

**What's Happening at
Chapel of the Cross**
Sunday, December 22, 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

Chapel's First Fruits of Faith				
Income: Weekend of December 15, 2013	This week	Yr to Date	'12 YTD	
Budgeted Income Required:	\$ 13,796.15	\$ 689,807.50	—	
Actual Budget Funds:	\$ 17,813.86	\$ 707,308.74	\$ 715,366.49	
Electronic Giving (included in line above)	\$ 2,785.00	\$ 161,735.00		
Abundant Giving:	\$ 112.50	\$ 29,547.00		
CRC India: Began 6/1/13	\$ 0	\$ 2,727.00		
Attendance: Week 50	'13 Actual	'13 Wkly Ave	'12 Actual	'12 Wkly Ave
	493	479	526	507

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.

Coming in January 2014

“**Jesus: Legend Lord**” continues, led by Rev. Robert Hoehner in Rm A

“**Bumper Sticker Theology**” led by Rev. Uglum in Rm B

“**Christian Basics**” led by Rev. Mark Hoehner in Conf Rm

“**Couples Bible Study**”

led by Rev. Jon & Anita Clausing and Rev. Mark & Lisa Borchert in Rm D

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 Zumbahl 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	23:	REVELATION	14	DEC	26:	REVELATION	17-18:8
DEC	24:	REVELATION	15	DEC	27:	REVELATION	18:9-24
DEC	25:	REVELATION	16	DEC	28:	REVELATION	19

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Today in Sunday School, our regular classes resume. Students will learn about the Birth of Jesus as we anticipate the celebration of Christmas.

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 was the purpose of Jesus' birth? It may sound hard to believe, but he was born for one reason, so that he would die.

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

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.

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.**

YOUNG AT HEART

We will NOT be having a meeting in December. Our next regular meeting will be **Thursday, January 16th** at noon.

For further info, please call Paul Ludy at 636-278-3881.

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.

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULES

All Altar Guild Members, please pick up your 2014 Schedule in Margaret Schulz' Mail Folder in the tubs in the hallway by the office. Thank You!

NINE MORE TENS

The Board of Youth and Education announces that nine more students have attended Sunday School TEN times. CONGRATULATIONS to Emily Albers, Kennedy Albers, Eleanor Clausing, Eric Clausing, Ethan Clausing, Pete Duffy, Kayla Kroehnke, Cara Lawrence, and Cooper Schmidt. Thank you to their parents for bringing them to Sunday School.

THANK YOU !

The Advent by Candlelight Committee would like to extend our sincerest thanks to the following people: to the **Black Tie Hosts**, who made the evening so special with their attentive service and willingness to help “pack-up” the event, to **Peggy Clemens, Pia Brooks and all of the Trustees**, who made sure that the building was ready for us on the inside and out, to **Jerry Mortenson and Brad Biggers**, for covering the audio aspects of the program, to **Emilie Lail, Andrew Nelson, Stephanie Vangilder and Shelli Junkel**, who all shared their gift of music with us, to **Phyllis Carter and the Bell Choir**, who spent time preparing for the evening, you all are truly “royal” in our eyes even without the crowns, to **Neal Senter**, who read from the Gospel of Luke, to **Dennis Knouse, Tim Meyer, Bill Hankins and Bob Vangilder**, for being patient “stage hands”, and to **Bev Piehl**, for allowing us to interrupt her busy schedule with all of our small details and tasks. And thank you to **all of the ladies who hosted a table**. We cannot do this program without you!

Thank you to all who participated in the mission offering for Our Lady’s Inn at this year’s Advent by Candlelight. We collected \$1,200 which will be used to purchase bedding and bath towels for the residents of this maternity home. Your generosity will truly be well received by those who call Our Lady’s Inn home.

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

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!

“THE BIG, BIG STORY” - A HUGE SUCCESS !

“The Big, Big Story” was presented by the Sunday School students on December 15, 2013. The story told us about the birth of a baby born in a barn in Bethlehem. This baby, however, was no ordinary baby. This baby is the savior that God promised to send us. The birth of this child brings light and hope to the whole world.

Thank you to the **Sunday School students** for once again telling us the Christmas Story and for doing it so well. Thank you to **their parents** who helped them learn their lines and brought them to Sunday School and the rehearsal, to the dedicated **Sunday School teachers**, our talented **musicians, wardrobe mistress, music leaders, set designer, people who helped with props, sound and light technicians, and to Superintendent Dave Riedemann.**

We want to send a special thank you to our **program director Nancy Seifert** who celebrated her 20th year as the Children’s Christmas Program Director. Thank you and Congratulations!!

Thank you to **everyone who attended the performance.** Thank you to **everyone** who brought cookies and punch for the reception. Thank you to **everyone** who helped in the kitchen and at the cookie/cake table. Thanks to **everyone** who stayed after the reception to help us put away the tables and chairs.

THANK YOU for a wonderful evening.
Sandy Goecke, Board of Youth and Education

THANK YOU

Dear Board of Youth and Education and Sunday School Teachers and Staff,
Thank you for the gift cards to Maggiano’s! Liz and I look forward to celebrating our anniversary there next month thanks to your generosity and thoughtfulness. Additionally, I want to thank you for your dedication and devotion to Chapel’s youth and helping spread the Good News of Jesus’ birth through our Sunday School Christmas Program. Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas celebration.

