

THE Chapel Bell

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LADUE CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) · ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI



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

Drop in on
Wednesdays for dinner between
5:30-6:15 pm Fellowship Hall.

Dinner will be
catered by Carolyn's.

Worship to follow at 6:15 pm.

Bring A Friend!

Cost

Adults \$10

Students (10-17) \$5

Children (under 9) are free

Please RSVP at 314-993-4771 ext 0.

March 7, 2018

Soup Supper

Various soups and combread

Healing & Wholeness will be
led by Rev. Dieter Heinzl in
Woods Chapel.

**DID
YOU
KNOW...**

Learn fun, facile, fascinating
faith facts in Ladue Chapel's
2017 Annual Report.

Printed copies are now available
in the Gathering Space. You can
also view the digital version of
the Annual Report online at
laduechapel.org.

Receive, review, recall, and
rejoice in the Lord's blessings.

*We give thanks to you, O God;
~Psalm 75:1*

The events at the High School in Parkland, Florida have us all heartbroken, angry, and mystified. Our anger is a normal response to grief, injury, and heartbreak. What is less normal is that we are mystified about how to address the problem, and what exactly the problem is. Is the problem too many guns? Is the problem the availability of the wrong kinds of guns? Is the problem that guns are too easy to acquire? Or is the problem just us, and our lack of compassion for one another, and most especially for the odd, the peculiar, the mentally ill, the alien, and the different?



So far, we have failed to find a solution because we have failed to really identify the problem. Clearly, it's a multi-layered problem which we have to address on every level, not just one. We need not only to make guns more difficult to acquire, but also to train people in their responsible and safe use. We need, unfortunately, to increase school security. But we also need to improve our social connections, and our compassion for the least and most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters. What disturbs me most right now is the targeting of innocents, in schools, in churches, at concerts, and in nightclubs. When did these innocents become the enemy and these places become the residences of the enemy, these places that have heretofore been safe?

Here is something to ponder. I would argue that the escalating violence in our country is in direct proportion to the decline in worship attendance and church participation. The church proclaims good news each and every week, in both word and deed, and at the heart of that good news is that we are loved by our Creator, from the greatest to the least of us. In the church we practice what we preach and do the best we can to fulfill Christ's welcome to all, and most especially to the different and the outcast.

I've been asked in the past, "How is the church responding to this crisis?" My response has always been the same. "We are proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ and serving as best we can as disciples of his transforming love, which we've been doing for over two thousand years now. If you want to know how to make a difference, come to church, because Jesus has the words of life." And Jesus weeps with us for the students, parents, and citizens of Parkland

See you in church.

Faithfully yours,

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services Sunday, March 4. For the March Hunger Offering, we are asking for donations of canned ham, soups, peanut butter, jelly (plastic jars), instant milk, coffee, tea and hygiene items (tooth brushes/paste, soap, deodorant, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products). Please place your items in the blue bins that will be located around the church entrances and children's education area.

Easter Baskets Needed

The Women's Association is gathering Easter baskets filled with goodies appropriate for preschoolers ages 3 and under. These baskets will be donated to Cornerstone Nursery. This is a tradition the Women's Association has supported for many years. In order for the children to receive their baskets by Easter, please bring your Easter basket donation to the office by noon on Palm Sunday, March 25. We appreciate your kindness!



Electronic Recycling March 9 & 10



Clayton's Public Works Department and Republic Services will co-sponsor the annual electronic recycling event on the south side of Shaw Park on Friday, March 9 from 7:30 a.m. to noon and Saturday, March 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Businesses and residents may dispose of computers, printers, phones, pagers, fax machines, small appliances, copy machines, and metal items. Everything that plugs into a wall or runs off a battery will be accepted. Fees will apply to CRT monitors, televisions, and Freon-containing items.

Men's Grilling Fellowship

Let's watch the Final Four NCAA Men's Championship together on the very large screen at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 2, in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy burgers and brats grilled outside on the east patio, what could be better? Bring a friend! A freewill donation of \$15 per person will go towards offsetting the food and beverages. To RSVP, please contact Steve Peacock at steviep65@icloud.com or 314-540-2667.

Cares & Concerns

Recently Hospitalized or Recovering at Home: George Hutchison, Ralph Edwards, Dave Curtis

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.

Joys & Celebrations

Congratulations to Mark & Holly Thomas on the birth of their granddaughter, Lydia Marie Flemingloss, on Saturday, February 17, to Jennifer & Craig Flemingloss of Falls Church, VA.

Congratulations to Sarah & Jeff Hightower on the birth of their son, Davis Jeffrey Hightower, on February 21. Proud big sister is Olivia.

CALENDAR

An extended calendar is available at www.laduechapel.org

Thursday, March 1

5:30 pm Lord's Supper Supper FH
6:30 pm Chapel Ringers Fireside
7:00 pm Lee Institute Meeting Library
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Choir Rm

Friday, March 2

7:00 am Food Bank Service Bldg
7:30 am Lenten Bfast & Speaker FH

Saturday, March 3

No Church Events

Sunday, March 4

8:15 am Infant Care Nursery
8:30 am Worship Sanctuary
9:45 am Adult Education Various
9:45 am Youth Education Youth Rms
9:45 am Confirmation w/ Session FH
9:45 am Sunday School Edu Wing
11:00 am Worship Sanctuary
12:30 pm Lectio Divina Fireside
4:00 pm Carillon Ringers Choir Rm
5:30 pm Youth Group FH

