

**What's Happening at
Chapel of the Cross**
Sunday, December 3, 2017

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TODAY AT CHAPEL:

“Prepare the way for the LORD,
Make straight paths for Him.”

Mark 1:3

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.

The Toddler Room is open from 9:25am to 10:45 and is
located in the Room 104.

“**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 any of the elders below:

Elder :	Contact Number:
Chris Becker	636-288-3664
Wyatt Gross	636-459-5496
Dan Heidelmeyer	636-240-1951
Dan Kroehnke	636-397-0860
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Elder Chairman is Dan Heidelmeyer 314-623-0745

Vice-Chairman is Jim Rellmann 636-697-5327

Please see list on Bulletin Board in Coffee Shop for the elder assigned to your family.

Chapel's First Fruits of Faith

Income: Weekend of November 26, 2017	This Week	Year to Date	'16 YTD
Budgeted Income Required:	15,523.94	729,625.18	
Actual Budget Funds:	18,735.61	698,131.26	698,773.27
Electronic Giving –included in line above	3,715.00	190,205.00	
Abundant Giving	328.50	21,337.50	
Lutheran HOPE Center	171.00	3,878.50	

Attendance: Week 47

'17 Actual	'17 Wkly Ave	'16 Actual	'16 Wkly Av
407	464	496	472

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

ADULT

Adults in the Upper Level Education Wing December 3, 10 & 17

“**Today’s Light**” with Pastor Bob Hoehner in the Rm 220 (the Library)

“**Christological Heresies**” with Pastor Mark Hoehner & Pastor James Uglum in Rm 224

HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE

High School and College Age Youth begin Bible Study in Daniel’s Den (Room 110) at 9:30AM. “An Awkward Conversation...” with DCE Andrew Nelson & Seminarian Mason Veith.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Toddlers and Babies Sunday School begins in Room 104 at 9:25AM.

Parents may stay or drop off/pick up their children with our childcare staff anytime between 9:15-10:40AM.

Elementary Age Sunday School (PK3 – 5th Grade) begins in the sanctuary at 9:25AM.

Children 4th grade and under should be picked up from their classrooms at 10:30AM.

“Peter & John Heal the Lame Man” (Acts 3). Parents, look for the take home card which has great ideas and questions to keep kids learning all week long!

6th – 8th Grade Sunday Confirmation Class begins in Room 105 at 9:25AM.

Youth are welcome to arrive any time after 9:00 AM for informal discussion and fellowship before class begins.

6th & 7th Grade: “Old Testament History” with Seminarian David Lafore

8th Grade: “God Forgives our Christmas” with Liz Riedemann and Clarice Sage.

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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
Zumbahl Road. For more information, call Bob VanGilder 314-650-2053.

Wed: Evening Adult Bible Study resumes January 17 through February 7 with
Pastor Bob Hoehner in Rm 224 from 6:30-7:30PM.
We will study 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

Wed. Evening Adult Confirmation/New Members Class meets in Rm 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	4:	1 JOHN	3-4	DEC	7:	3 JOHN	
DEC	5:	2 JOHN	5	DEC	8:	JUDE	
DEC	6:	2 JOHN		DEC	9:	REVELATION	1

CHAPEL YOUTH HAPPENINGS

CHAPEL YOUTH CRASH CHRISTMAS PARTY - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

6th-12th grade youth and friends are invited to our annual Christmas Party event from 2-5PM. Wear your favorite Christmas apparel and bring a wrapped gift (\$5 or less) for our blind gift exchange. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

CHAPEL PRESCHOOL

WE CURRENTLY HAVE ROYAL READERS SCHEDULED through the month of November. If you would like to set a date in December to read to the preschoolers, please email Andrea at andrea.weiss@chapelofthecrosslutheran.org.

WOMEN ROOTED IN CHRIST

NEW NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE FOR NOV/DEC 2017

Effective November 1, you can get a paper copy from the bulletin board OR get information on how to receive it electronically by taking an instruction card from the board.

OTHER CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT PHOTO CHALLENGE

Looking for another way to experience Advent? Join the fun and accept the challenge! Each day, prompted by a word and Scripture reference, post a photo on social media using the unique hashtag **#AdventCOTC**. Then, build community by liking, sharing, and commenting on the other photos from our family at Chapel.

This week's prompts are below:

Dec 03 / Awaken / Mark 13:33-37

Dec 04 / Comfort / Isaiah 40:1-4

Dec 05 / Plants / Isaiah 40:5-8

Dec 06 / Sheep / Isaiah 40:9-11

Dec 07 / Faithful / Psalm 85:8-13

Dec 08 / Wait / 2 Peter 3:13-15a

Dec 09 / Messenger / Mark 1:1-3

2017 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 22nd year.

