

# THE Chapel Bell

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**DINNER,  
FELLOWSHIP,  
MUSIC, AND  
WORSHIP  
WOW!**

**Drop in on Wednesdays for dinner  
between 5:30 and 6:15 p.m.  
in Fellowship Hall.**

**December 19, 2018**

Pork tenderloin, stuffing,  
vegetable, salad, dessert  
(vegan, vegetarian, and gluten free  
options available)

**Catered by Carolyn's**

**Cost**

Adults \$10

Students (age 10–17) \$5

Children (under 9) are free

**RSVP to 314-993-4771 ext 0.**

**Worship to follow at 6:15 p.m.**

Taizé-style Worship will be led by the  
Rev. Dieter Heinzl in Fireside Room.

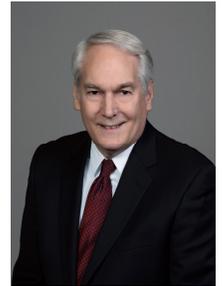
**Winter Weather  
Advisories**

If we are forced to close the  
church building due to inclem-  
ent weather, there will be an  
announcement on our  
voicemail at 314-993-4771,  
and on [www.laduechapel.org](http://www.laduechapel.org),  
[www.kmov.com](http://www.kmov.com), [www.ksdk.com](http://www.ksdk.com),  
and [www.Fox2now.com](http://www.Fox2now.com).

**Ornaments Available**

Ornaments of the Sanctuary  
stained glass window (favors  
from the 75th Anniversary) are  
available for sale in the church  
office. The price is \$15.

A member asked me the other day how they should go about strengthening their faith. It's a really good question. The easy answer is to come to worship, participate in adult education opportunities, sign up for a Disciple class, participate in one of our mission ministries, and join one of our Breadbreaker fellowship groups. It also helps to read the Bible and pray to God with regularity. But the harder answer is to understand why all that works to strengthen your faith.



It was my sister, the athletic coach turned pastor, who clued me into paying attention to that word, "strengthening." That's muscle language. We strengthen our faith in the same way we strengthen our muscles. First, with exercise. It's use it or lose it for muscles and for faith. Your participation in church activities like those I listed above exercises your faith. It keeps your faith healthy, and keeps your faith strong.

Second, we strengthen our faith with resistance training. If you want to strengthen your muscles beyond their current strength, you have to push them beyond their current capacity, most often by lifting weights. That's resistance training. For faith, it means pushing beyond what you are doing now, or have always done. So a Disciple Class is pushing your faith to a new level, as is participating in a mission activity, like working with us on a Habitat house, or joining a spiritual companion group.

Third, we strengthen our faith with practice. Every athlete knows that practice produces and maintains muscle memory. Faith is similar. Practicing your faith with regularity produces and maintains faith memory. That may not seem terribly important in the ordinary warp and woof of life. But when the day comes that you need to really lean on your faith—and that day will come—you will have the faith memory to sustain you, encourage you, and fill you with hope and confidence.

So keep your faith strong by exercising it. Strengthen it by pushing it beyond its current capacity. And build up your faith memory by practicing it every day. And remember, the church and your pastors are here to help you do each one of those things.

Faithfully yours,

## Come Make a Difference!

*"Ladue Chapel is a congregation of God's people, welcoming all, illuminating faith, serving God and neighbor, and making a difference on behalf of Christ."*

**Turkey/Ham Drive** Bring your 10 lb turkey or ham to the church freezer for our annual Holiday Drive for our food pantries. We will be accepting these items until December 23 ... Gobble gobble.

**Christmas Gift Trees** Look for gift suggestions on trees in the Gathering Space to make some needy child or adult's holiday a bit brighter.

**Make a St. Patrick Casserole:** LC provides casseroles to St. Patrick Center to help serve the homeless or those at risk of homelessness. The recipe is on the church website. Contact Lucie Staack for more information. Casseroles are due this month on Monday, December 31.

**Clean Up Buckets in January** Ladue Chapel will pack buckets with clean up supplies for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to distribute after natural disasters (floods, hurricanes, tornadoes).

