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Chapel Bell Summer Schedule

After the month of May, the Chapel Bell will be published twice a month in the summer.

Here is the schedule:

August 21

September 4 begins every week again!

Go green!

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DID YOU KNOW...

This past May, Ladue Chapel observed Pentecost and Trinity Sunday but the Ladue Chapel Deacons also hosted our annual Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, May 17, 2018. Over 20 members and non-member donors shared their gift of life by giving their blood to keep others alive. This small act can make a giant impact in someone else's life. If you were a donor, thank you for donating blood!

But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

~Ephesians 2:13

It was Mark Twain, of Hannibal, Missouri fame, who once said, "When in doubt tell the truth. It will confound your enemies and astound your friends." Apparently truth-telling was in short supply back then, even as it seems to be now.



In our Brief Statement of Faith we admit that we "accept lies as truth." We've been doing it for a very long time. When Jesus was interrogated by Pontius Pilate, he said, "For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Then Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" It was a rhetorical question. Pilate already knew that in his world, truth was rarely based in fact, and often shifted with the wind.

Sadly, though Jesus invites us to live in his kingdom of love, truth, and justice, we still live in Pilate's kingdom of deceit, lies, and dissembling. I've had to contend with liars, and it's both difficult and vexing. Difficult because it's hard to convince others of the truth, and vexing because the only way to stop a liar is to catch them red-handed in it, and they aren't easily caught. Habitual liars are good at it.

I don't lie because I learned as a kid that it's easier to remember the truth. Mark Twain agreed, who also said, "If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything." Besides, the truth makes for enduring relationships of faith, hope, and love—the three great Christian virtues—and those are the relationships I want to have.

I also want to have a relationship with our public servants of faith, hope, and love, and that's becoming increasingly difficult for me to do. It's hard to tell which are telling the truth and which aren't. As we approach the mid-term elections, the political ads try to convince us that none of them are honest. What I hear is an echo of Pontius Pilate's cynical question to Jesus, "What is truth?"

I am certain of only one thing. That Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. That's why I listen to him, believe in him, trust in him, and follow him. And his truth fills me with hope and peace. And you?

Faithfully yours,



Ladue Chapel 75th Anniversary

Save the date! We will formally celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church on **Sunday, November 4, 2018** with a single worship service at 10:00 a.m., followed by a catered celebration lunch in Fellowship Hall, Fireside Room, and Gathering Place. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on this historic Sunday.



Interfaith Partnership Open House

After worship on **Sunday, August 12**, you are invited to take a look at the newly renovated cottage. Ladue Chapel is now leasing the cottage to Interfaith Partnership of Greater St. Louis to use as their office.

The staff at Interfaith Partnership want to thank the congregation by welcoming you to take a look inside of the cottage and see the fruits of your labor and contributions. Light refreshments will be provided. If you would like to know more about Interfaith Partnership, you may access their website at www.interfaithstl.org.

Calling for Food Bank Drivers

I just sent our food bank drivers' schedule for July and August. We were short a couple of drivers due to vacation and illness. But, we have a strong, cohesive team that works closely together to accomplish our mission, and sometimes that means taking more than the usual number (four) of assignments in a two-month schedule. If anyone is interested in helping with this vital ministry of God's church, call or email me to find out more details. Perhaps there is a husband/wife team that could make the food pick-ups together—or a couple of friends. Jesus didn't send out his disciples alone, but two by two.

- Steve Nichols (314) 518-7250; steven.h.nichols@icloud.com

Cares & Concerns

Recently Hospitalized or Recovering at Home: We are not aware of anyone in the hospital.

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to Julie (Donnell) Peak and her family for the death of her husband, Brian Peak, who died and entered the Church Triumphant on August 4. A memorial service will be held at Ladue Chapel on Friday, August 17 at 11:00 a.m. with reception to follow. We have established a memorial in Brian's name. Gifts may be made to the Ladue Chapel Brian Peak Memorial.

If you are aware of a member in the hospital or anticipating a hospitalization, please call the church office at 993-4771 ext 0 or speak to one of the pastors. We are available to offer a ministry of care, compassion, and prayer in times of need.

CALENDAR

An extended calendar is available at www.laduechapel.org.