This year's Christmas program is called, *Checkin' It Twice*. 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 17 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, December 3-17	Practice songs during Sunday School Opening
Saturday, December 9	9:00-11:00 AM Full Program Practice
Saturday, December 16	9:00-11:00 AM Blocking Rehearsal
Sunday, December 17	9:25-10:30 AM Full Dress Rehearsal
Sunday, December 17	6:15 PM Children Arrive; 6:30 PM Show Time
Sunday, December 24	No 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. We will have speaking parts assigned by Nov. 12 during Sunday School. If your child has musical talents they may be able to play music before the Christmas Program begins. Please see your child's Sunday School teacher for more details.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Hey Parents: Have you ever wanted to plan a 'date night' for you and your sweetheart, but find it difficult to set a date and time, arrange for a babysitter, pay a babysitter, and then cross your fingers hoping that everything goes well that night? Fret no more!! Chapel will host a Parents' Night Out on **Saturday, December 9 from 5:00-9:00pm**. More details will be coming, but mark your calendars now and plan to enjoy a worry-free night out to do some Christmas shopping, or just spend some much needed time alone together.

ORIENTATION FOR NEW MEMBERS - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

New Member Orientation will be held **next Sunday, December 10 at 9:30 am** in the Library, Room 220. Please contact the Church Office or one of the Pastors if you are planning to join or transfer your membership to Chapel of the Cross. We are looking forward to getting to know you!

CHAPEL CIRCLE NEWS

- ◆ Chapel Circle's Annual Cookie Sale will be on **Sunday, December 10** in the Coffee Shoppe. Price is \$7.00 per pound.
- ◆ The December meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 19** at 12 noon. Bring a brown bag lunch. Dessert will be provided. This will be our Christmas Party. Please bring a \$5 gift to exchange. George Nelson will be our guest with some Christmas Music. All ladies are invited. We would love to have you join us!

SERVICE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

The next service will be held **Sunday, December 10. 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 14.**

YOUNG AT HEART NEWS

If you are 55 or better, please come and join us for our annual Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon on **Wednesday, December 13** at noon in the gym. We ask everyone to bring a side dish or dessert—meat, bread and drinks will be provided. Also, please bring a \$5.00 grab bag gift for our gift exchange. We will also have a Christmas carol sing along and even a visit from Santa. For further information, call Janet Minasian at 636-447-5354.

BRING YOUR FAMILY TO THE BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Celebrate Jesus' birth with your family from 11:00AM-1:00PM on **Saturday, December 16.** Lunch (hot dogs, chips and drinks) is provided and children can enjoy carnival style games, a "Guess How Many?" challenge, BINGO, and make a card for a homebound member. The event ends with a live telling of the Christmas story and BIRTHDAY cake! We hope to see you at this FREE family event.

NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY - DECEMBER 17

Please plan to attend New Members Sunday, next Sunday. New members will be welcomed into our church family during the 10:45 am worship services. There will be a Welcome Reception between services in the Coffee Shoppe.

JACKETS AND COATS

Please claim your jacket or coat if you left it at church in the past few months. All of the jackets and coats that were on the coatrack in the downstairs lobby have been moved to the upstairs coatrack. All unclaimed jackets and coats will be donated after **Sunday, December 17.**

Thank you!

DEADLINE FOR YOUR 2017 BUDGETED ITEMS

You must submit all bills for 2017 by **Monday, December 18** to have them apply to the 2017 budget year. Anything submitted after December 18 will be applied to the 2018 budget year. Thank you for helping to get the year closed out in a timely fashion.

ANNUAL MITTEN & GIVING TREES

Dear Chapel Family, we want to share with you that from **Sunday, November 19 through Sunday, December 10**, you will have the following opportunities to share the love of Christ for the 2017 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!!!!

FAMILY MINISTRY CHILI COOK OFF - JANUARY 21

Mark your calendars now for **Sunday, January 21** for our annual Chili Cook-off. Categories are Hot, Mild, and White Chili. The event will take place following the 10:45AM Worship Service. You may enter beginning **December 31** in the Coffee Shoppe.

HELP NEEDED FOR STREAMING CHAPEL SERVICES

Do you like to work behind the scenes here at Chapel of the Cross? Do you like clicking buttons on a computer? If so, we are looking for a couple more people to help with streaming our church services. If you are interested, please contact Brad Biggers at 636-875-3757 or via email at bradley.biggers@sbcglobal.net. It is an easy job, but makes a big difference to those we reach with God's Word online.

