

**What's Happening at
Chapel of the Cross**
Sunday, December 17, 2017

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TODAY AT CHAPEL:

Welcome New Members!

Sunday School Christmas Program
Tonight at 6:30PM

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
Mark Borchert	636-244-3784
Wyatt Gross	636-459-5496
Dan Heidelmeyer	636-240-1951
Dan Kroehnke	636-397-0860
Roger Kutschkau	636-926-0986
Rod Landers	314-281-6052
Wade McKee	636-928-3699
Bill Miller	636-272-7578
Dave Riedemann	636-447-2427
Doug Seifert	636-278-2782
Robert Wadlow	314-799-1124
Ralph Williams	636-447-1597

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 December 10, 2017	This Week	Year to Date	'16 YTD
Budgeted Income Required:	15,523.94	760,673.06	
Actual Budget Funds:	14,838.53	727,757.53	734,087.99
Electronic Giving –included in line above	4,590.00	199,325.00	
Abundant Giving	157.50	22,687.50	
Lutheran HOPE Center	112.00	4,033.50	

Attendance: Week 49

'17 Actual	'17 Wkly Ave	'16 Actual	'16 Wkly Av
444	464	440	471

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. “The Light and the Light-Bearer” with DCE Andrew Nelson & Seminarian Mason Vieth.

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. Today’s Teacher: Connie Bixler

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.

Today is the dress rehearsal for our annual Christmas Program this evening at 6:30pm.

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: “Christmas Program Rehearsal” with Liz Riedemann and Clarice Sage.

Our Weekday Bible Studies CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

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. 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 18:	REVELATION	11	DEC 21:	REVELATION	14-15
DEC 19:	REVELATION	12	DEC 22:	REVELATION	16
DEC 20:	REVELATION	13	DEC 23:	REVELATION	17:1-18:8

CHAPEL YOUTH HAPPENINGS

CHRISTMAS BREAK YOUTH NIGHT AT CHURCH - JANUARY 2

Youth are invited for a night of open gym, board games, group games, pizza, soda, and fun on **Tuesday, January 2**. The event is FREE for Chapel Youth and their friends, but an RSVP is appreciated so we can order adequate food and drink. Thank you!

Middle School Youth Event is 6:00-9:00PM

High School Youth Event is 7:00-10:00PM

CHAPEL YOUTH ALUMNI REUNION– JANUARY 4

Chapel High School Youth from the past few years are invited for an evening of memories, laughter, stories, and reconnecting on **Thursday, January 4** from 6:30PM until whenever you need/want to leave. We will meet in Room 224 for a meal of soup/chili provided by our Chapel Messengers. They are excited to connect with some of you who have received their messages and gifts over the past few years. If you haven't received anything, it's a great time to introduce yourself and share your contact information too! While this event is designed for our college-age youth (those who had DCE Andrew Nelson as their youth group leader), other Chapel Youth Alumni are certainly invited. Please text Andrew at 636-577-9888 to let him know you can make it!

CHAPEL PRESCHOOL

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SIGNED UP to host a "Preschool Now Enrolling" sign in their yard! If you'd still like sign up, please do so in the coffee shoppe. Questions? Please call/text/email Andrea Weiss. 989-529-8038 or andrea.weiss@chapelofthecrosslutheran.org. Spots are still available during the weeks listed below:

- January 21-February 4
- February 4-February 18
- February 18-March 4

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 17 / Baptism / John 1:23-28
- DEC 18 / Home / 2 Samuel 7:8-11
- DEC 19 / Love / Psalm 89:1-4
- DEC 20 / Blessed / Luke 1:46-48
- DEC 21 / Generations / Luke 1:49-55
- DEC 22 / Good News / Romans 16:25-27
- DEC 23 / Promise / Luke 1:26-30
- DEC 24 / Child / Luke 1:31-38
- DEC 25 / Holy Family / Luke 2:1-14

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

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| 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.

NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY - TODAY- DECEMBER 17

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. Come and meet the newest members of our church family!

