

**What's Happening at
Chapel of the Cross**
Sunday, December 4, 2016

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TODAY AT CHAPEL:

Second Sunday of Advent

VISITING WITH US TODAY?

Please sign our guest book in the Narthex (Lobby)
and the Fellowship Book that is in the pew.

Coffee is served from 9:00—9:30am in the Coffee
Shoppe

Family Room is available for you,
located just off the Coffee Shoppe
if you feel your children are restless during the service,
you can go here to see & listen to the service in comfort.

Nursery is open from 9:25am to 10:45 and is located in
the Family Room

“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!

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
H	Mark Borchert	636-887-0399
F, I, N, O, Q	Art Goltz	636-978-3990
A, R	Wyatt Gross	636-459-5496
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B-Be, D	Dave Riedemann	636-447-2427
K, X, Y	Doug Seifert	636-278-2782
Bi-By	Duane Theilen	636-387-3683
Monday Night	Robert Wadlow	314-799-1124
L, V	Justin Yockey	314-973-6618

Elder Chairman is Dan Heidelmeyer 314-623-0745

Vice-Chairman is Duane Theilen 636-636-387-3683

Chapel's First Fruits of Faith

Income: Weekend of November 27, 2016	This Week	Year to Date	'15 YTD
Budgeted Income Required:	\$ 14,905.77	\$ 715,476.96	
Actual Budget Funds:	\$ 12,814.50	\$ 698,773.27	\$ 678,342.13
Electronic Giving (included in line above)	\$ 3845.00	\$ 195,440.00	
POBLO Ministries	\$ 12.00	\$ 2,233.50	

Attendance: Week 48

'16 Actual	'16 Wkly Ave	'15 Actual	'15 Wkly Ave
451	472	475	483

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 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 Upper Level Education Wing : Through January 22, 2017

“**Today’s Light**” led by Pastor Robert Hoehner in the Rm 222

“**The Book of Daniel**” led by Pastor Uglum in Rm 224

“**What About That Hymnal**” led by Pastor Mark Hoehner in the Gym

Chapel Youth in the Lower Level Sunday School Classrooms
For Chapel High Youth led by DCE Andrew Nelson in Daniel’s Den
For 8th Grade Youth led by Liz Riedemann and Clarice Sage in Rm 112
Confirmation Class for 6th-7th grade youth led by Chris Conkling in Rm 105

Sunday School (Age 3 through 5th Grade) begins with opening in the Sanctuary at 9:25 am. Children 4th Grade and younger should be picked up from their classrooms.

Toddlers and Babies are “Growing in God’s Garden” together in a supervised environment (parents are welcome to stay or attend Bible class) in Rm 129.

Our Weekday Bible Studies

Tue: Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study Every Tuesday Morning
9:30-11:00AM in Rm 224.

OR

Wed: Ladies Wednesday Evening Bible Study Every Wednesday
Evening 6:30-8:00PM in Rm 222.

Wed: Early Morning Bible Study with Bob VanGilder at 6:30am at Bob Evans on Zumbehl Road. This group will not meet during the summer and will resume in September studying 1 & 2 Timothy.
For more information, call Bob VanGilder 314-650-2053.

Wed: Evening Adult Bible Study meets in Room 224 at 6:30 PM with Pastor Robert Hoehner. We are studying the Gospel of John. This class will break for Advent and resume on **January 4, 2017**.

Wed. Evening Adult Confirmation/New Members Class meets in Room 225, 6:30PM.

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	5:	PROVERBS	5-6	DEC	8:	PROVERBS	9
DEC	6:	PROVERBS	7	DEC	9:	PROVERBS	10-11
DEC	7:	PROVERBS	8	DEC	10:	PROVERBS	12-13

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

NEW ROOM FOR TODDLERS AND BABIES THIS YEAR!