Monday, March 5

7:00 am Food Bank Service Bldg
9:30 am DISCIPLE IV Leutwiler
1:30 pm Kindermusik Choir Rm
4:00 pm Children's Snack FH-N
4:15 pm Route 345 Youth Rm
4:15 pm Chorister Choir Choir Rm
5:00 pm Carol Choir Choir Rm
5:45 pm GenRev Ringers Choir Rm
7:00 pm W&M Committee Leutwiler

Tuesday, March 6

9:30 am Program Staff Mtg Staff CR
9:30 am Mailing Angels Gulick
10:30 am WA Bandages FH-N
11:00 pm WA Guest Speaker Fireside
12:00 pm WALuncheon FH-N
1:00 pm Women's Study Grp Library
7:00 pm Staff Resources Bickel

Wednesday, March 7

8:00 am Men's Bible Study Leutwiler
5:30 pm WOW Dinner FH-N
6:15 pm Healing & Wholeness Chapel
7:00 pm Board of Deacons Leutwiler
7:00 pm SYMT Meeting Staff CR

Thursday, March 8

6:30 pm Chapel Ringers Fireside
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Choir Rm



2018 Pictorial Directory

Ladue Chapel is a community. And while this is an important, inclusive community, there are probably quite a few people that you don't know. The church directory is a great opportunity to put a face with a name. If you haven't already, we urge you to make an appointment and get your picture taken. By being a part of the directory, you are demonstrating your connection to our church family and, in turn, strengthening our community. **We are currently scheduling sessions for March 13-17 and are filling up fast!** You can register to have your photo taken by going online to laduechapel.org/2018-directory/, calling Jessica Lombardo in the church office at 314-993-4771 ext 3102, or signing up in the Gathering Place on Sunday mornings. Everyone who participates will receive a complimentary 8x10 print. Thank you to everyone who has participated so far!

Women's Association March Program

If you enjoy Antiques Roadshow, you will want to join the Women's Association on **Tuesday, March 6 at 11:00 a.m. in Fireside**. We are delighted that Ladue Chapel member Julie Nicolai will be at the helm that day. Julie, a local antiques dealer and appraiser, welcomes those who attend to bring one small item which she will appraise. Please join us for the program and a luncheon to follow at noon. You can call the church office at 314-993-4771 ext 0 to make a reservation by Friday, March 2.



Applications for Mission Interns 2018

The Mission Intern program is open to all rising seniors through current college sophomores. Through this experience, Interns will learn about needs in our community by working with agencies that Ladue Chapel supports: Cornerstone, Habitat for Humanity, LEAD, Isaiah 58, Chapel for the Exceptional and more. If you are interested in applying, go to laduechapel.org/mission-interns/. **Application deadline is Friday, March 16, 2018.**



Lenten Breakfast Series

**Fridays through Good Friday, March 30
7:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**

All are welcome! The morning begins with coffee at 7:30 a.m., breakfast at 7:45 a.m. and the speaker for that day will begin at 8:10 a.m.

Speakers

March 2: Rev. Anastassia Sharpe
 March 9: Rev. Amy Bertschausen
 March 16: Rev. Dr. Dieter Heinzl
 March 23: Rev. Melanie Smith
 March 30: Rev. Dr. Mark Thomas

The cost for breakfast is \$10 per person. RSVP to the church office at 314-993-4771 ext 0 or online at laduechapel.org/worship/special-services/lent/.



Registration for Confirmation 2018-19

If your son or daughter is in 7th grade you should have received an email invitation to join our 2018-19 Confirmation Class! Registration for Confirmation is open and all current 7th grade students are welcome to join. Confirmation is an eight-month program for all 8th graders, culminating with students becoming full members of the church. Classes meet on Sunday mornings from 9:45am-10:45am, where we explore questions like: Who is God? Why are baptism and communion significant in the Christian faith? What does it mean to be Presbyterian? And, much more. **How to Register: By March 12, go to laduechapel.org/learn/youth/confirmation/ and complete the Confirmation Form.** If you have any questions, please contact Mel Smith at msmith@laduechapel.org.

Lord's Supper Supper

2nd-5th graders & families, we hope you can join us for the Lord's Supper Supper on Thursday, March 1 at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This is a kid-friendly meal where we learn about Communion and have a behind-the-scenes tour of the Communion table and elements. The evening will end at 7:00 p.m. Our approach is to provide a meaningful experience for elementary aged children, so we recommend 2nd-5th graders attend with parents. Grandparents welcome, too! There is no charge but we do need to know how many plan on attending. Please RSVP to Robin Crawford at rcrawford@laduechapel.org or go online to laduechapel.org/learn/children/. Please indicate if childcare (infant-1st grade) is needed. Children will be prepared to take Communion on March 4 with your family and the congregation during worship. *Do this in remembrance of me.*



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Making A Difference

Lenten Prayer Retreat

Saturday, March 10 in the Fireside Room
9:00 am-12:00 pm (gather at 8:45 am for light breakfast)
Cost: \$5

You are invited to rest in God's presence and allow yourself to receive the pure gift of God. This morning of prayer is an opportunity to let God in – as one invites a contractor to do some remodeling in one's home – God is the inner remodeler. What carpenters do with walls and wiring, God does with hearts and minds. Join Dr. Dieter Heinzl and Anne Peacock as we nurture contemplative practices to enhance life's journey. Friends welcome. RSVP to Anne Peacock by emailing her at apeacock@laduechapel.org or calling 314-993-4771 ext 3122.

Sunday, March 4
Worship Services at
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
in the Sanctuary

Scriptures

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1
Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Music Ministry

At both services, Chancel Choir will sing "Ah, Holy Jesus" arranged by Donald McCullough.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET?
March Photo Sessions
Available for Church Directory
See inside for more details!

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