

**What's Happening at  
Chapel of the Cross**  
Sunday, December 15, 2013

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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 Heidelmeyer	636-240-1951
H	Allen Herbst	636-240-4527
Ti-Tu, W	Martin Koeneman	636-916-3507
F, I, N, O, Q	Art Goltz	636-978-3990
C,	Wade McKee	636-928-3699
Shr-Sw	Rich Minasian	636-447-5354
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	Richard Matt	636-970-2196
L, V	Justin Yockey	314-973-6618

Elder Chairman is Chris Becker 636-288-3664

Vice-Chairman is Dan Heidelmeyer 636-240-1951

<b>Chapel's First Fruits of Faith</b>				
<b>Income: Weekend of December 8, 2013</b>	<b>This week</b>	<b>Yr to Date</b>	<b>'12 YTD</b>	
Budgeted Income Required:	\$ 13,796.15	\$ 676,011.35	—	
<b>Actual Budget Funds:</b>	\$ 14,697.95	\$ 689,494.88	\$ 697,315.23	
Electronic Giving (included in line above)	\$ 6,110.00	\$ 158,950.00		
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<b>Abundant Giving:</b>	\$ 212.50	\$ 29,434.50		
CRC India: Began 6/1/13	\$ 16.00	\$ 2,727.00		
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<b>Attendance: Week 49</b>	<b>'13 Actual</b>	<b>'13 Wkly Ave</b>	<b>'12 Actual</b>	<b>'12 Wkly Ave</b>
	485	479	526	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

**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 9:30am**

**Adults** in the Education Wing

**“Jesus: Legend or Lord”** in Room A.

**“The Walking Dead—The Letter of James”** with Pastor James Uglum in Rm B.

**“Christian Basics Class”** with Pastor Mark Hoehner in Conference Room

**“Genesis-Rooted in Relationship”** with Anita Clausing in Room D. If you have toddlers not old enough for Sunday School, we have a nursery attendant in the same room.

**High School Youth Bible** for youth and friends entering 9th grade is downstairs in Daniel’s Den. Led by Andrew Nelson.

**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. You are welcome to join us at any time. Any questions? Call Linda Little at 636-272-2701.
- Wed:** **Early Morning Bible Study** with Bob VanGilder at 6:30am at Bob Evans on Zumbel Road. Our new topic is “The Book of Hebrews”. For more information, call Bob VanGilder 314-650-2053.
- Wed:** **Chapel High School Youth Group Bible Study** meet downstairs from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm for Open Gym, Games, Bible Study & Prayer.
- Sat:** **Men’s Bible Study.** We meet the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month from 7:30-9:00am on the lower level. A light breakfast is served at 7:30am. Our study begins at 8:00am. Questions? Call Butch Schleicher 636-946-3681.

**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.

DEC	16:	REVELATION	6-8:5	DEC	19:	REVELATION	11
DEC	17:	REVELATION	8:6-9:21	DEC	20:	REVELATION	12
DEC	18:	REVELATION	10	DEC	21:	REVELATION	13

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

**Today in Sunday School**, all children 8th grade and under will meet in the sanctuary for the final dress rehearsal for the Christmas Program this evening at 6:30 PM.

**CHAPEL YOUTH HAPPENINGS:**

**Sr. High Bible Class** continues their Bible Study: "Called It!" During Advent we'll study the Old Testament prophets who correctly "called" the events surrounding Christ's birth, and discuss why it matters to us that those things came true. This week: What do the events surrounding Jesus' birth teach us about God's ways?

**SR HIGH NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY & LOCK-IN**

The party will begin at 9:00 PM on **Tuesday, December 31**. "Dress to Impress" for our New Year's Eve Party to be entered into a **prize drawing**, then bring other more comfortable clothes to wear for the rest of the night. All high school youth and friends are invited to spend the night dancing, eating, playing games, watching movies, and spending time in God's Word as we ring in the new year together. The event will conclude at 7:00 AM. Please bring \$5 and a snack/soda to share.

**SAVE THE DATE : CHAPEL TRIVIA NIGHT**

Our Annual Trivia Night will be held on **Saturday, February 15, 2014** at 7:00 pm. Get a table of 8 ready, or sign up as individuals. Early-bird registration begins on January 5 in the Coffee Shoppe. Proceeds from this event benefit Chapel Youth's Summer Mission Trip.

### **JR HIGH YOUTH CHRISTMAS BREAK EVENT**

Our Jr. High Youth are signed up to volunteer at the St. Louis Food Bank on **Thursday, January 2**. Youth will meet at church at 12:30 and return at 4:30PM. Please eat lunch before you arrive. Adult drivers are needed. Service hours will be awarded for youth who participate-bonus hours if a parent attends.

