

**What's Happening at
Chapel of the Cross**
Sunday, November 30, 2014

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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	Chris Becker	636-288-3664(C)
A, R	Wyatt Gross	636-459-5496
S-She	Dan Heidelberg	636-240-1951
H	Roger Kutschkau	636-926-0986
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	Bill Miller	636-272-7578
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 Dan Heidelberg 314-623-0745(C)

Vice-Chairman is Duane Theilen

Chapel's First Fruits of Faith

Income: Weekend of November 23, 2014	This week	Yr to Date	'13 YTD
Budgeted Income Required:	\$ 13,848.70	\$ 650,888.90	—
Actual Budget Funds:	\$ 13,268.48	\$ 654,098.58	\$ 655,458.74
Electronic Giving (included in line above)	\$ 3,155.00	\$ 162,771.50	
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Abundant Giving:	\$ 557.50	\$ 22,236.50	
CRC India: Began 6/1/13	12.00	5,589.05	
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Attendance: Week 47	'14 Actual	'14 Wkly Ave	'13 Actual
	505	485	'13 Wkly Ave
			602
			477

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:

“The Book of Acts” led by Rev. Mark Hoehner in Rm A.

“I Am Not Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare”
led by Rev. James Uglum in Rm B

Women’s Bible Study led by Anita Clausing in the lower level Education Wing

Chapel Youth in the Sunday School Classrooms

“The Story: Part II” for Chapel high school youth led by DCE Andrew Nelson in Daniel’s Den.

“The Book of Romans” for 8th grade youth led by Liz Riedemann and Clarice Sage in Rm 6.

“Confirmation Class” for 6th-7th grade youth led by Pastor Jim Prince in Rm 3.

Sunday School (Age 3-5th Grade) begins with opening in the Sanctuary at 9:25 AM.

Our Weekday Bible Studies

- Tue:** **Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study will return in Sept and will meet** 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 “Proverbs”. For more information, call Bob VanGilder 314-650-2053.
- Wed:** **Evening Adult Bible Study** meets in Rm A at 6:30 PM: “Creation, New Creation” with Pastor Bob Hoehner.
- 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	1:	PSALM	119	DEC	4:	PSALM	135-137
DEC	2:	PSALM	120-125	DEC	5:	PSALM	138-143
DEC	3:	PSALM	126-134	DEC	6:	PSALM	144-150

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday School students study the story "An Angel Visits Mary." In the womb of Mary, Jesus, the Son of God, became a man so that we sinful people might become adopted children of God and share in the inheritance of heaven. Questions for family discussion include, "How does God make us His children? What do we inherit as God's children?"

FAMILY MINISTRY HOSTS BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS EVENT-SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

All Chapel families are invited to attend our annual Birthday Party for Jesus event featuring food, fun, and prizes! Beginning at 11:00 AM (following rehearsal for the Christmas Program) we will gather in the gym for a hotdog lunch, fun and game stations, a LIVE, interactive Christmas story, and birthday cake. While this event is specifically designed with our Sunday School age families in mind, all are welcome. Best of all, the event is FREE! We look forward to celebrating with you.

CHAPEL YOUTH HAPPENINGS

NO HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS

Due to out midweek worship services, there will be no Chapel Youth Midweek until after the holiday season. All youth and families are encouraged to attend our soup suppers and worship services on Wednesday nights.

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP—SUMMER 2015

We are still accepting registration forms for our summer mission trip to Camp Concordia in Gowen, Michigan this summer, July 5-11. Please return the registration form and your \$75 deposit to DCE Andrew Nelson by **Sunday, December 7**.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS/YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Middle school youth are encouraged to assist with our annual Birthday Party for Jesus event on **Saturday, December 13** from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. High School Youth will have their annual Christmas Party at 2:00 PM that afternoon. Among other things, we will have a \$1 Store gift exchange and a prize drawing for all youth wearing a Christmas sweater (the tackier the better).

“RE-MIX” HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH WINTER RETREAT-Jan 2 & 3

Join us for this overnight retreat with the youth group from Bethany Lutheran (Cedar Rapids, IA). There will be food, games, off-campus events, and time in worship and Bible study. The cost is \$20 for the weekend (covers all food, activities, etc.).

The event will begin **Friday night, January 2 at 5:00 PM, ending around lunchtime on Saturday, January 3**. There will be an optional additional event Saturday afternoon. Registration opens this week!

