



**American Red Cross**

**Ladue Chapel's Annual Blood Drive**

**Thursday, May 11  
3:00-7:00 p.m.  
in Fellowship Hall**

Walk-ins are welcome, but if you want to reserve your spot go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to sign up. Thank you for your blood donations!

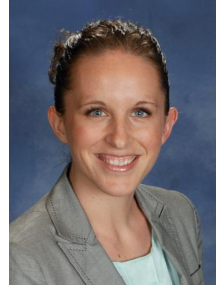
**DID YOU KNOW...**

The Women's Association of Ladue Chapel donates Easter baskets to the toddlers at the non-profit organization Cornerstone Center for Early Learning every year. Cornerstone is a place where children (as young as 6 weeks to 6 years old) go to learn and be cared for with sponsored tuition which allows their parents to work. This year, the Women's Association was able to give a total of 75 Easter Baskets to the Cornerstone kids thanks to your kind donations.

*All your children shall be taught by the Lord.*

~Isaiah 54:13

There's a phrase used among Children and Youth workers, and if you hang around us long enough, you're bound to hear it: "Sustainable Children and Youth Ministry". It's catchy but at the same time it's a little vague and begs the question, "What does 'Sustainable Children and Youth Ministry' actually mean and look like?"



As I've spent the past four and a half years working with youth and their families here at Ladue Chapel, "Sustainable Youth Ministry" has come to mean that students are known and welcomed by name when they walk through our doors. It means that they feel wanted and needed in our community and their gifts and talents are woven into different areas of ministry. It means the whole congregation embraces both children and youth ministry as the work of the church.

This model of ministry honors the baptismal vow we as a congregation make to every child (and adult) who is baptized: that we will love, encourage and support our children, youth and their families; that we will share the good news of the gospel with them and help them know, love and follow Christ.

It's with this vision in mind that I share the good news with you that we are taking a big step in our Children and Youth Ministry programs by partnering with Ministry Architects! Ministry Architects is a faith based consulting group that specializes in assisting congregations as they develop and strengthen their children and youth ministries.

Last December, Ministry Architects were invited to come hold and facilitate listening sessions. We heard from families, students and members about their experiences and what they hope for in regards to children and youth ministry. The result of those listening sessions was an Assessment Report which outlined the strengths of our programs and areas in which we can improve. The report also included recommendations for how to strengthen our children and youth ministries.

In January, Session received the report and approved partnering with Ministry Architects as we implement the recommendations.

Along with partnering with Ministry Architects, we are forming a "Renovation Team", which will be comprised of at least seven Ladue Chapel members. The team will meet regularly to work on implementing the recommendations from the report with the goal of building "Sustainable Children and Youth Ministries". The Renovation Team will also make regular reports to session and to the congregation (stay tuned!!).

As the Renovation Team begins their work, please keep them, our children, youth and their families in your prayers. I am excited about how God is moving here at Ladue Chapel and what it means for our congregation!

Peace,



## St. Louis

### Rebuilding Together

Saturday, May 6 will be the one-day blitz for Rebuilding Together. About fifty homes will be accepted in the St. Louis area for the blitz. This one day is spent making the necessary repairs and installing safety equipment. We need volunteers with varying degrees of home repair skills like using power tools, wielding a paint brush, etc. Join Ladue Chapel Mission Committee's volunteer group so we can help those in need. Contact Steve Nichols at (314) 983-0389 or [steven.h.nichols@charter.net](mailto:steven.h.nichols@charter.net).

### Flower Ministry

It's time to sign up to give flowers for the Chancel during the summer months. Do you have a bountiful garden or have you always wanted to create your own designs for the chancel? Of course beautiful designs from the florist of your choice are always perfect. Contact Sue Reed, Flower Ministry, at [smrzs7@gmail.com](mailto:smrzs7@gmail.com) or 636-220-4143 to reserve your special date.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. worship services **Sunday, May 7**. For the May Hunger Offering, we are asking for donations of pasta and sauce in plastic jars, soups, 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.

