

**What's Happening at
Chapel of the Cross**
Sunday, December 25, 2016

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TODAY AT CHAPEL:

Merry Christmas!

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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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 18, 2016	This Week	Year to Date	'15 YTD
Budgeted Income Required:	\$ 14,905.77	\$ 760,194.27	
Actual Budget Funds:	\$ 23,506.25	\$ 757,594.24	\$ 727,587.85
Electronic Giving (included in line above	\$ 3,890.00	\$ 208,115.00	
Abundant Giving	\$ 97.50	\$ 12,978.50	
POBLO Ministries	\$ 42.00	\$ 2,374.50	
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Attendance: Week 51			
	'16 Actual	'16 Wkly Ave	'15 Actual
	313	468	481
			'15 Wkly Av
			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 26: ECCLESIASTES	9-10	DEC 29: SONG OF SOLOMON	4-6
DEC 27: ECCLESIASTES	11-12	DEC 30: SONG OF SOLOMON	7-8:4
DEC 28: SONG OF SOLOMON	1-3	DEC 31: SONG OF SOLOMON	8:5-14

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.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS MORNING

Next Sunday, January 1, we will have Sunday School activities for any families and children that attend on the holiday.

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.

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

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.

THE CHAPEL SCRIP COUNTER IS OPEN TODAY.

THERE WILL BE NO CHAPEL SCRIP SALES ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 1.

PASTOR BOB HOEHNER'S BIBLE CLASS ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 6:30-7:30pm.

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.

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: Trevor Holovics, Waylon Schmidt, Gianna Dandino, Ramsay Jameson. **CONGRATULATIONS** to them and thanks to their parents and grandparents for bringing them to Sunday School.

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. Out 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.

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you Chapel family for all the support you have given to us. The memorial service was so moving. The pastoral visits so comforting. The thoughts and prayers of the church family so meaningful. The choir music so uplifting. And the luncheon so delicious. We cannot express our gratitude enough.
Nell Ross and Family

THANK YOU

Thank you to the church staff and the Sunday School teachers for the Shop'n'Save gift card. It will be put to good use very soon!
Erin Schlottach

THANK YOU

Dear Chapel of the Cross Congregation,
Thank you so much for choosing the families at the Seminary for your diaper donation! Not only will new and expecting moms receive diapers in the coming months, but 22 other families received diapers as well. This season, we focus on a very special mother and her child-our Savior and Lord. The Seminary has seen His light through your wonderful and generous gift. May God bless you all this Christmas season and the whole year through!
Sincerely, Amy Will, Sonshine Coordinator

THANK YOU

Dear Friends in Christ,
Thank you so much for supporting Concordia Seminary Re-Sell It Shop through your donations of gently used and new items. These tangible gifts encourage the seminary families as they work very hard in preparing for full-time church work. You have blessed them so they may be a blessing to others.
Hannah Loum, Re-Sell It Shop Coordinator

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!

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)

BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR FROM YOUR LUTHERAN RADIO STATION WORLDWIDE KFUD

Tune in this week to AM850 or kfuo.org to hear all of your favorite hymns and classical arrangements that celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Regular programming resumes Monday, January 2, 2017.

PART TIME KITCHEN HELP NEEDED

Child of God Lutheran Church and School is looking for part time help in the kitchen. Days are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, start time can either be 10:00AM or 11:00AM until 2:00PM latest. Duties include cleaning and prepping foods, cooking, serving, washing dishes, general cleaning and stocking. To apply, pick up an application at the school office located at 650 Salt Lick Road, St. Peters, MO 63376. When returning your application, ask for Jane. Minimum salary is \$8.00/hour.

CAREGIVERS NEEDED

Would you enjoy working with older adults and getting paid for it? Good Neighbor Independent Caregivers: 1) Provide homemaker services such as light cleaning, cooking, laundry, shopping, personal hygiene, and provide companionship; 2) Flexible hours/days to fit your schedule; 3) Clients available in St. Louis city, St. Louis county, St. Charles county and Jefferson county. To find out how to become a caregiver, call 314-446-2471. The Good Neighbor Program is a free referral service that links independent caregivers with older adults who need assistance with routine household tasks and activities of daily living is funded by the United Way.

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.

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
Mon.	12/26/2016	Church Office Closed 5:30 PM Select Team Volleyball Practice in Gym 6:00 PM AA in Rm 129
Tues.	12/27/2016	6:15 PM Zumba Fitness in Gym
Wed.	12/28/2016	6:30 AM Wed. Early Morning Bible Study - Bob Evans 9:00 AM AA in Rm 114 11:00 AM Worship Service
Thur.	12/29/2016	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.	12/30/2016	5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal 5:00 PM Family Game Night in Gym
Sat.	12/31/2016	New Year's Eve 9:45 AM AA in Rm 224 & Rm 129 11:30 AM Private Event in Rm 224 to 2:30PM 4:00 PM Harnagel/Hofheins Wedding
Sun.	1/01/2017	New Year's Day 8:00 AM Communion Worship Service 10:45 AM Communion Worship Service 6:30 PM AI-A in Rm 114

**CHAPEL'S
EVENTS
FOR
DECEMBER
25
through
JANUARY
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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Week Beginning Sunday, December 25	Week Beginning Sunday, January 1
GREETERS: 8:00 Rich & Janet Minasian 10:45	GREETERS: 8:00 Brian & Kelly Tschannen 10:45 Virgil & Pat Schlough
ACOLYTES: 8:00 10:45 Joseph Gross	ACOLYTES: 8:00 10:45
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 Schuettpeiz 7:00 No Service	USHERS: 8:00 Steve Junkel* Rodney Bloese Bill Clark Gary Gorline John Harnagel Butch Schleicher Bob Vangilder 10:45 Bill Miller* Fred Budd Bob Cason Tom Goessling Dan Kroehnke Dave LaRussa Dale Ledford 7:00 No Service
ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: 8:00 Ralph Williams 10:45 Wyatt Gross	ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: 8:00 Doug Seifert Bill Miller Wyatt Gross Chris Becker 10:45 Wade McKee Dan Heidelmeyer Dave Riedemann
ELDER ON DUTY: Roger Kutschkau TRUSTEE: Brian Hubbell COUNTERS: John Middendorf Leon Heitgerd Rachelle Lilge Phyllis Richoz Virgil Schlough	ELDER ON DUTY: Wade McKee TRUSTEE: Tim Meyer COUNTERS: Duane & Debbie Theilen John & Joy Lomax Rich & Janet Minasian

Service Coordinator: Ruby Kramer

ALTAR GUILD:

For Dec: Terri Scheer, Abby Scheer,
Kathleen Dwyer

For Jan: Sandy Schleicher, Debbie Plegge,
Ellen Krull

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