Room 129 is where children 2 years old and younger can "Grow in God's Garden" each Sunday from 9:15-10:40AM. Children can play, grow, and learn about God's love and His world in a supervised environment. Parents may stay to play, read, and dance with their children or drop them off to attend an adult Bible study.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL our children continue Christmas program practice and spend time learning about Jesus' secret midnight conversation with Nicodemus from John 3. Ask your kids, "*Why did Jesus say He came to earth?*"

Children should be checked in personally with their Sunday school teacher at opening each week. Children fourth grade and younger should be picked up in their classrooms at 10:30AM.

SEE INFORMATION ABOUT THE **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS ON PAGE 6.**

CHAPEL YOUTH HAPPENINGS

CHAPEL YOUTH CRASH - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Next Month's Chapel Youth CRASH event is our Christmas Party from 2:00-5:00PM. This is for all youth 6th grade and older. Bring a \$5 WRAPPED present and wear some Christmas-themed clothing for this fun afternoon event. Sign up via text or email with DCE Andrew Nelson.

CHAPEL PRESCHOOL UPDATES

CHAPEL PRESCHOOL COMING AUGUST 2017

- Enrollment for members begins January 1, 2017.
- The Call Committee has been established and had their first meeting this week.
- There is now a link on Chapel's webpage for the preschool. As the months go by, be sure to check back there for more information about the preschool as well. The tuition costs and preschool handbook will be uploaded when they are finalized in the next couple of months.

OTHER CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

2016 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 21st year. This year's Christmas program is called, *Christmas, 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 **Sunday, December 18 at 6:30PM**. This presentation is not just for the children and their parents and families, but for the entire Chapel of the Cross congregation. Please plan on joining us!

Important Dates and Practices:

Sundays	Dec. 4-18	Practice songs during Sunday School Opening
Saturday	Dec. 10	9:00-11:00 AM Full program practice
Saturday	Dec. 17	9:00-11:00 AM Blocking Rehearsal
Sunday	Dec. 18	9:25-10:30 AM Full Dress Rehearsal
Sunday	Dec. 18	6:15 PM Children arrive/ 6:30 PM Show time
Sunday	Dec. 25	No 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.

ANNUAL MITTEN & GIVING TREES

Dear Chapel Family, we want to share with you that from **Sunday, November 20 through Sunday, December 11**, you will have the following opportunities to share the love of Christ for the 2016 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!!!!

CHAPEL CIRCLE NEWS

- On **Friday, December 9** at 11:00AM, we will package cookies into 1 pound packages which will be sold before and after services on **Sunday, December 11** for \$7 per pound package. Please bring your cookies to the kitchen refrigerator prior to the packaging time. Thank you.
- Our December meeting will take place on **Tuesday, December 20**. Bring your lunch and a white elephant gift. We will provide desserts and drinks. George Nelson will lead us in singing.

SERVICE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

The next service will be held **Sunday, December 11**. The **E-Service** is geared for families with special needs children. This service will begin at 11:00 AM in Room 224 of the new education wing. It will have all the 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. The next E-Service will be held on Sunday, January 8.

YOUNG AT HEARTS

If you are 55 or better, please join us in Christian fellowship for our Christmas "Potluck" luncheon on **Wednesday, December 14**, at noon in the gym. Please bring a side dish or dessert—meat, bread and drinks will be provided. We are also asking everyone to bring a wrapped, humorous white elephant gift for our gift exchange. If you would like more information or have any questions, please call Janet Minasian at 636-447-5354. If you have never joined us before, please come. It is a great way to meet other Young at Hearts (YAHS) and also celebrate Christmas.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

All families with Sunday School age children are invited to our Birthday Party for Jesus event on **Saturday, December 17** at 11:00AM. Join us for lunch, carnival style games, birthday cake, and a presentation of the Christmas story. See you there!

FAMILY GAME NIGHT - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

Chapel members and families are invited to join us for this family ministry event on **Friday, December 30** at 5:00PM in the gym. Bring a favorite game to play and a snack to share. Pizza and lemonade will be provided. Please sign up in the Coffee Shop between now and Christmas Day so we can plan for set-up and food.