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.

CHAPEL CIRCLE NEWS

- ◆ 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 Christmas Music. All ladies are invited. We hope to see you there!
- ◆ We want to thank everyone who baked and purchased cookies for the cookie sale. They were all lovely and we had more than ever.

WACKY TACKERS QUILTING WILL NOT MEET AGAIN UNTIL JANUARY 2018

SERVICE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS TODAY

The next service will be held **Sunday, January 14** 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 11**.

LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Do You enjoy reading the Lutheran Witness? The Lutheran Witness contains enlightening articles, letters to the editor, official notes 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 15**, 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”**.

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.

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULES FOR 2018

Altar Guild Members: 2018 schedules are now available for pick up in the Terri Scheer/Altar Guild folder in the mail tubs in the hall on your way to Rooms 222-225.

CHURCH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE STARTING IN JANUARY

We need volleyball players, co-ed league starts in January. You must be high school age or older. Games will be played on Monday nights. If interested please call or text Duane at (636) 399-4954.

ANDREW PELLEY CHURCH LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for some additional volunteers to help us in the church library. Volunteers work for about an hour in-between Sunday services and average about one Sunday a month. No other special skills or experience are needed. Please contact Shelli Junkel at 636-926-9660 or at sjmom@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in joining our team.

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.

TEN SUNDAYS CLUB

The Youth and Family Council announce their first group of Ten Sundays Club members: Waylon Schmidt, Caleigh Wegener, John Bain, Xavier Brandt, Christopher Durrell, Logan Walgate.

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.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT THANK YOU

The Advent by Candlelight committee would like to extend our sincerest thanks to the following: to the **200 women** who attended the program, who together kicked off the advent season, to our **Table Hostesses**, who are gracious and extremely creative, to the **Black Tie Hosts**, who made the evening so special with their attentive service and willingness to help “pack-up” the event, **Brad Biggers** and **Jerry Mortenson**, for covering the audio aspects of the program, to **Brad Biggers, Andrew Nelson** and **Stephanie Diehl** for graciously accepting reader parts in our story, to **Nancy Seifert, Adrienne Collins, Tara Linneman, Shelli Junkel and Andrew Nelson**, who all shared their gift of music with us, to **Phyllis Carter** and the **Bell Choir**, who spent time preparing for the evening, your dedication to the program is amazing, to **Pastor Bob Hoehner**, who lead us in prayer and **Caitlyn Wegener**, our acolyte, to **Dennis Knouse** and **Bill Hankins**, for being our patient “stage hands”, and to **Bev Piehl**, for allowing us to interrupt her busy schedule with all of our small details and tasks. An extra thank you is also extended to **KMD Linen Service** for the gracious use of the linen tablecloths.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT MISSION OFFERING

Thank you to all who participated in the mission offering for Sonshine Seminary at this years Advent by Candlelight. We **collected \$738.00** which will be used to purchase diapers, baby formula and other needs for the families at Concordia St. Louis. Your generosity will truly be well received by those who are in need at the seminary.

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

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)

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SURVEY

Lutheran High School values your input! Each year, we ask current students and families, alumni, Association church members, and friends to participate in our Annual Survey. This survey provides valuable information to help us assess our strengths and understand ways in which we can make improvements. Please visit our website at lutheranhighstcharles.com and access the survey on the home page. Thank you!

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.**

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

ACOLYTES:	3:00 pm	Gavin Walgate Meagan Eaker
	7:00 pm	Abby Kester Analiesa Hollowood
	11:00 pm	Isaiah Hoehner Micah Hoehner

USHERS: Sunday, December 24	3:00 pm	Richard Matt's Team
	7:00 pm	Bill Hankins' Team
	11:00 pm	Steve Junkel's Team

ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: Sunday, December 24	3:00 pm	Ralph Williams Rod Landers Dan Heidelberg Dan Kroehnke Andrew Nelson
	11:00 pm	David Riedemann Art Goltz Wade McKee Doug Seifert
Monday, December 25	9:30 am	Jim Rellman Bob Wadlow

