:15 Chapel Scrip
		9:25 AM	Sunday School & Bible Studies
		10:45 AM	Worship Service
		6:00 PM	AI-A

**CHAPEL'S
EVENTS
FOR
DECEMBER 23
through
DECEMBER 30**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Week Beginning Sunday, December 23	Week Beginning Sunday, December 30
GREETERS: 8:00 Katie & Peggy Clemens 10:45 Kim & Barb Woodworth	GREETERS: 8:00 Margaret Schulz & Edith Duke 10:45 Howard & Jennifer Woodruff
NURSERY: Karrin Nettles	NURSERY: Melanie Biggers
ACOLYTES: 8:00 Sydney Weber 10:45 Kyle Adie	ACOLYTES: 8:00 Jack Diekemper 10:45 Meghan Burge
USHERS: 8:00 Mike Conant, Bob & Joyce Gaugh, Don Sugar, Bob Jones, Kathy Wilson 10:45 Ruby Kramer, Paul & Rosa Ludy, Dan & Rose Mary Tanner, Michael & Teresa Schmidt	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
ELDER ON DUTY: David Riedemann	ELDER ON DUTY: Wyatt Gross
TRUSTEE: Lee Sir	TRUSTEE: Tim Weber
COUNTERS; Paul & Rosa Ludy, Ruby Kramer, Bill Renken, Mathilda Reinhardt	COUNTERS: John Middendorf, Leon Heitgard, Rachelle Lilge, Phyllis Richoz

SERVICE 8:00
COORD: 10:45 Ruby Kramer
ALTAR GUILD Margaret Schulz,
 For December Sandy Schleicher,
 Ellen Krull

COFFEE HOSTESS Bob & Jacquie Vangilder
for December:

BULLETIN Bob Renken, Ruby Kramer,
FOLDERS: Betty Choate, Diane Klos,
 Kathy Mortenson,
 Marlene Singleton,
 Gladys Smart, Bev Cossey