### **SHOP PAMPERED CHEF—HELP CHAPEL YOUTH!**

It is back! Chapel Youth's Pampered Chef Fundraiser, which runs through the months of December and January, will benefit this summer's Sr. Youth Mission Trip to Minnesota. As many of you continue your Christmas shopping, please take a minute and consider ordering a present or two (maybe even one for yourself) from our fundraiser. A percentage of the proceeds from these sales will help pay for this summer's Mission Trip to Minnesota. Below is the direct link to the online page. Youth group members also have paper order forms and catalogs for you to look through. If you'd like, share this link with any co-workers, family members, friends, or neighbors who might be interested!  
<http://www.pamperedchef.com/pws/barbcooks4u/guest-landing/8849407229083>

If you want to search for the show, search: First Name: "Chapel" and Last Name: "Youth". Contact Andrew Nelson (Andrew.nelson@chapelofthecrosslutheran.org) or Barb Woodworth (barbcooks4u@yahoo.com) with any questions or concerns. Thank You!

### **OTHER CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TONIGHT!!!**

The Christmas season is here. This is an important time to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Nancy Seifert has again volunteered to lead the Children's Christmas Program for her 20th year. This year's Christmas Program is called, *The Big, Big Story*. 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 **Sunday, December 15** at 6:30 pm. 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 FOR  
THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:**

**Sunday, Dec. 15 9:25-10:30AM Full Dress Rehearsal**  
**Sunday, Dec. 15 6:15 PM Children arrive; 6:30 PM Program begins**  
Sunday, Dec. 23 Regular Sunday School  
Sunday, Dec. 30 Sunday School Movie (no teacher lesson)

**NEW SERVICE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS COMING IN JANUARY**

On **Sunday, January 19th**, Chapel will begin a new worship service geared for families with special needs children. This service will begin at 11:00 AM in Room A of the new education wing. It will have all components of a regular worship service, but it will be a shorter and more interactive service that meets the learning needs of children with special needs. A group of parents have gathered to plan this service with the pastors. They have decided to call this service the E-Service. "E" is short for the word Ephphatha, a word which means "be opened". Jesus spoke this word when he "opened" the ears and loosened the tongue of a deaf and mute man in the Gospel of Mark (7:34). If you have any questions about this service please call Pastor Hoehner. If you know of anyone who may benefit from such a service, please invite them to come.

**ANNUAL MITTEN & GIVING TREES**

Dear Chapel family, we want to share with you that as of Sunday, November 24th, you will have the following opportunities to share the love of Christ for the 2013 Christmas Season. All gifts need to be received at church by **TODAY, Sunday, December 15th** in order to be able to distribute the gifts in time for Christmas.

**MITTEN TREE:** Help inner city adults and children and Seminary families by decorating our tree, which is 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 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 one of the Pastors.

**THANK YOU!**

### **CHAPEL CIRCLE MEETING NEWS**

**Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17 at Noon.** All ladies are invited to join us for our Chapel Circle meeting on for a brown bag lunch, dessert and fellowship. Our hostesses Judy Wiegand and Jo Scheer will provide our refreshments and desserts. Pat Middendorf will provide our devotion and then after a short meeting, we will have a skit and then play "Rob Your Neighbor." So bring a \$5 gift and join in the fun of playing the game. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have questions, please call our President, Linda Little at 636-272-2701.

### **ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS !**

Here is the Hosting Schedule:

**December 18** - Ushers

Hosts provide set up and clean up. The dinner is a pot luck of soups and desserts that everyone brings.

### **FEED MY SHEEP**

Next **Sunday and Monday, December 22 and 23**, we will be collecting canned food items for OASIS Food Pantry. Your gifts can be placed in the baskets in the Narthex.

### **CROCHET CLASS**

The Crochet Class will **not** meet **Monday, December 23rd or Monday, December 30th.**

### **CHAPEL CIRCLE IN JANUARY**

**On Tuesday, January 21, at noon we will host our first meeting in the new year.** All ladies are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a brown bag lunch, dessert and fellowship. Our hostesses Carolyn Sestak and Jodi Schneider will provide our refreshments and desserts. Prior to our meeting we will be honored to have a presentation on "Charitable Giving" by Thrivent Committee Engagement Coordinator, Charlie M. Kreienkamp. Janet Minasian will provide the devotion for our meeting that will follow the presentation. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Little at 636-272-2701.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS CHAPEL OF THE CROSS!**

This year we are encouraging all of our members to post your Christmas greetings to each other (in cards and family pictures) on the green bulletin board in the coffee shop. We are a large congregation and this will be a great way for all of us who attend one of our four services to stay in touch!

**THANK YOU TO CHAPEL'S BULLETIN FOLDERS**

Thank you for coming out in all kinds of weather to put together our Eorship Bulletins and to prepare our Chapel Light Newsletter for mailing! You save the church staff hours of work every week. We are so thankful for your gift of service to Chapel of the Cross.