ELDER ON DUTY: December 24 December 25		Ralph Williams Chris Becker
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Sun.	12/17/2017	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	Sunday School Christmas Program
		6:30 PM	AI-A in Rm 114
Mon.	12/18/2017	10:00 AM	Mom & Me in Gym
		1:00 PM	Needles and Hooks in Rm 225
		5:30 PM	Select Team Volleyball in Gym
		6:00 PM	AA in Room 105
		6:00 PM	Financial Control Board Mtg in Rm 225
		7:00 PM	Communion Worship Service
		7:30 PM	Chapel Scrip
Tues.	12/19/2017	10:00 AM	Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study Rm 224
		12:00 PM	Chapel Circle Meeting in Gym & Rm 224
		6:15 PM	To 7:30 PM Zumba Fitness in Gym
Wed.	12/20/2017	6:30 AM	Early Morning Bible Study at Bob Evans
		8:30 AM	TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Rm 224
		9:00 AM	AA in Rm 114
		11:00 AM	Advent Worship Service
		12:00 PM	Young at Heart in Gym
		6:00 PM	Soup Supper
		6:30 PM	Adult Bible Class in Rm 224
		7:00 PM	Trustees Mtg in Rm 225
		7:00 PM	Advent Worship Service
Thur.	12/21/2017	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 Team Volleyball in Gym
Fri.	12/22/2017		
Sat.	12/23/2017	7:30 AM	Men's Ministry Bible Study in Rm 114
		9:45 AM	AA in Rm 224 & Rm 129
		10:00 AM	OASIS Volunteer
Sun.	12/24/2017		Christmas Eve
		8:00 AM	Worship Service—Lessons & Carols
		9:00 AM	To 10:30 Chapel Scrip
		10:45 AM	Worship Service—Lessons & Carols
		3:00 PM	Family Service with Communion
		6:30 PM	AI-A in Rm 114
		7:00 PM	Candlelight Worship Service
		11:00 PM	Candlelight Communion Service

**CHAPEL'S
EVENTS
FOR
DECEMBER
17
through
DECEMBER
24**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Week Beginning Sunday, December 17	Week Beginning Sunday, December 24
GREETERS: 8:00 Brian & Kelly Tschannen 10:45 Virgil & Pat Schlough	GREETERS: 8:00 10:45
ACOLYTES: 8:00 Calvin Gross Joseph Gross 10:45 Micah Hoehner Isaiah Hoehner	ACOLYTES: 8:00 Jackson Stroup 10:45 Logan Hunt
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 Dan Kroehnke Dave LaRussa Dale Ledford Jimi Matson 7:00 Mike & Ruth Conant	USHERS: 8:00 Robert Klos* Diane Klos Chris Brooks Kyle Goltz Jack Muckey 10:45 Brandon Kemper* Dianna Meyer Emily Carroll Jim Harris Lauren Kemper Ryan Kemper Rosilyn Schmitt
ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: 8:00 Bill Miller Doug Seifert Wyatt Gross Nathaniel Brown 10:45 Dan Kroehnke David Riedemann Mark Borchert Mason Vieth 7:00 Bob Wadlow	ELDER ON DUTY: Bill Miller TRUSTEE: Karl Sestak COUNTERS: John Middendorf Leon Heitgerd Rachelle Lilge Phyllis Richoz Virgil Schlough
ELDER ON DUTY: Wyatt Gross TRUSTEE: Harry Nelson COUNTERS: Paul Ludy Rosa Ludy Edith Duke Ruby Kramer	<p style="text-align: center;">See Page 10 for Worship Assistants on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day</p>

Service Coordinator: Ruby Kramer

ALTAR GUILD:

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

Mondays: Ruth Conant

Wednesdays: Pat Middendorf

For December 22

BULLETIN 4th Friday, 9:00 AM

FOLDERS: Jim Burrows, Nona Parr, Sherry Witmus,
Kristin Young, Edith Duke, Shelli Junkel