### Cares & Concerns

*Recently Hospitalized or Recovering at Home:* Don Kaufman, Brian Plegge

*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

*Great work!* Annie Donnell raised the money and led a food packaging event at Belmont University on April 18. Over a hundred students volunteered and packaged 20,016 macaroni and cheese meals from Outreach Program that went to food insecure families living in the Nashville area. She is planning a larger school event for the fall.

*Congratulations to* Patricia Duncan & Michael Ahrens who married at Ladue Chapel on April 22.

*Congratulations to* Sarah & Shep Hickey on the baptism of their son Robert Beckett Hickey on April 23.

*Congratulations to* Betty & Andy Spitzfaden on the baptism of their son Andrew Crawford Spitzfaden on April 23.

### CALENDAR

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

#### Thursday, April 27

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

#### Friday, April 28

7:00 am Food Bank Service Bldg  
4:00 pm Ministry Architects Cottage  
5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal Sanctuary

#### Saturday, April 29

8:30 am Men's Breakfast FH  
9:00 am Ministry Architects Cottage  
3:00 pm Wedding Sanctuary  
6:00 pm Party of Eight Offsite

#### Sunday, April 30

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 Sunday School Edu Wing  
11:00 am Worship Sanctuary  
12:30 pm Bread Baking Kitchen  
12:30 pm Forever Faithful  
Luncheon FH  
4:00 pm Carillon Ringers Choir Rm

#### Monday, May 1

7:00 am Food Bank Service Bldg  
9:00 am DISCIPLE: Gospels 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 & Carol Choir Choir Rm  
6:30 pm DISCIPLE II Gulick

#### Tuesday, May 2

9:30 am Mailing Angels Gulick  
9:30 am Program Staff Mtg Staff CR  
10:30 am WA Bandages FH-N  
for Developing Countries  
12:00 pm WA Brown Bag Lunch FH  
1:00 pm Women's Study Grp Bickel  
4:00 pm Children's Snack FH-N  
4:15 pm Chorister Choir & Carol Choir Choir Rm  
7:00 pm Staff Resources Bickel

#### Wednesday, May 3

8:00 am Men's Bible Study Leutwiler  
7:00 pm Board of Deacons Leutwiler  
7:00 pm Christian Edu Mtg Library

#### Thursday, May 4

5:30 pm Men's Fellowship Dinner & Speaker FH  
6:30 pm Chapel Ringers Fireside  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Choir Rm

### Fast Forward

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### Strawberry Festival

Sunday, June 4

11:00 a.m. in the Gathering Place



**Men's Fellowship  
Speaker & Dinner  
Thursday, May 4 at 5:30 p.m.**



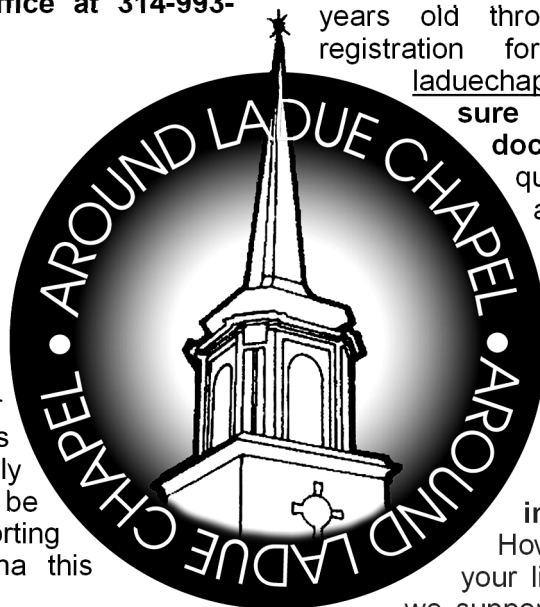
Ladue Chapel Men's Fellowship Committee is hosting dinner and Torbjorn Sjögren as their guest speaker. Torbjorn Sjögren is a Ladue Chapel member and the Vice President of Global Maintenance & Upgrades for Boeing's Maintenance Modification & Upgrades division of Global Services & Support. Torbjorn will be share his experience with doing business in Saudi Arabia with Q&A following. The evening will begin with fellowship, the buffet dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by Torbjorn's presentation at 7:00 p.m. Cost per person is \$15. **Make your reservation to the church office at 314-993-4771 ext 0 by Tuesday, May 2.**