**THANK YOU O.A.S.I.S. VOLUNTEERS!**

Thank you to all of you who volunteer at the food pantry! You are such a blessing to the clients who come in for assistance. You are also so reliable that I never have to call to remind you that it is our turn at the food pantry. Thank you for helping to serve the needy in St. Charles County!

God Bless You,

Ruby Kramer

**MORE ATTENDANCE NEWS**

Eleven more students have attended Sunday School for the Tenth time. The Board of Youth and Education sends CONGRATULATIONS to John Bain, Kaya Bain, Emil Clausing, Ernie Clausing, Christopher Durrell, Madelynn Eaker, Analiesa Hollowood , JJ Hollowood, Lauren Kemper, Ryan Kemper, and Alyssa Linneman. We send thanks to their parents for bringing them to Sunday School!

**CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES SERVICE PROJECT**

The 7th and 8th grade Sunday School class is collecting children's books for military families which will be distributed through Operation Paperback. We will be collecting books **from October 27 through February 9**. Operation Paperback accepts gently used and/or new books. There is a box in the Coffee Shop for your donation. Thank you for supporting or project.



## **THANK YOU**

A Big Thank You to everyone who contributed boxes and time to Operation Christmas Child this year. 204 filled boxes were donated. That is 54 more than in 2012.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

Check out these Christmas books from the church library:

### **For the young and youth:**

**DVDs:** "A Fruitcake Christmas" by Max Lucado; "Punchinello & The Most Marvelous Gift" by Max Lucado;

"Veggie Tales St. Nicholas, A Story of Joyful Giving": and more.

**BOOKS:** "The Little Drummer Boy";

"Baby Jesus, Prince of Peace".

**FAMILY DEVOTIONALS:** "Celebrate Jesus at Christmas";

"Away In A Manger";

"Make a Christmas Memory".

**For Adults:** "Mary, Mother of Jesus" by Joan Krogstad Ireland;

"The Very First Christmas" by Paul Maier;

"The Christmas Wish" by Richard Siddoway;

"The Story" by Max Lucado & Randy Frazer.

## **HELP NEEDED**

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with streaming our services on the web and with sound tech responsibilities. You do not have to have experience in this area, just be willing to learn. We will train you! If you are interested, please contact Brad Biggers (636-498-5722) or Jerry Mortenson (636-441-3108) or find them in the choir loft.

## **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.

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **CAREGIVERS' RETREAT**

Are you a caregiver for a parent or child? Is providing care for others your profession? Could you use a day away to care for yourself? Come to Camp Wartburg on **Friday, January 10 and Saturday, January 11, 2014** to hear from Marty Lintvedt and her team for the 1st Annual Caregivers' Retreat. Registration forms and itinerary are posted on the bulletin board in the coffee shoppe.

### **SCRAPBOOKING RETREAT**

Also at Camp Wartburg on **Friday, January 10 and Saturday, January 11, 2014**, there will be a Scrapbooking Retreat. More information is posted on the bulletin board in the coffee shoppe.

### **MAKING ABORTION UNTHINKABLE**

The Concordia Seminary Life Team will offer a workshop titled "Making Abortion Unthinkable" on **Saturday, January 25, 2014**, to be held in Sieck Hall 202 on the Seminary campus. Registration begins at 8:30 am, the program begins at 9:00 am and will conclude at 2:30 pm. The learning will include video-based presentations as well as discussion segments, Dr. Jeffrey Gibbs, professor of New Testament at Concordia Seminary, will serve as the moderator for the workshop. Each participant will also receive a helpful manual of materials. The workshop will strengthen and clarify understanding for those who attend, as well as equip them to speak more effectively and winsomely on behalf of the unborn. Pre-registration with payment by January 17 is required. The \$20 per person fee includes lunch and the manual; there is no charge for Seminary students and their spouses. For more information or to pre-register, please visit [www.csl.edu](http://www.csl.edu), email [ce@csl.edu](mailto:ce@csl.edu) or call 314-505-7286.