CHAPEL’S YOUTH GROUP PAMPERED CHEF FUNDRAISER

Shop from your seat not your feet this Christmas, and support Chapel's Youth Group. Chapel's Youth Group is raising funds for their Mission trip to Camp Concordia in Michigan. Deadline for Pampered Chef orders is **Monday, December 8**. All orders will be back in time for Christmas. Need a gift shipped? We can Direct Ship your gift anywhere in the US. Ask Andrew Nelson for a catalog or go to pamperedchef.biz/barbcooks4u to see the full online catalog and place your order. Show name is "Chapel Youth". For questions, call Barb Woodworth at 636-577-1233, barbcooks4u@yahoo.com.

OTHER CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL MITTEN & GIVING TREES

Dear Chapel Family, we want to share with you that from **Sunday, November 23 through Sunday, December 14**, you will have the following opportunities to share the love of Christ for the 2013 Christmas Season:

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 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!!

YOUNG AT HEART

Tuesday, December 2: Brass Concert, leave church at 9:00AM

Sunday, December 14: St. Charles Community Concert at First Baptist Church of St. Charles on Muegge Road, 8:00PM; cost \$10.

Thursday, December 18: "Young at Heart" potluck lunch at noon.

If you have any questions, please call Paul Ludy at 636-278-3881.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT TICKETS AVAILABLE

Tickets are still available for our Advent by Candlelight evening on **Friday, December 5th**.

Tickets are free and are available in the coffee shop after services on Sunday. If you are interested in obtaining a ticket(s), please contact Kim Knouse at 636-940-8086. Dr. Paul Maier will be the guest speaker and will be sharing his insights on the First Christmas Night. Feel free to invite a friend to join you!

2 WEEKS LEFT TO GET PAUL MAIER TICKETS!

Date: **Saturday, December 6**

Time: 6:00 to 8:30 PM

Tickets are available on Sundays in the Coffee Shoppe or on-line.

Ticket Cost: \$5 individual and \$10 family

All proceeds to benefit Lutheran Family and Children Services-St. Charles Regional Office and Zion Lutheran Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund.

Babysitting will be available.

PAUL MAIER BOOK DISCUSSIONS COMING IN DECEMBER

Shelli Junkel and Kim Knouse will be leading book discussions on two of Dr. Maier's fiction books this December. On **Sunday, December 14th**, "**More Than A Skeleton**" will be discussed and on the next **Sunday, December 21st**, "**The Constantine Codex**" will be covered. Mark your calendars, start reading and plan to join in the lively conversation as we meet in Room B between services. Both books can be found in the church library.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 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 for her 20th year. This year's Christmas program is called *Signs of Christmas*. 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 14 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:

Sundays	Nov. 2-30	Practice songs during Sunday School opening
Sunday	Nov. 30	Thanksgiving Weekend
Sundays	Dec. 7-13	Practice songs during Sunday School opening
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Dec. 6</u>	<u>9:00-11:00 am Full Program Practice</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Dec. 13</u>	<u>9:00-11:00 am Full Program Practice</u>
Sunday	Dec. 14	9:25-10:45 am Full Dress Rehearsal
Sunday	Dec. 14	6:15 pm Children arrive; 6:30 pm Show Time
Sunday	Dec. 21	Regular Sunday School

We encourage all children to participate. Children must attend practices to have an individual part. Individual parts will be assigned in Sunday School. Please see your child's Sunday School teacher for more details.

SERVICE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

Sunday, December 14, Chapel will have the next 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. If you have any questions about this service please call Pastor Mark Hoehner. If you know of anyone who may benefit from such a service, please invite them to come.

YOUTH MUSICIANS

Are you interested in playing pre-service music for the Sunday School Christmas Program on **Sunday, December 14th**? If so, please contact Nancy Seifert (seifert53@aol.com, 636-272-2782). Let her know what instrument and song you would like to play. If you have more than one song that you could play, please list them in order of your favorite first.

ANOTHER FIFTEEN

The following students have been in Sunday School TEN times this year: Quentin Brandt, Xavier Brandt, Anna Carroll, Pete Duffy, Christopher Durrell, Peter Hibbeler, JJ Hollowood, Reagan Marshall, Ezmae Pitzer, Hazel Pitzer, Camden Rodriguez, Brenden Schwarzen, Jonah Uglum, Mackenzie Uglum, and Brynna Walgate. The Youth and Family Life Council sends CONGRATULATIONS and thanks their parents for bringing them to Sunday School.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Continuing **Tuesday evenings through December 16**, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM there will be a meeting in Room B for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mark Hoehner.