CHILI COOK-OFF - SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

Mark your calendars now for our annual Chili Cook-off contest on **Sunday, January 22**. Sign up to attend and/or enter a chili into the contest. Our three categories are Mild, Hot, and White Chili. Sign-up sheets are also available in the Coffee Shop.

THANK YOU

The Silent Auction Committee would like to extend a heartfelt “Thank you” to all the members of Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church for helping make our auction such a success this year. Because of your generosity, we were able to raise over \$2,000. This money will be donated to Butterfly Haven to provide help to foster families by supplying items that they need. The organization is focused on positively impacting the lives of children in the foster care system and children in crisis. Butterfly Haven assists in easing the transition that children in the foster care system go through as their lives are turned upside down and they find themselves in someone else’s home. A care bag is given to the children, and more important than what is inside is that this backpack, duffel bag, or suitcase is theirs and will always be theirs. God bless each and every one of you.

The Silent Auction Committee

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you goes out to those individuals who cooked meals for me and my family while I was recovering from cancer surgery. My mom was a wonderful nurse and the fact that she didn’t have to think about what to prepare for meals was truly a blessing. Thank you so much for all of those who kept me in their prayers during this difficult time. I really appreciate the love and concern from everyone. THANK YOU!!

Sarah M. Miller

THANK YOU

Thank you Chapel family for all of the eyeglasses and sunglasses that you donated. Two medium size boxes were sent to the MOST in Ann Arbor, Michigan on November 16. We are already starting another box. God bless you.

Carol Puntigan

THANK YOU

Robert and I want to thank everyone that helped to bring us the Sausage Supper Dinner. It was delicious and very much appreciated. Just wish we could have attended. Thanks again, Louise Luecke

THANK YOU

A very big **THANK YOU** to all who filled and returned shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Chapel’s Congregation is a very generous and giving group of people who always “step up to the plate” when the need arises. Also, a big **THANK YOU** to all the individuals who helped assemble the boxes and helped transport the filled boxes to the designated drop-off point. Thank you and God’s Blessings! So far, we have collected 270 boxes!

CHAPEL SCRIP GIFT CARD SALES EXPANDED HOURS FOR CHRISTMAS

To serve you better during this busy time of year, our Chapel Scrip counter will be open on **Sundays from 9 am to 10:35 am** and again from **11:50 am to 12:15 am**. You are going to shop anyway, why not help out people in need by picking up gift cards for your purchases? Any questions? Stop by the scrip counter and see our friendly volunteers who will be happy to assist you.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

The new church directory will be available and as an app on your smartphone. Envelopes are available to be picked up in the Narthex with the information needed to log-in. Please be sure to log-in and update your family and personal photo. After everyone updates their photos, we will print off a small number of directories for people who prefer to have a paper copy. If you do not have your photo taken here at church, please be sure to upload your personal and family photo. In a congregation this large, these are critical for us to get to know one another. If you have questions about how to access the directory or how to download the app to your smartphone, simply call the church office.

PERSONAL CARE KIT ITEMS NEEDED

The ladies of Chapel Circle thank you for your contributions of travel/sample sized toiletries for our "Personal Care Kits" to take to our area women's shelter. We will be assembling our kits in **January 2017** and could use a little more help! **We especially need pocket/travel-size packs of tissues, combs &/or brushes, travel-size toothpaste, travel-size shampoo and conditioner, lotion, and hand towels.** Thank you!

ST. CHARLES WARMING SHELTERS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

All St. Charles residents should have a safe place to sleep on nights where the outside temperature could lead to hypothermia. These shelters will be activated on the coldest nights to provide a safe, warm place for homeless men, women and children to sleep. There is a need for volunteers to serve in a number of capacities in local churches (and perhaps our own) this winter. These include: Team Leaders, Set-up, Greeters, Overnight Volunteers, and Site Cleanup. If you would like to help in any of these capacities, or for more information, please contact Pastor James at 636-577-7539.

THRIVENT NEWS

We are in the last quarter of the calendar year. Don't forget your Thrivent Action Team. This can be done online at Thrivent.com or over the phone at 800-THRIVENT. Thrivent Choice Dollars can also be designated at this time.