Sun.	12/15/2013	8:00 AM	Communion Worship Service
		9:00 AM	Andrew Pelley Library Open
		9:30 AM	Sunday School
		9:30 AM	To 10:30 & 11:45 to 12:15 Chapel Scrip
		10:45 AM	Communion Worship Service
		2:00 PM	God & Church Class in Rm A
		6:00 PM	AI-A in Rm 13
		6:30 PM	Sunday School Christmas Program
Mon.	12/16/2013	9:30 Am	Mom & Me in the Gym
		12:00 PM	Young at Heart Bowling
		1:00 PM	Crochet Class in Conf Rm
		5:30 PM	Select Team Volleyball in Gym
		7:00 PM	Financial Control Board Mtg in Conf Rm
		7:00 PM	Communion Worship Service
Tues.	12/17/2013	12:00 PM	Chapel Circle Mtg in Gym & Rm D
		6:30 PM	Zumba Fitness in Gym
		6:30 PM	Griefshare Group
		7:00 PM	Chapel Bells in Choir Loft
Wed.	12/18/2013	6:30 AM	Wed Early Morning Bible Study at Bob Evans
		11:00 AM	Advent Service
		6:00 PM	Wed Night Fellowship High School/College Youth
		6:00 PM	Soup Supper
		7:00 PM	Advent Service
		7:00 PM	Trustees Mtg in Conf Rm
		7:30 PM	Select Team Volleyball in Gym
Thur.	12/19/2013	10:30 AM	AI-A in Rm 13
		11:30 AM	Keenagers in Gym
		12:00 PM	Home School Class in Rm 13
		6:00 PM	Zumba Fitness in Gym
		7:00 PM	Adult Choir in Choir Loft
Fri.	12/20/2013	4:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal in Sanctuary
Sat.	12/21/2013		Harnagel/Fogerty Wedding 3 pm
		7:30 AM	Men's Ministry Bible Study in Rm 13
		9:00 AM	Zumba Fitness in Gym
		9:45 AM	AA in Rm A
Sun.	12/22/2013	8:00 AM	Communion Worship Service
		9:00 AM	Andrew Pelley Library Open
		9:25 AM	Sunday School Program Rehearsal
		9:25 AM	Sunday School & Bible Studies
		9:30 AM	To 10:30 & 11:45 to 12:15 Chapel Scrip
		10:45 AM	Worship Service
		4:00 PM	Private Event in Gym & Kitchen
		6:00 PM	AI-A in Rm 13

**CHAPEL'S  
EVENTS  
FOR  
DECEMBER  
15  
through  
DECEMBER  
22**

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Week Beginning Sunday, December 15	Week Beginning Sunday, December 22
<p><b>GREETERS:</b> 8:00 Butch Schleicher Chris Brooks</p> <p>10:45 Marty &amp; Kim Macke</p> <p><b>ACOLYTES:</b> 8:00 Nathaniel Brinkmeier Grace Goris</p> <p>10:45 Jimmy Stocker Serenna Stocker</p> <p><b>NURSERY:</b> Karrin Nettles</p> <p><b>USHERS:</b> 8:00 Steve Junkel Rodney Bloese Bill Clark John Harnagel David Lah Butch Schleicher Robert Vangilder</p> <p>10:45 Bill Miller Bob Cason Dan Kroehnke Dave Larussa Dale Ledford Dan Heidelberg Henry Klein Paul Goris</p> <p>7:00 Mike &amp; Ruth Conant</p> <p><b>ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION:</b></p> <p>8:00 Art Goltz Bob Vangilder Duane Theilen Andrew Nelson</p> <p>10:45 Dan Heidelberg David Reidemann Wade McKee Dave Lafore</p> <p>7:00 Martin Koeneman David Riedemann</p> <p><b>ELDER ON DUTY:</b> Doug Seifert</p> <p><b>TRUSTEE:</b> Karl Sestak</p> <p><b>COUNTERS:</b> Bob &amp; Jacquie Vangilder, Stephanie Vangilder, Mary Ann Ronan, Jack Muckey</p>	<p><b>GREETERS:</b> 8:00 Margaret Schulz Edith Duke</p> <p>10:45 Ruby Kramer Judy Herbst</p> <p><b>ACOLYTES:</b> 8:00 Cara Lawrence Jaiden Umbertino Melanie Biggers</p> <p><b>NURSERY:</b></p> <p><b>USHERS:</b> 8:00 Robert Klos Diane Klos Chris Brooks Kyle Goltz Jack Muckey</p> <p>10:45 Brandon Kemper Ryan Kemper Dianna Carroll Emily Carroll Rosalyn Cunningham Jim Harris</p> <p>7:00 no service</p> <p><b>ELDER ON DUTY:</b> Doug Seifert</p> <p><b>TRUSTEE:</b> Dennis Hass</p> <p><b>COUNTERS:</b> Paul &amp; Rosa Ludy Ruby Kramer Bob Renken Mathilda Reinhardt</p>

**Service Coordinator :** Ruby Kramer

**ALTAR GUILD**

For December: Janet Minasian  
Kathy Wilson  
Sue Hoehner

**COFFEE HOSTS**

For December: Open

**BULLETIN** Bob Renken, Ruby Kramer,  
**FOLDERS:** Betty Choate, Jim Burrows,  
Joyce Gaugh, Dotty Willis,  
Bev Cossey