SUCCESSFUL SWAP NIGHT

To those of you who attended the recent "GIRL'S NIGHT OUT", Jewelry Swap Night, we want to say "THANK YOU". You confirmed our idea that women at Chapel need events like this one. You were all a joy to be with, and the laughter in the room was contagious. Thanks for bravely walking in and sharing your evening with us. For those who didn't attend, "you missed a fun one", but don't worry, there will be another GIRL'S NIGHT OUT!!
From Women Rooted in Christ (WRC)

THANK YOU TO THRIVENT

With Thrivent's Community Impact Card we were able to fill and ship 12 additional Operation Christmas Child boxes. There are funds available from Thrivent for other community service projects. Please see Carol Puntigan for more information.

THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Operation Christmas Child project this year. We filled 205 boxes this year! This was an awesome response to such a worthy and caring project for children in need around the world.

VENDING MACHINE TO BENEFIT BENEVOLENT FUND

Chapel now has a drink vending machine downstairs in the lower level lobby. The cost is \$0.75 per item. What a great way to quench your thirst and help those in need.

GROCERY, GAS, RESTAURANT & RETAIL GIFT CARDS FOR SALE

You are going to buy groceries anyway, so why not support our Benevolent Fund (to help those in need)? Buy gift cards from Chapel Scrip and a portion of the proceeds will come back to Chapel. See the sign behind the Scrip counter for a list of what we can get for you. We do offer some cards available for immediate sale or you can order cards and they will typically be in the following Sunday. Thank you for your support of the Scrip Gift Card Program. Our hours are: **Sundays from 9:00 to 10:30 am and the 2nd Monday of the Month from 7:30 to 8:10 pm.**

REMEMBER ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT WEEK'S WHAT'S HAPPENING ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE OR AT office@chapelofthecrosslutheran.org BY NOON ON THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE. THANK YOU!

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Lutherans for Life, in partnership with the schools and churches of St. Charles County, raised funds to set up the *Adoption Initiative*. This fund was set up primarily to assist families in or near St. Charles County who are working through the adoption process. If you or a family you know of is currently adopting or looking at adoption as a possibility, and would like some financial assistance, please contact Delores Desemone at 636-447-3133.

DIABETES MANAGEMENT

Would you like to become a highly motivated diabetic and lead a long and healthy life? Be sure to attend the next Diabetes Management meeting at the Spencer Road Branch Library, 427 Spencer Road in St. Peters, on **Wednesday, December 3**, from 6 to 8 PM. The class is free, but please register by calling Kim Hoff at 636-272-2933.

LUTHERAN SENIOR SERVICES NEWS

Work in Health Care? Want to Make a Difference?

If you became a nurse to help people and develop relationships with those you serve, it might be time to consider a career in long-term care. Lutheran Senior Services is now hiring RNs, LPNs, CNAs, and CMTs to serve older adults in our senior living communities. To learn more, visit LSSLiving.org/Employment today.

Good Neighbor Program Seeking Handymen

Lutheran Senior Services Good Neighbor is looking for affordable, self-employed handymen to provide general home repairs to older adults living in St. Louis city, St. Louis county, St. Charles county, and Jefferson county. Handyman services are provided at competitive and reasonable prices paid for directly by the client. The Good Neighbor program is a referral service that links affordable, independent contractors to older adults who need assistance with general home repairs, plumbing, electrical, or carpentry work, painting, gutter cleaning, and yard care. This program is partially funded by the United Way. For more information, contact Crystal at CCole@LSSLiving.org

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

TOPS is a nonprofit, noncommercial, weight-loss support and wellness education organization with thousands of chapters in the US and Canada. TOPS does not pay celebrities to endorse their group, and they don't promise quick fixes or promote unrealistic images of the "perfect body".

Instead they focus on HEALTH! True health is not a flat stomach, a certain pants size, or even a number on a scale. Health is having the energy and stamina to do the things you love with the people you care about. It is about enjoying the life you are living in the body you work hard to take care of - no matter how "imperfect" that body may seem.

Weekly TOPS meetings, on **Wednesday mornings**, led by volunteers, focus on making small, steady lifestyle changes that provide lasting weight loss and better health. Weigh-ins start at 8:15am and the meeting begins at 10:00am.

For more information call Sue Hill, Leader at 636.928.7131 or Linda Wilcox, Area Captain at 636.447.9056.

