

**What's Happening at
Chapel of the Cross**
Sunday, December 18, 2016

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TODAY AT CHAPEL:

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday School Christmas Program
tonight at 6:30 PM

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
S-She	Dan Heidelmeyer	636-240-1951
Ti-Tu, W	Dan Kroehnke	636-397-0860
J, P, U	Roger Kutschkau	636-926-0986
E, Mey-My	Rod Landers	314-281-6052
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
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 December 4, 2016	This Week	Year to Date	'15 YTD
Budgeted Income Required:	\$ 14,905.77	\$ 745,	
Actual Budget Funds:	\$ 19,488.97	\$ 734,087.99	\$ 712,886.85
Electronic Giving (included in line above	\$ 4,665.00	\$ 204,225.00	
Abundant Giving	\$ 342.50	\$ 12,881.00	
POBLO Ministries	\$ 42.00	\$ 2,332.50	

Attendance: Week 49

'16 Actual	'16 Wkly Ave	'15 Actual	'15 Wkly Av
440	471	460	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 Zumbel 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	19:	PROVERBS	28-29	DEC	22:	ECCLESIASTES	3-4
DEC	20:	PROVERBS	30-31	DEC	23:	ECCLESIASTES	5-6
DEC	21:	ECCLESIASTES	1-2	DEC	24:	ECCLESIASTES	7-8

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.

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 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:

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.

CHAPEL CIRCLE NEWS

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.

CHURCH OFFICE PHONES

From **Tuesday, December 27 through Thursday, December 29**, we will be replacing the phone system at Chapel of the Cross. At some point during that time frame, we will not be able to take incoming calls or make outgoing calls. Thank you for your patience as we upgrade this vital piece of equipment.

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.

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING - SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

Voting members of the congregation are asked to attend a Special Voters' Meeting on **Sunday, January 1, 2017** to place a Call for a Preschool Director/Teacher. The meeting will be held promptly after the 10:45AM service in the Sanctuary. We need 50% of the Voters in attendance to meet the required quorum. The Call Committee believes it is very important to make this Call as early as possible in January.

SERVICE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

The next service will be held **Sunday, January 8. 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, February 12.

FEED MY SHEEP SUNDAY - JANUARY 15

Please bring your canned goods and other non-perishable food items for OASIS Food Pantry on **Sunday, January 15**. Please place these items in the baskets in the narthex. Thank you!!

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS

Do you enjoy reading The Lutheran Witness? 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 \$15.96.** If you ordered this on your own the cost would be \$24. Here is your chance to save \$8.04 by ordering through our church. **We need your payment by Monday, January 16**, to allow enough time to get the information to the Missouri District. You can use the Lutheran Witness envelope that you received in the mail with your regular offering envelopes or a blank envelope with Lutheran Witness written on the outside of the envelope. **Please make your check payable to "Chapel of the Cross"**.

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. Out three categories are Mild, Hot, and White Chili. Sign-up sheets are also available in the Coffee Shop.

SAVE THE DATE—CHAPEL YOUTH ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Save the date for Chapel Youth's Annual Trivia Night event on **Saturday, February 11** at 7:00PM. This event benefits the summer mission trip and other Chapel Youth Ministry efforts! Tables will go on sale January 1.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GROWING IN GOD'S GARDEN

Do you love working with young children? We are seeking 2 adults and 4 teenagers to fill out our teams to assist in our new Growing in God's Garden Nursery during the Sunday School hour (9:15-10:40 am). This would be a commitment through 2017, and each team (of 1 adult and 1 teenager) would be assigned 1 week per month. Our little ones do become attached to our staff, so commitment and dedication is important. Please contact Kathy Weber at 636-448-6024, or KWeber01@hotmail.com, or come to the nursery and meet Kathy personally.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the person who left a box of greeting cards for me in church. What a wonderful surprise and delightful gift. I am blessed and humbled by your generosity.

Liz Riedemann

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.

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: Blake May, Amber Holovics, Natalie Rensing, JJ Hollowood, Ethan Freed, Joseph Gross, Tyler Brake, Logan Podhorsky. 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.

TEACHING POSITION AVAILABLE

Lutheran High School St. Charles is currently seeking a long-term substitute art teacher. Employment will begin in mid-March and conclude at the end of May. Interested individuals should submit an application and resume to Mr. Jon Bernhardt, Principal, 5100 Mexico Road, St. Peters, MO 63376 by **December 22**.

CHRISTMAS AT PEACE, LEMAY

You are invited to a concert on **Friday, December 23** at 7:30PM at Peace Lutheran Church, 737 Barracksvue Road, St. Louis, MO 63125. This concert will feature the Chancel Choir, Orchestra of Peace, Scott Kennebeck, tenor, and Sam Moraes, violin. Admission is free. For more information please contact Peace at 314-892-5610 or www.peacestlmusic.org

LUTHERAN HIGH DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Lutheran High School will host a Daddy Daughter Dance on **Saturday, January 21, 2017** from 6-8 pm for young girls and their dads or special guests. Please join us for a fun night of dancing, crafts, snacks, and photos! Cost is \$10 per couple and \$5 per additional daughter. Please consider joining us for a night to remember. Mark your calendars now and look for more details and reservations forms soon. Contact Mrs. Amber Maddick at maddick@lhssc.org with any questions.