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### 2018 Contribution and Stock Gift Deadline

For questions about any of the following, please call Suzanne Williams at 314-993-4771 ext 3100. According to IRS guidelines, all donations must have a transaction date on or before 12/31/2018 in order to be eligible for a tax deduction. If the donation is by check, the check must be dated on or before 12/31/2018. If mailed, the envelope must be postmarked on or before 12/31/2018. If dropped off at the office, it must be in the possession of the Business Office on or before Friday, 12/28/2018, in order to ensure the deposit is completed by 12/31/2018. If you make a donation online through the website or by sending an ACH transfer through your bank, the funds must be in the Ladue Chapel bank account on or before 12/28/2018.

If you complete your donation through a stock transfer, the stock must be received, and made available for sale, by the Ladue Chapel Ameritrade account on or before Thursday, 12/27/2018, due to the markets being closed on Saturday. Please make sure to notify the business office (Suzanne Williams 314-993-4771 ext 3100 or Tom Sargent 314-993-4771 ext 3104) of any pending stock transactions so we can verify it and send you a confirmation letter for your taxes.

**Since the holidays are such a busy time, and particularly because many businesses are closed December 31, 2018, it is highly recommended to complete all transactions prior to Christmas.**

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### Cares & Concerns

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

*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.*

**We offer Christian love and sympathy** to Sue Hammann and her family on the death of her mother, Dolores "Dolly" McGraw, who entered the Church Triumphant on December 8.

### CALENDAR

An extended calendar is available at [www.laduechapel.org](http://www.laduechapel.org)

#### Thursday, December 13

10:30 am Theology Leader Mtg. Bickel  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Choir Rm

#### Friday, December 14

7:00 am Food Bank Service Bldg

#### Saturday, December 15

9:30 am Chancel Choir Sanctuary  
Dress Rehearsal

#### Sunday, December 16

8:15 am Infant Care Nursery  
8:30 am Worship Sanctuary  
9:45 am Confirmation Class FH-C&N  
11:00 am Worship Sanctuary  
5:30 pm Youth Groups FH

#### Monday, December 17

7:00 am Food Bank Service Bldg  
1:30 pm Kindermusik Choir Room  
4:00 pm Route 345 Edu Wing  
4:15 pm Chorister Choir Choir Rm  
5:00 pm Carol Choir Choir Rm  
5:45 pm GenRev Ringers Choir Rm

#### Tuesday, December 18

9:15 am Staff Calendar Mtg Leutwiler  
9:30 am Mailing Angels Gulick  
9:30 am Program Staff Mtg Staff CR  
10:30 am Mary Circle Bickel  
10:30 am WA Bandages FH-N  
12:00 pm WA Brown Bag Lunch FH  
12:00 pm New Member Comm. Leutwiler  
1:00 pm Women's Study Grp Library

#### Wednesday, December 19

8:15 am Men's Bible Study Leutwiler  
12:00 pm Staff Lunch FH-N  
4:00 pm Labyrinth FH-S  
5:30 pm WOW Dinner FH  
6:15 pm WOW Taizé Worship Fireside  
7:00 pm Session Meeting Leutwiler  
7:00 pm Stewardship Comm. Library

#### Thursday, December 20

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Choir Rm

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### Fast Forward

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St. Patrick's Casseroles are due at the church on Monday, December 31.

**Bridge Bread for Christmas**  
Bridge Bread baked goods (bread, cinnamon rolls, bagels, brownies, and sweet rolls) will be for sale in the Gathering Place after worship on **Sunday, December 16**. Everything freezes well, so stock up for Christmas! Bridge Bread is like a doorway to a more substantial future for those experiencing homelessness by giving individuals a job and a purpose.



**Mission in Action Commemorative Book**

Over the past six months, in honor and commemoration of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, members and staff of Ladue Chapel have written and drawn their own faith stories. These stories and pictures have been put together into a booklet, *Mission in Action*. You are invited to pick up a copy in the Gathering Place to hear the stories of faith from our own community.



**Men's Retreat**

The retreat is **January 11-12, 2019**, at Marianist Retreat Center. The Rev. Dr. Mark Thomas will speak after dinner on Friday and the Rev. Dr. David Greenhaw, President of Eden Seminary and Professor of Preaching & Worship, will join us on Saturday after breakfast. Email Steve Peacock at [steviep65@icloud.com](mailto:steviep65@icloud.com) or phone 314-540-2667 for more information. To register call the church office at 314-993-4771 ext 0 or register on the Ladue Chapel website.



**Women's Retreat**

The women's retreat will be at Mercy Retreat Center, **January 25 and 26, 2019**. Dr. Sonia Waters from Princeton Seminary will come to share "Reflections" on women at wells. Call the office or visit the church website for more information and to register. We are looking forward to another amazing year of fellowship.