WE NEED A FEW (MORE) GOOD MEN...AND WOMEN

Our Chapel Choir is gearing up for Advent and Christmas and we would like to invite YOU to join us! We could use a few more singers—especially men. Our choir loves to laugh and we enjoy each other's company. Rehearsals are **Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm**. Come on up and give us a try. For more info, call George Nelson (651-895-0201).

"ALL GOD'S CHILDREN GOT A PLACE IN THE CHOIR!"

TEN SUNDAYS CLUB

The Youth and Family Council announce their first group of Ten Sundays Club members: Blake Hiner, Wyatt Schmidt, Kayla Kroehnke, Cooper Schmidt, Calvin Gross, Madelynn Eaker. CONGRATULATIONS to them and thanks to their parents for bringing them to Sunday School!

THE LUTHERAN HOPE CENTER

If you were moved by the message of Pastor Micah Glenn, who was our preacher on August 13, and would like to learn more about the mission in Ferguson, MO, please go to www.thelutheranhopecenter.org. The Hope Center will be our new \$5-a-Month Mission Project for this year.

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!

Dear Chapel of the Cross, Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Seminary foodbank. As you know, many seminarians and their families in our community benefit from the food and personal care items that are provided at the foodbank. This service greatly helps students by defraying some of our living expenses. Sincerely, Benjamin & Elizabeth Hayter

THANK YOU!

A big thanks to everyone who packed a box for Operation Christmas Child this season. We sent 264 boxes to children around the world for Christmas! Thank you!

THANK YOU !

The Silent Auction Committee would like to extend a heartfelt "Thanks you" to all the members of Chapel of the Cross for helping make our auction such a success this year. Because of your generosity, we were able to raise \$2,898. This money will be donated to the Chapel of the Cross Preschool to help with start up costs. Our Kids Korner was successful and we are looking forward to having it again next year. It was fun to watch the kids choose which item that they wanted to take home. God bless each and every one of you.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you for all of those that helped make this year's Sausage Dinner a huge success. We were able to meet our goal of serving 1000 people!!! What a wonderful way to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, the 35th Anniversary of Chapel of the Cross, and 15th Anniversary of our current building. A special thanks to all of all of our volunteers—we could not have done this without your help!

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

JOB OPENING

Lutheran High School is currently accepting applications for the position of Head Varsity Girls Volleyball Coach for the 2018-2019 school year. Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest (including a brief statement of teaching/coaching philosophy), resume, and two letters of recommendation (specifically noting leadership, strengths and coaching/teaching experience) to Dr. Doug Kuhlmann at dkuhlmann@lhssc.org. Applications are due by **Friday, December 15.**

GRAD NIGHT FUNDRAISER LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

The Grad Night Committee and Parkview Gardens invite you to purchase a lovely poinsettia for the Christmas season. Orders accepted until November 20 with delivery on **December 8** at LHS. Cost is \$10/pot for a 10" plant and \$20/pot for a 15" plant. Choose from red, white and pink blooms. Contact the school office at 636-928-5100 to place your order.

WALTHER LEAGUE 2.0

The Association churches of Lutheran High school invite you to come join us for Walther League 2.0 on **Wednesday, December 13**, for a time of fellowship with other Christian men and women...and donuts and coffee! Why? Our Pastors do it, why not you? Monthly fellowship in the Word of Christ builds unity, faith, strength. Join us in the LHS Commons. Fellowship starts at 8:30 am with Bible study from 8:50-9:30. Participants are welcome to stay for chapel at 9:45. Bring your Bible. Invite a friend! Questions: Contact LHS Director of Evets, Kathy Sperlo at 636-928-5100 or sperlo@hssc.org.

ATTENTION ALL VETERANS

Veterans from all branches of the service are invited to attend "Coffee Talk" **every Wednesday** at 9:00 am at Grace Baptist Church, 3601 Ehlmann Road in St. Charles. (Take I-70 to the Cave Springs exit, then go north). They 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 for free coffee and donuts, and enjoy an hour with your fellow veterans.

CANCER COMPANIONS

Zion has started a Cancer Companions series on **Thursdays** at 6:30 PM in the Zion Chapel. The series will run in consecutive weeks, ending before Thanksgiving. Anyone who has been affected by cancer, is currently in treatment, and/or is a caregiver is welcome to join. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Julie Stanglein at 636-634-1269.