ATTENTION ALL VETERANS

Veterans from all branches of the service are invited to attend "Coffee Talk" **every Wednesday** at 9:00AM at Grace Baptist Church, 3601 Ehlmann Road, St. Charles, MO. (Take I-70 to the Cave Springs exit, then go north.) We will have applications for VA health care, applications for the Honor Flight, reports from Local American Legion and VFW halls and a lot of good comradery. Come join us for free coffee and donuts and enjoy an hour with your fellow Veterans.

SAVE THE DATE

Women's Retreat Fundraiser: Scrapbook Cropping Day!

When: **Saturday, February 25, 2017**

Where: Zion Lutheran Fellowship Hall

Time: 8am-8pm

Costs: \$35 per person

Includes: Breakfast, lunch, dinner, drinks and snacks. We will have a Creative Memories representative on the premises. Use of various CM tools will be available. Shop ahead of time at www.creativememories.com. Email orders to: 7walgates@gmail.com or call Dawn at 636-288-2562. All proceeds from sales and admission fees will be donated to the annual women's retreat. More information on how to register coming in 2017.

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.

PASTOR ROEGNER TO LEAD A TRIP TO GERMANY IN 2017

"Luther Sites, The Easy Way"; 8 days including Wittenberg, the birthplace of the Reformation, for the 500th Anniversary Celebration. The trip will take place **October 28-November 4, 2017**. Please see the bulletin board in the coffee shop for more information.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

3:00 PM

Greeters: Gladys Smart & Sherry Carter
Acolytes:
Ushers:
Elders Assisting with Communion: Dave Riedemann
Dan HeideImeyer
Ralph Williams
Rod Landers
Dan Kroehnke

Elder on Duty:

7:00 PM

Greeters: John & Pat Middendorf
Acolytes:
Ushers:
Elder on Duty: Justin Yockey

11:00 PM

Greeters: Chuck & Judy Wiegand
Acolytes:
Ushers:
Elders Assisting with Communion: Justin Yockey
Duane Theilen
Dave Riedemann
Michale Moellering

Sun.	12/18/2016	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
		6:30 PM	Sunday School Christmas Program-All Invited
Mon.	12/19/2016	10:00 AM	Mom & Me in Gym
		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	Financial Control Board Mtg in Rm 225
		7:00 PM	Communion Worship Service
Tues.	12/20/2016	9:30 AM	Ladies Tues. Morning Bible Study in Rm 224
		12:00 PM	Chapel Circle Meeting in Gym & Rm 224
		6:15 PM	Zumba Fitness in Gym
Wed.	12/21/2016	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
		11:00 AM	Worship Service
		6:00 PM	Soup Supper Potluck
		7:00 PM	Advent Service
		7:00 PM	Trustees Mtg in Rm 225
Thur.	12/22/2016	10:30 AM	AI-A in Rm 222
		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.	12/23/2016		
Sat.	12/24/2016		Christmas Eve
		7:30 AM	Men's Ministry Bible Study in Rm 114
		9:45 AM	AA in Rm 224 & Rm 129
		3:00 PM	Family Service with Communion
		7:00 PM	Candlelight Worship Service
		11:00 PM	Candlelight Communion Service
Sun.	12/25/2016		Christmas Day
		8:00 AM	Communion Worship Service
		9:00 AM	To 10:30 Chapel Scrip
		10:45 AM	Communion Worship Service
		6:30 PM	AI-A in Rm 114

**CHAPEL'S
EVENTS
FOR
DECEMBER
18
through
DECEMBER
25**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Week Beginning Sunday, December 18	Week Beginning Sunday, December 25
GREETERS: 8:00 Rich & Kellee Matt 10:45 Ruby Kramer Dorothy Pauley	GREETERS: 8:00 Rich & Janet Minasian 10:45
ACOLYTES: 8:00 Lauren Nevins Joseph Gross 10:45 Gavin Gaither Tyler Brake	ACOLYTES: 8:00 10:45
USHERS: 8:00 Richard Matt* Kellee Matt Dennis Guyott Ginny Guyott Sheryl Munz Nathan Matt Stephanie Matt 10:45 Bill Hiner* Wade McKee Seth McKee Cornel Savala Nic Savala Alex Savala Kara Brooks Adam Brooks 7:00 Mike & Ruth Conant	USHERS: 8:00 Bill Hankins* Beverly Hankins Kathy Collins Rich Minasian Janet Minasian Gary Obernuefemann Brent Pitzer 10:45 Kim Woodworth* Doug Broste Randy Goltz Casey Goltz Roger Kutschkau Tim Meyer Al Schuettpelz 7:00 No Service
ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: 8:00 Doug Seifert Wyatt Gross Bill Miller Art Goltz 10:45 Dan Kroehnke Justin Yockey Roger Kutschkau Wade McKee 7:00 Bob Wadlow Wyatt Gross	ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: 8:00 Ralph Williams 10:45 Wyatt Gross
ELDER ON DUTY: Dan Heideimeyer TRUSTEE: Becky Bromberg COUNTERS: Paul & Rosa Ludy Edith Duke Ruby Kramer Bob Renken	ELDER ON DUTY: Roger Kutschkau TRUSTEE: Brian Hubbell COUNTERS: John Middendorf Leon Heitgerd Rachelle Lilge Phyllis Richoz Virgil Schlough
	See Page 10 for Christmas Eve Worship Assistants

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