**LADUE CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**MONDAY, JULY 31 - THURSDAY, AUGUST 3  
9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM**

Join us to learn about God's Heroes who have heart, courage, wisdom, and hope. *It's going to be a super fun time!* Cost: \$40 per child for ages 4 years old through entering 5th grade. The registration form is on our website at [laduechapel.org/learn/children](http://laduechapel.org/learn/children). **Please be sure to attach required health documents.** If you have any questions, contact Robin Crawford at [rcrawford@laduechapel.org](mailto:rcrawford@laduechapel.org). Adult & Youth volunteers needed!



**Mother's Day Bake Sale!  
Sunday, May 14**

Carillon Ringers are preparing extra special baked goods for sale after worship on Mother's Day. A variety of "pleasingly packaged" home-baked gifts will be available. Thank you for supporting our Bell Tour to North Carolina this summer.

**Lectio Divina  
Sunday, May 7 at 12:30 p.m.  
in the Fireside Room**

How have you been making space in your life for God to speak? Join us as we support each other on our journey with Christ. We will meditate on God's Word through the ancient practice of spiritual reading, *Lectio Divina*, as we seek a living, transforming relationship with God-in-Christ. Contact Anne Peacock with questions: 314-993-4771 ext 3122 or [apeacock@laduechapel.org](mailto:apeacock@laduechapel.org).

**Women's Association  
Annual Book Sale!**

The Women's Association invites church members and friends to support its annual Book Sale which will be **Saturday, May 6 from 8:00 a.m.-noon**. On Friday, May 5 we will set-up from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Anyone interested in helping set up will have the opportunity to select and purchase books before the sale. If you have any books to donate, we will happily accept them—**with the exception of textbooks and encyclopedias**. All proceeds support the benevolences of the Ladue Chapel Women's Association. We hope to see you May 6!

**Monthly Men's Breakfast**

The Ladue Chapel Men's Fellowship Group Steering Committee is sponsoring a Saturday morning breakfast cooked by the men of the church at **8:15 a.m. on Saturday, April 29**. The cost for the breakfast will be \$5.00 per person and can be paid at the door.



Play Day Out is now accepting enrollment for 2017 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 9:00-1:30. Let PDO be an experience your child excitedly anticipates! Contact Terry Schlueter at 314-993-2429 or [pdo@laduechapel.org](mailto:pdo@laduechapel.org) to schedule a tour.

**Youth Sunday, April 30**  
**Worship Services**  
**8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**  
**in the Sanctuary**

**Scriptures**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

**Music Ministry**

Carillon Ringers will play "God of Joy, God of Strength" and "Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho."

Youth Choir will sing "Day of Arising."



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*Making A Difference*

**SIGN UP NOW!**

**Registration is open for this year's  
 Vacation Bible School!**

*See details inside.*



**THE LOST BOY**

**Children's Choirs Musical is May 7!**

Join us for the Chorister and Carol Choirs musical, "The Lost Boy," on Sunday, May 7 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. "The Lost Boy" tells the story of the 12-year-old Jesus when Mary and Joseph lose track of him for 3 long days. When they finally find Jesus, he is sitting in his "father's house"—demonstrating with his questions an understanding of God that confounds even the teachers of the law. While the story makes an obvious statement about the divine wisdom of a your Messiah, we also find in it a reassuringly human message" even parents chosen by God can lose a child; even a

perfect child can give her parents anxiety. This story is sure to comfort anyone who has ever been a parent, a child, or even those who have misplaced Jesus for a while!

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