Thursday, August 9
No Church Events Scheduled

Friday, August 10
7:00 am Food Bank Service Bldg

Saturday, August 11
No Church Events Scheduled

Sunday, August 12
9:15 am Infant Care Nursery
10:00 am Worship Sanctuary
11:00 am Interfaith Partnership Open House Cottage

Monday, August 13
7:00 am Food Bank Service Bldg
7:00 pm Mission Comm Leutwiler

Tuesday, August 14
9:30 am Program Staff Mtg Staff CR
10:30 am WA Bandages FH-N
12:00 pm WA Brown Bag Lunch FH-N
1:00 pm Women's Study Grp Library
5:00 pm Stephen Leaders Bickel
6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Various
7:00 pm Adult Education Mtg Gulick

Wednesday, August 15
8:00 am Finance Committee Bickel
8:15 am Men's Bible Study Leutwiler
12:00 pm Staff Lunch FH-N
7:00 pm Stewardship Comm Leutwiler
7:00 pm SYMT Meeting Staff CR

Thursday, August 16
No Church Events Scheduled

Friday, August 17
7:00 am Food Bank Service Bldg

Saturday, August 18
No Church Events Scheduled

Sunday, August 19
9:15 am Infant Care Nursery
10:00 am Worship Sanctuary

Monday, August 20
7:00 am Food Bank Service Bldg
4:00 pm 75 Anniversary Mtg Leutwiler

Tuesday, August 21
9:15 am Staff Calendar Mtg Leutwiler
9:30 am Program Staff Mtg Staff CR
9:30 am Mailing Angels Gulick
10:30 am WA Bandages FH-N
12:00 pm WA Brown Bag Lunch FH-N
12:00 pm New Member Mtg Leutwiler
1:00 pm Women's Study Grp Library

Wednesday, August 22
8:15 am Men's Bible Study Leutwiler
7:00 pm Session Leutwiler

Thursday, August 23
No Church Events Scheduled

Kindermusik

Registration is now open for 4- and 5-year-old children who wish to participate in the musical program Kindermusik for the 2018-19 school year. Classes will be held on Mondays from 1:30-2:45 p.m. in the Choir Room beginning in September. Register online at laduechapel.org/worship/music-ministry/kindermusik/. If you have questions regarding the program, please contact Anne Peacock at apeacock@laduechapel.org or 314-993-4771 ext 3122.



Mission in Action Booklet

The New Member Committee is launching a project collecting personal testimonials that will be included in a commemorative booklet to accompany the pictorial directory later this year. This invitation to submit a testimony is open to anyone who is interested in writing a brief account of your faith story. Please prayerfully consider including your voice in this unique project and, if interested, contact Larry Daniels (Chair) at skybubble1@prodigy.net. **Orange flyers are available in the Welcome Center with more information.** Thank you in advance for your participation!



Mary Circle Bible Study

Ladies, looking for a meaningful Bible study? This year the Mary Circle will be studying "God's Promise: I Am with You." Mary Circle meets the third Tuesday of each month, starting **September 18 at 10:30 a.m.** and ending in May. Making a commitment to Mary Circle is a great way to meet other women in our church of all ages and a fantastic way to deepen one's faith. Study guides are available from Emily in the church office for \$11 each.



Arts & Faith Interfaith Concert

This year marks the 8th Annual Interfaith Concert and "Great Music of Many Faiths" will feature both adult and young singers and musicians. Don't miss this free event held at The Sheldon Concert Hall on Sunday, September 16 at 5:30 p.m. The Sheldon is located at 3648 Washington Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63108. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. For more information about the concert, go to artsfaithstl.org or contact Barbara Murray at bmurray@thesheldon.org.