TEN SUNDAYS CLUB

The Youth and Family Council announce the next group of Ten Sundays Club members. We are so happy so many young people are on the list so far!: Sam Hummer, Emmet Walgate, Analiesa Hollowood, Gavin Walgate, Emily Albers, Brooke Higgins, Logan Walgate. CONGRATULATIONS to them and thanks to their parents for bringing them to Sunday School.

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.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Trees, wreaths, centerpieces, pine roping and grave blankets are available

Monday-Friday 5-9 pm and Saturday and Sunday 9 am-9 pm through December 18 from Boy Scout Troop 353. The lot is located at Highway 94 and Independence Road, next to Dairy Queen. Delivery available. Call or text 636-578-4883 for delivery questions or pricing.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

The fair is held on **Saturday, December 10** from 9:00am to 2:00pm. (set up at 8:00am). They are now seeking vendors. \$25 Vendor Fee (includes 1 table, 2 chairs). Contact Courtney Lehmen at dr.lehmen@yahoo.com, or Facebook with questions and for your vendor form.

A SERVICE OF SACRED MUSIC FOR THE TIME OF CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 10, 5:00 pm and **Sunday, December 11**, 4:00 pm. Choirs and Instrumentalists, Candlelight Caroling. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 12345 Manchester Road, Des Peres, MO.

KFUO RADIO

THY STRONG WORD on your Lutheran Radio Station Worldwide KFUO.org or 850AM at 11:00 AM weekdays for a fascinating in-depth study of the Gospel of Matthew.

WANTED! STUDENTS ATTENDING LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY IN ST. CHARLES

Are you a Lindenwood student? Do you know an LU student? If so, welcome to the new Lindenwood Lutheran Upper Room! It is located at 335 Droste Road on the upper floor of a business strip mall. The entrance and parking are in back of the building.

The Upper Room will be **OPEN every Tuesday and Thursday** for fun, fellowship and/or studying from 5-9 pm. There will be a Bible study each Tuesday at 6:30 pm and free food on Thursday at 6:30 pm followed by a worship service. There are also many other special events with Christian friends as noted on Facebook.

Find out more on Facebook at Lindenwood Lutheran Student Union or email any questions and/or student contact information to Vicar Alex Harris at lsulindenwood@gmail.com.

11/28/16

Dear Members of Chapel of the Cross:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I am writing to inform you that I have received a call to serve as an Associate Pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran church in Evansville Indiana. Over the course of the next few weeks I will be deliberating and praying about where God would have me serve.

I have been blessed to serve here for the past ten years; the first four as a field worker and vicar, and then the past six as one of your pastors. Chapel is an incredible family of God, and this is a great congregation in which to be a part.

I am praying to the Lord for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that He might lead me to a decision that is pleasing to Him and beneficial to the whole Church. I hope to make the decision by December 31st.

As I consider this call, I ask that you would remember in your prayers the people of Our Redeemer, myself and my family.