JOB LISTING

Spencer Place Apartments (our neighbor next door) has job openings for Full Time and Part Time Maintenance Positions. The pay is \$17 per hour, up to 40 hours a week, full benefits. Please contact Michael Kinder at 636-474-9408, 636-441-1150, or spencercreekapts@gmail.com

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Sun.	12/03/2017	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.	12/04/2017	1:00 PM	Needles and Hooks in Rm 225
		5:30 PM	Select Team Volleyball in Gym
		6:00 PM	AA in Room 105
		7:00 PM	Communion Worship Service
Tues.	12/05/2017	10:00 AM	Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study Rm 224
		1:30 PM	Friendly Visitor Cookies in Kitchen
		6:15 PM	To 7:30 PM Zumba Fitness in Gym
		7:00 PM	Elders' Meeting in Rm 225
Wed.	12/06/2017	6:30 AM	Early Morning Bible Study at Bob Evans
		8:30 AM	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Rm 224
		9:00 AM	Quilt Tacking in Lower Level Lobby
		9:00 AM	AA in Rm 114
		11:00 AM	Worship Service
		6:00 PM	Soup Supper
		6:30 PM	Adult Bible Class in Rm 224
		7:00 PM	Advent Worship Service
Thur.	12/07/2017	10:00 AM	OASIS Volunteer
		10:30 AM	AL-A in Rm 222
		5:30 PM	Chapel Bells in Choir Loft-Rm 301
		6:15 PM	To 7:30 PM Zumba Fitness in Gym
		6:30 PM	Adult Choir Practice in Choir Loft-Rm 301
		7:30 PM	To 9:30 PM Select Tam Volleyball in Gym
Fri.	12/08/2017		
Sat.	12/09/2017	7:30 AM	Men's Ministry Bible Study in Rm 224
		9:00 AM	Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal
		9:45 AM	AA in Rm 224 & Rm 129
Sun.	12/10/2017	8:00 AM	Worship Service
		9:00 AM	Andrew Pelley Library Open
		9:00 AM	To 10:30 Chapel Scrip
		9:00 AM	To 9:15 & 11:45 to 12 Blood Pressure Checks
		9:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Classes
		10:45 AM	Worship Service
		2:00 PM	Youth Christmas Party in Gym & Lower Level
		6:30 PM	AI-A in Rm 114

**CHAPEL'S
EVENTS
FOR
DECEMBER
3
through
DECEMBER
10**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Week Beginning Sunday, December 3	Week Beginning Sunday, December 10
<p>GREETERS: 8:00 Rich & Kellee Matt 10:45 Ruby Kramer Dorothy Pauley</p> <p>ACOLYTES: 8:00 Samantha Hasson Drew Rousseau 10:45 Shane Sare Alexis Floyd</p> <p>USHERS: 8:00 Rich Matt* Kellee Matt Sheryl Munz Dennis Guyott Ginny Guyott Nathan Matt Stephanie Matt 10:45 Bill Hiner* Seth McKee Wade McKee Cornel Savala Dee Krieger 7:00 Mike & Ruth Conant</p> <p>ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: 8:00 Rod Landers Dan Kroehnke Roger Kutschkau 10:45 Jim Rellmann Wade McKee Mark Borchert Dan Heidelberg 7:00 Bob Wadlow</p> <p>ELDER ON DUTY: Rod Landers TRUSTEE: Brian Hubbell COUNTERS: Jon Allmon Harriet Allmon Rich Minasian Janet Minasian John Lomax Joy Lomax</p>	<p>GREETERS: 8:00 Rich & Janet Minasian 10:45 Gladys Smart Sherry Carter</p> <p>ACOLYTES: 8:00 Jackson Stroup 10:45 Madison Higgins</p> <p>USHERS: 8:00 Bill Hankins* Bev 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 Schuettpeiz 7:00 Dan Newsham</p> <p>ELDER ON DUTY: Doug Seifert TRUSTEE: Tim Meyer COUNTERS: Bob Vangilder Jacquie Vangilder Jack Muckey Mathilda Reinhardt Mary Ann Ronan Sandy Schleicher</p>

Service Coordinator: Ruby Kramer

ALTAR GUILD:

For December: Ruby Kramer, Doris Braudis,
Barb & Jim Rellman

Mondays: Ruth Conant

Wednesdays: Pat Middendorf

For December 8

BULLETIN 2nd Friday, 9:00 AM

FOLDERS: Rich & Janet Minasian, Jack Muckey,
Mathilda Reinhardt, Edith Duke, Shelli Junkel