Dave Riedemann

THANK YOU !

I want to thank our Sunday School teachers for the lovely Christmas bouquet. It is just beautiful. You are truly dedicated to our children and it is my privilege and honor to work with each of you every year. May God bless you at Christmas and always,
Sandy Goecke

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 our project.

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)

THANK YOU

This Christmas season, Lutheran High would like to thank the members of our Association Churches and Schools for your prayers and support over the past year. Your partnership allows us to bring this “good news that causes great joy” to families of St. Charles County, and prepare God’s children for lives of Christian service. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the faculty, staff and students at Lutheran High!

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.

DIABETES MANAGEMENT

The next meeting of the Diabetes Management group will be **Wednesday, January 15th** from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Spencer Road Branch Library, 427 Spencer Road, St. Peters, MO. The class is free, but please register by calling Kim Hoff at 636-272-2933.

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, email ce@csl.edu or call 314-505-7286.

Sun.	12/22/2013	8:00 AM	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	Worship Service
		4:00 PM	Private Event in the Kitchen & Gym
		6:00 PM	AI-A in Rm 13
Mon.	12/23/2013	6:30 PM	Sunday School Christmas Program
		12:00 PM	Young at Heart Bowling
		5:30 PM	Select Team Volleyball in Gym
Tues.	12/24/2013	7:00 PM	Worship Service
			Christmas Eve Church Office Closed
		3:00 PM	Family Worship Service with Communion
		7:00 PM	Candlelight Worship Service
		11:00 PM	Candlelight Communion Service
Wed.	12/25/2013		Christmas Day Church Office Closed
		9:30 AM	Worship Service
Thur.	12/26/2013	10:30 AM	AI-A in Rm 13
		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.	12/27/2013		
Sat.	12/28/2013	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
		10:00 AM	OASIS Volunteer
		1:00 PM	TOPS Group Mtg in Rm B
Sun.	12/29/2013	8:00 AM	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
		6:00 PM	AI-A in Rm 13

**CHAPEL'S
EVENTS
FOR
DECEMBER
22
through
DECEMBER
29**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Week Beginning Sunday, December 22	Week Beginning Sunday, December 29
<p>GREETERS: 8:00 Margaret Schulz Edith Duke 10:45 Ruby Kramer Judy Herbst</p> <p>ACOLYTES: 8:00 Cara Lawrence Jaiden Umbertino</p> <p>NURSERY: Melanie Biggers</p> <p>USHERS: 8:00 Robert Klos Diane Klos Chris Brooks Kyle Goltz 10:45 Jack Muckey Brandon Kemper Ryan Kemper Dianna Carroll Emily Carroll Roselyn Cunningham Jim Harris</p> <p>7:00</p> <p>ELDER ON DUTY: Doug Seifert</p> <p>TRUSTEE: Dennis Hass</p> <p>COUNTERS: Paul & Rosa Ludy Ruby Kramer Bob Renken Mathilda Reinhardt</p>	<p>GREETERS: 8:00 Gary & Margie Urban 10:45 Bill & Doris Braudis</p> <p>ACOLYTES: 8:00 Patience Kennedy 10:45 Emily Hibbeler</p> <p>NURSERY: Karrin Nettles</p> <p>USHERS: 8:00 Mike Conant* Bob Gaugh Joyce Gaugh Bob Jones Don Sugar Kathy Wilson 10:45 Ruby Kramer* Paul Ludy Rosa Ludy Anoushka Schmidt Phyllis Zueschel Vivian Kaesser 7:00 Mike & Jay Conant</p> <p>ELDER ON DUTY: Chris Becker</p> <p>TRUSTEE: Rod Landers</p> <p>COUNTERS: John Middendorf Leon Heitgard Rachelle Lilge Phyllis Richoz Virgil Schlough</p>

<p>Tuesday, December 24</p> <p>GREETERS: 3pm Joanne Goers & Bev Cossey 7pm Don & Charlotte Sugar 11pm Chuck & Judy Weigand</p> <p>ACOLYTES: 3pm Olivia Brooks & Lauren Kemper 7pm Madelynn Eaker & Alex Lubbering 11pm Seth McKee & Jordan Brake</p> <p>USHER TEAMS: 3pm Richard Matt's Team 7 pm Robert Klos' Team 11 pm Mike Conant's Team</p> <p>COMMUNION ELDERS: 3pm Dan Heidelmeyer, Chris Becker, Wyatt Gross, Rich Minasian 7pm no Communion 11pm Michael Moellering, Justin Yockey, Doug Broste</p> <p>ELDER ON DUTY: Justin Yockey</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 25 9:30 am</p> <p>GREETERS: Robert & Sue Hoehner</p> <p>USHER TEAM: Bill Hankins' Team</p> <p>Tuesday, December 31 3:30 pm</p> <p>GREETERS: Gus & Pearl Vogelsang</p> <p>USHER TEAM: Ruby Kramer's Team</p> <p>Service Coordinator : Ruby Kramer</p> <p>ALTAR GUILD For December: Janet Minasian Kathy Wilson Sue Hoehner</p> <p>COFFEE HOSTS For December: Open</p> <p>BULLETIN Bob Renken, Ruby Kramer, FOLDERS: Betty Choate, Jim Burrows, Joyce Gaugh, Dotty Willis, Bev Cossey</p>