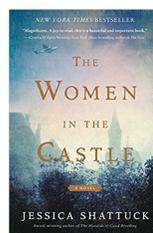
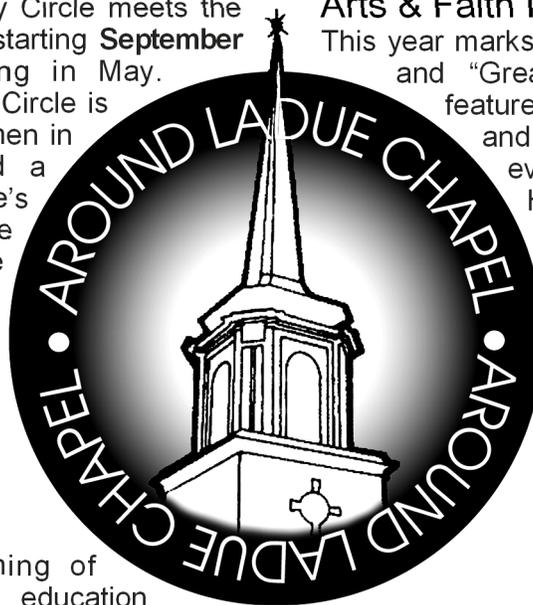
Save the Date! Rally Day

Rally Day marks the beginning of our program year, with all education classes meeting at 9:45 a.m. and our annual Rally Day picnic after worship on **Sunday, September 9** at 12:15 p.m. Don't miss it!



Acolyte Training

Acolytes are youth, fourth grade or older, who assist in worship. Each week one brings in the light of Christ and another carries in the Bible to demonstrate that it is the book of the people. Acolytes receive the offering from the ushers and assist with baptisms. We are having a training for new and experienced Acolytes after worship on **Sunday, August 26 at 11:30 a.m.** Youth in the 4th grade and older are eligible to serve the church as an acolyte. If you have any questions, contact Amy Dunaway at amydunaway74@gmail.com.



Women's Book Club

Beginning on **Monday, September 10**, the Women's Book Club will meet on the second Monday of each month at **1:00 p.m. in the Bickel Room**. If you are a woman interested in reading and discussing the book selections, please join us! Check the Women's Association bulletin board for more information and additional opportunities. Flyers are available on the Welcome Center in the Gathering Place with full book descriptions.

Upcoming Book Club Meetings:

9/10—**Woman in the Castle** by Jessica Shattuck
 10/15—**Peace Like A River** by Lief Enger
 11/12—**Love And Ruin** by Paula McClain
 12/10—NO MEETING
Selections for 2019 will be made at the Fall meetings. We hope you join us!

PDO Enrollment for 2018-19

Play Day Out (PDO) is now accepting enrollment for 2018 Fall Classes. PDO provides environments where two and three year olds can learn and grow through play, peer interaction, and hands-on activities. We encourage children to build social skills while fostering creativity and self-expression. We have M-W-F and T-Th class options from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Let PDO be an experience your child excitedly anticipates! Contact PDO Director Terry Schlueter at (314) 993-2429 or pdo@laduechapel.org to schedule a tour.

Sundays, August 12 & 19 Worship Services at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Scriptures

August 12: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33;
Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2;
John 6:35, 41-51

August 19: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14;
Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20;
John 6:51-58

Music Ministry

August 12: Soprano Maggie Kerr will sing Bach's "Ich folge dir gleichfalls" accompanied by flutist Jennifer Adams.

August 19: Soloist will be Zachary Devin.



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Making A Difference

SAVE THE DATE!
Annual Rally Day Picnic
Sunday, September 9

Children's Choirs

I enjoyed working with and getting to know the students who participated in VBS last week. As you are planning your family's schedule for the fall, I hope you are considering participation in one of our children's choirs. We will begin on Monday September 10 with Chorister Choir (Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade) meeting from 4:00 until 5:00 p.m. and Carol Choir (Grades 3-6) meeting from 5:00 until 5:45 p.m.

Membership in a choir enriches your child's life in multiple ways. Here are just a few:

- ♪ Musical experiences create neural pathways throughout the brain.
- ♪ Singing combines text, melody, harmony, rhythm and movement, activating the higher learning centers of the brain.
- ♪ Choir offers movement activities that cross the midline, stimulating communication between left and right brain.
- ♪ Choir encourages concentration and discipline, which carry over into other areas.
- ♪ Choir involves reading, anticipating, listening and memorization: all skills which enhance academic pursuits.
- ♪ Choir encourages children to be cooperative with leaders and peers, more self-confident, and better able to express their ideas.

Singing is a gift your child will use his/her entire lifetime! --David Erwin

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