Sun.	11/30/2014	8:00 AM	Communion Worship Service
		9:00 AM	Andrew Pelley Library Open
		9:00 AM	To 10:30 & 11:45 to 12:25 Chapel Scrip
		9:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Classes meet
		10:45 AM	Communion Worship Service
		2:00 PM	Private Event in Gym
		6:30 PM	AI-A in Rm 13
Mon.	12/01/2014	12:00 PM	Young at Heart Bowling
		1:00 PM	Needles and Hooks in Conf Room
		5:30 PM	Select Team Volleyball Practice in Gym
		7:00 PM	CommunionWorship Service
Tues.	12/02/2014	9:30 AM	Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study in Rm 13
		10:00 AM	Card Ministry in Room 11
		6:00 PM	Refit Fitness in Gym
		7:00 PM	GriefShare in Rm B
		7:00 PM	Elders' Meeting in Conf Room
		7:00 PM	Chapel Bells in Choir Loft
Wed.	12/03/2014	6:30 AM	Wed Early Morning Bible Study at Bob Evans
		8:30 AM	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) in Rm A
		9:30 AM	Quilt Tacking in Lower Level Lobby
		11:00 AM	Communion Worship Service
		7:00 PM	Worship Service
		7:30 PM	Adult Choir Practice in choir loft
		7:30 PM	Select team Volleyball Practice in Gym
Thur.	12/04/2014		Set Up for Advent by Candlelight
		10:00 AM	To 4:00 PM Home School in Lower Level
		10:00 AM	OASIS Volunteer
		10:30 AM	AI-A in Room B
		11:00 AM	Chapel Circle in Kitchen
		7:15 PM	Community Core in Room 13
Fri.	12/05/2014		Set Up for Advent by Candlelight
		6:30 PM	Advent by Candlelight
		7:00 PM	Hobby Night in Room 13
Sat.	12/06/2014		Take down Advent by Candlelight
		9:00 AM	Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal
		9:00 AM	God & Me in Room B
		9:45 AM	AA in Rm A
		10:00 AM	Private Event in Room 13
		6:00 PM	Dr. Paul Maier Event
Sun.	12/07/2014	8:00 AM	Worship Service
		9:00 AM	Andrew Pelley Library Open
		9:00 AM	To 10:30 AM Chapel Scrip in Coffee Shop
		9:30 AM	Sunday School and Bible Classes
		10:45 AM	Worship Service
		6:00 PM	AI-A in Rm 13

**CHAPEL'S
EVENTS
FOR
NOVEMBER 30
through
DECEMBER 7**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Week Beginning Sunday, November 30		
GREETERS:	8:00	Don & Charlotte Sugar
	10:45	Chuck & Judy Wiegand
ACOLYTES:	8:00	Jaiden Umbertino
	10:45	Logan Walgate
NURSERY:		Sammie Savala
USHERS:	8:00	Richard Matt* Kellee Matt Dennis Guyott Ginny Guyott Sheryl Munz Nathan Matt Stephanie Matt
	10:45	Bill Hiner* Kara Brooks Adam Brooks Bryan Hulseley Wade McKee Cornel Savala Alex Savala Nic Savala
	7:00	Larry Diehl Mike Conant
ELDER ON DUTY:		Wyatt Gross
TRUSTEE:		Karl Sestak
COUNTERS:		John Middendorf Leon Heitgard Rachelle Lilge Phyllis Richoz Virgil Schlough

Week Beginning Sunday, December 7		
GREETERS:	8:00	Joanne Goers Bev Cossey
	10:45	Cornel & Margo Savala
ACOLYTES:	8:00	Emily Albers Ellie Clausing
	10:45	Amber Budd Anna Carroll Katie Krull
NURSERY:	8:00	Bill Hankins* Beverly Hankins Kathy Collins Rich Minasian Janet Minasian Gary Obernuefemann Brent Pitzer
USHERS:	8:00	Bill Hankins* Beverly Hankins Kathy Collins Rich Minasian Janet Minasian Gary Obernuefemann Brent Pitzer
	10:45	Kim Woodworth* Doug Broste Bob Carter Randy Goltz Casey Goltz Tim Meyer Al Schuettpelz Roger Kutschkau
	7:00	Larry Diehl Mike Conant
ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION:		
	8:00	Roger Kutschkau Duane Theilen Richard Matt Wade McKee
	10:45	Bill Miller Dan Heidelmeyer Michael Moellering David Riedemann
	7:00	Wyatt Gross Chris Becker
ELDER ON DUTY:		Roger Kutschkau
TRUSTEE:		Tim Weber
COUNTERS:		Duane & Debbie Theilen Rich & Janet Minasian John & Joy Lomax

ALTAR GUILD

For November: Janet Minasian,
Kathy Wilson, Sue Hoehner
For December: Mary Jane Obernuefemann,
Renee Lubbering, Kim Harnagel
Mondays: Ruth Conant & Hannah Wilhelm

Service Coordinator: Ruby Kramer

COFFEE HOSTS

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