**Become a Stephen Minister at Ladue Chapel**

"People need a good listening to!" Listening is an art, and learning to listen carefully is part of the 50 hours of initial training for Stephen Ministers preparing to hear the struggles of hurting people. Ladue Chapel training for the new class of Stephen Ministers begins February 23 and ends June 1, 2019. It's a time to become empowered, equipped to serve others. An opportunity to learn and grow.

Believing that God will care and guide the Care Receiver, a Stephen Minister does not solve problems for that person. It is God who guides, God who heals. This is confidential ministry between the Stephen Minister, the Care Receiver, and our listening Lord. A Stephen Minister typically has one Care Receiver at a time and meets once a week with that person to listen, pray and offer spiritual support. At Ladue Chapel, a Stephen Minister may alternatively call on people in hospitals and nursing homes, shouldering burdens, sharing joys.

To learn more, contact Rev. Anastassia Sharpe at 314-993-4771 ext. 3123; or Stephen Leaders Carolyn Birge at 314-997-2529; Jo Dyroff at 314-852-3958; Jan Miller at 314-945-0204; John Hensley at 314-346-2010; Ann Crowley at 314-503-6344; or Vivian Swain at 314-576-5427. Visit our website: [www.laduechapel.org/care/stephen-ministry/](http://www.laduechapel.org/care/stephen-ministry/) Applications are available in the church office and are due January 8, 2019.

*Join us for*  
**Christmas Eve Worship**  
**Monday, December 24**

✻ **4:30 p.m.: Family Service**  
*(Come early!)*

The children's choirs lead an informal, interactive service, ideal for children, families and the young at heart. Music by the Chorister and Carol Choirs and GenRev Ringers. Childcare provided in the Nursery for children 2 years and younger.

✻ **7:00 p.m.: Candlelight & Carol Service**

The Rev. Dr. Mark Thomas preaches, with music by a vocal quartet. The service concludes with all singing "Silent Night" by candlelight. Childcare provided in the Nursery for children 3 years and younger.

✻ **9:40 p.m.: A Nativity Concert**

The concert features soloists, string quartet, and organ, featuring beautiful music from around the world.

✻ **10:00 p.m.: Candlelight & Communion Service**

The Rev. Dr. Mark Thomas preaches, with anthems by the Chancel Choir, with string quartet. The service concludes with all singing "Silent Night" by candlelight. No childcare.

**The church will be closed Tuesday, December 25, and Wednesday, December 26, 2018.**



### LCNS 2019–20 Enrollment

Ladue Chapel Nursery School is accepting applications for the 2019–2020 school year. A printable application card is available on our website: [laduechapelnurseryschool.com](http://laduechapelnurseryschool.com). Acceptance letters will be mailed out in January. School tours are available by appointment—please call Karen Valvero at 314-993-3993.

### High School Flying Spider Event

Senior High Youth Group is going to Flying Spider!  
*When:* Sunday, January 27, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
*Where:* Meet at Ladue Chapel  
*Cost:* \$15 per person  
*Questions or want to RSVP?* Contact Mike Waller at [raven3500@att.net](mailto:raven3500@att.net)

**Sunday, December 16**  
**Worship Services at**  
**8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**  
**in the Sanctuary**

#### Scriptures

Zeph. 3:14–20; Isa. 12:2–6;  
Phil. 4:4–7; Luke 3:7–18

#### Music Ministry

At both services, Chancel Choir, soloists and orchestra will present Part I of Handel's *Messiah*.



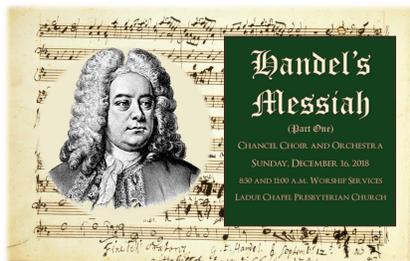
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**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**SERVICE SCHEDULE**  
**INSIDE!**

### Music News

#### Robing Rooms Renovations

Recently our choir robing rooms have been spruced up and renovated with fresh paint, and new cabinetry and shelving from NewSpace. The rooms will now function much more easily while maximizing the space in a much more efficient and pleasant manner. Thank you to John Poelker and Rian Beaulieu for the new paint job, and to Gretchen H. Ross for her vision and sponsorship of this needed project! —*David Erwin*



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