God's Blessings,
Pastor James Uglum

Sun.	12/04/2016	8:00 AM	Communion Worship Service
		9:00 AM	Andrew Pelley Library Open
		9:00 AM	To 10:30 Chapel Scrip
		9:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Classes
		10:45 AM	Communion Worship Service
		6:30 PM	AI-A in Rm 114
Mon.	12/05/2016	1:00 PM	Needles & Hooks in Rm 225
		5:30 PM	Select Team Volleyball Practice in Gym
		6:00 PM	AA in Rm 129
		7:00 PM	Communion Worship Service
Tues.	12/06/2016	9:30 AM	Ladies Tues. Morning Bible Study in Rm 224
		6:15 PM	Zumba Fitness in Gym
		7:00 PM	Elders' Meeting in Rm 225
Wed.	12/07/2016	6:30 AM	Wed. Early Morning Bible Study - Bob Evans
		8:30 AM	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Rm 224
		9:00 AM	AA in Rm 114
		9:30 AM	Quit Tacking in lower level lobby
		11:00 AM	Communion Worship Service
		1:30 PM	Friendly Visitor Cookies in Kitchen
		6:00 PM	Soup Supper Potluck
		7:00 PM	Advent Service
Thur.	12/08/2016	9:00 AM	Home School in lower level
		10:30 AM	AI-A in Rm 222
		1:00 PM	Comfort Group in Rm 224
		5:30 PM	Chapel Bells in choir loft
		6:15 PM	Zumba Fitness in Gym
		6:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal in choir loft
		7:30 PM	Select Team Volleyball Practice in Gym
Fri.	12/09/2016	11:00 AM	Chapel Circle in Kitchen
Sat.	12/10/2016	7:30 AM	Men's Ministry Bible Study in Rm 114
		9:00 AM	Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal
		9:45 AM	AA in Rm 224 & Rm 129
Sun.	12/11/2016	8:00 AM	Worship Service
		9:00 AM	Andrew Pelley Library Open
		9:00 AM	To 9:15 & 11:45 to 12 Blood Pressure Checks
		9:00 AM	To 10:30 Chapel Scrip
		9:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Classes
		10:45 AM	Worship Service
		6:30 PM	AI-A in Rm 114

**CHAPEL'S
EVENTS
FOR
DECEMBER
4
through
DECEMBER
11**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Week Beginning Sunday, December 4	Week Beginning Sunday, December 11
<p>GREETERS: 8:00 Jodie Schneider Judy Wiegand</p> <p>10:45 Marty & Kim Macke</p> <p>ACOLYTES: 8:00 Brooke Higgins Madison Higgins</p> <p>10:45 Briana Gaither</p> <p>7:00 Daniel Harms</p> <p>USHERS: 8:00 Nathaniel Seavert Robert Klos* Diane Klos Chris Brooks Kyle Goltz Jack Muckey</p> <p>10:45 Brandon Kemper* Lauren Kemper Dianna Carroll Jim Harris Rosilyn Schmitt Emily Carroll Ryan Kemper</p> <p>7:00 Bob & Cissy Wadlow</p> <p>ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION:</p> <p>8:00 Duane Theilen Rod Landers Art Goltz</p> <p>10:45 Dan Heidemeyer Bill Miller Mark Borchert Chris Becker</p> <p>7:00 Bob Wadlow Art Goltz</p> <p>ELDER ON DUTY: Mark Borchert</p> <p>TRUSTEE: Tim Weber</p> <p>COUNTERS: Duane & Debbie Theilen John & Joy Lomax Rich & Janet Minasian</p>	<p>GREETERS: 8:00 Bob & Joyce Gaugh</p> <p>10:45 Cody Matson Judy Wiegand</p> <p>ACOLYTES: 8:00 Logan Podhorsky</p> <p>10:45 Leah Farner</p> <p>USHERS: 8:00 Mike Conant* Edith Duke Bob Gaugh Joyce Gaugh Bob Jones Don Sugar Kathy Wilson</p> <p>10:45 Ruby Kramer* Paul Ludy Rosa Ludy Vivian Kaesser Ralph Williams Linda Williams Phyllis Zeuschel</p> <p>7:00 Dan Newsham Larry Diehl</p> <p>ELDER ON DUTY: Wyatt Gross</p> <p>TRUSTEE: Alex Brandt</p> <p>COUNTERS: Bob & Jacquie Vangilder Jack Muckey Mathilda Reinhardt Mary Ann Ronan Sandy Schleicher</p>

Service Coordinator: Ruby Kramer

ALTAR GUILD:

For Dec: Terri Scheer, Abby Scheer,
Kathleen Dwyer

Mondays: Ruth Conant, Bob & Cissy Wadlow

Wednesdays: Pat Middendorf

NURSERY: Lydia Harms and
Sydney Weber

BULLETIN FOLDERS: Bob Renken, Ruby Kramer,
Jim Burrows, Joyce Gaugh,
Chris Brooks, Edith Duke, Bill Miller