

# THE Chapel Bell

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## Year of the Bible

Test Your Bible Knowledge

Jacob loses Rachel as she bears which of his twelve sons?

(The answer will be in the next issue of *The Chapel Bell*.)

Answer to last week's question, *While Jesus considers natural descent and family important, what is still more important?* Even more important than family or natural descent is doing God's will.

Matthew 12:46-50

## Ash Wednesday Soup Supper and Worship Service

All are invited to the Soup Supper at 6:30 p.m. on February 22. Cost: Adults - \$5; Children 3 - 12 years of age - \$3; Children 2 years of age and younger - no cost. Please RSVP by Sunday, February 19, to 314-993-4771, ext. 0. The Ash Wednesday service will be held in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. Childcare is available.

## St. Patrick Casserole

makers are asked to bring the monthly casserole to the church freezer by 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 29. Thank you!

This year, I gave up watching TV for Lent. Actually, I gave up watching TV all together. I have been thinking a lot about Marshall McLuhan's famous quote "the medium is the message" and I must say I do not like what kind of message(s) the new media is/are sending. Prophetic words reaching us from the distant past of, oh my gosh, 1964. I know that's an anachronistic attitude in a media-saturated time and I might soon be following the way of the dinosaurs into extinction. However, I prefer seeing myself as being put on to the endangered species watch list.



Instead of watching TV or expecting my iPhone or iPad to pull up websites in a nano-second (yes, I do confess to being a user), I have started to read again - novels and poetry in particular because both do one thing: they make me wait in anticipation for stories to unfold and worlds to be disclosed and I get to participate in genuine discovery. Stepping away from the information super-highway is like exchanging supersonic air travel for a stroll in the park. I am not saying this is an easy exercise. Rather, it is not unlike suffering symptoms of withdrawal. My brain seems to have to relearn to be patient and enjoy the journey instead of craving instant gratification.

I am also reading the Bible again from the beginning. I have read it many times and I am still amazed about all the things I have missed along the way. I constantly discover how God is doing new things in my life and the life of our faith community. I have also come to realize that it offers no instant gratification. Rather than being a blueprint with God's message to be read straight off the page, it invites me into dialog and relationship. Let me rephrase that: In my reading, God keeps inviting me into an ever deeper relationship. I keep meeting Jesus again for the first time as well, as Marcus Borg put it. If, as McLuhan proposed, the medium is the message, then it seems to me that the message of God's word—both in written biblical form and, most importantly, in the flesh—is this: God is love and loves the entire cosmos so much that God became one of us to reconcile all creation to God in and through Jesus Christ. Now that is a message worth listening to.

In the *Year of the Bible*, it is my prayer that we all may be drawn ever deeper into relationship with God through Christ in the Spirit. Blessed reading everyone!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'CB' followed by a stylized flourish.

## Lenten Breakfasts

The Ladue Chapel Men's Fellowship will again facilitate its "world famous" Lenten Breakfasts each Friday morning in Lent beginning February 24. The breakfasts, which are open to all, will take place in Fellowship Hall as follows:

- 7:30 a.m. Gather for coffee and fellowship;
- 7:45 a.m. Buffet Breakfast;
- 8:10 a.m. Speaker;
- 8:30 a.m. Adjourn (guaranteed).

We are excited about our lineup of exceptional speakers:

- February 24 – Rev. Dr. Dieter Heinzl, Assoc. Pastor, Ladue Chapel
- March 2 – Rev. Dr. David Greenhaw, President, Eden Seminary
- March 9 – Rev. Dr. Mary Newbern-Williams, Pastor, Cote Brilliance Presbyterian Church
- March 16 – Rev. Dale Kuhn, Executive Director, Care & Counseling
- March 23 – Rev. Sarah Brower, Assoc. Pastor, Ladue Chapel
- March 30 – Rev. Dr. Mark Thomas, Pastor, Ladue Chapel
- April 6 – Most Rev. Robert Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis

Cost of the buffet breakfast is \$10 per person, payable at the door. To reserve your place, please RSVP by noon of the preceding Wednesday to the church office at 314-993-4771, ext. 0.

## Stephen Ministry Training

Stephen Ministry Training is scheduled to begin this fall at Ladue Chapel. Candidates will complete 50 hours of training, from October 2012 to February 2013. Upon completion, the service commitment is for two years. During that time Stephen Ministers must attend twice-monthly small group peer supervision and continuing education sessions. The usual minister/care receiver visit is approximately one hour per week. In addition, some Stephen Ministers visit members in hospitals and nursing homes. If you feel you are called to this ministry, please contact Rev. Sarah Brower at 314-993-4771, ext. 3123 or [sbrower@laduechapel.org](mailto:sbrower@laduechapel.org).



## Recycling News

Ladue Chapel has many recycling opportunities including those for inkjet cartridges, cell phones and batteries. Bins for all these items are located in the Mission Alcove, located between the Fireside Room and Fellowship Hall. You will also find a box for magazines (not more than three months old, please) that our members donate to local Veterans Hospitals. Thank you for being good stewards of our planet!

## CALENDAR

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

### Thursday, February 23

9:00 am DISCIPLE III Leutwiler  
6:30 pm Chapel Ringers Choir Rm  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Choir Rm

### Friday, February 24

7:00 am Food Bank Service Bldg  
7:30 am Lenten Breakfast FH-N  
11:00 am Children & Youth Bickel  
Education Committee

**Saturday, February 25:** No church events scheduled.

### 1st Sunday in Lent, February 26

8:15 am Infant Care Nursery  
8:30 am Worship Sanctuary  
with Communion  
9:30 am Fellowship Gathering Pl  
9:45 am Adult Education Various Rms  
9:45 am Children's SS Educ. Wing  
9:45 am Youth Education Upper Rms  
11:00 am Worship Sanctuary  
12:00 pm Fellowship Gathering Pl  
12:15 pm Confirmation Class FH-N/  
Leutwiler

3:30 pm Youth Choir Choir Rm  
4:00 pm Carillon Ringers Choir Rm  
4:00 pm JHAZ-Jr Highs Upper Rms  
5:30 pm FISH-Sr Highs Upper Rms

### Monday, February 27

7:00 am Food Bank Service Bldg  
1:30 pm Kindermusik Choir Rm  
4:00 pm Chorister Choir Choir Rm  
6:30 pm DISCIPLE I Gulick Rm  
7:00 pm Fellowship Comm. Leutwiler

### Tuesday, February 28

9:30 am Mailing Angels Gulick  
9:30 am Program Staff Mtg Staff CR  
10:30 am Sewers/Tearers FH-N/C  
1:00 pm Women's Study Group Bickel  
4:00 pm Carol Choir Choir Rm  
5:00 pm Genesis Ringers FH-S  
5:00 pm Revelation Ringers Choir Rm  
6:00 pm Stephen Leaders Bickel  
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Leutwiler

### Wednesday, February 29

8:00 am Men's Bible Study Leutwiler  
7:00 pm Session Leutwiler

### Thursday, March 1

9:00 am DISCIPLE III Leutwiler  
6:30 pm Chapel Ringers Choir Rm  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Choir Rm

## Fast Forward

SAVE THE DATE!

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11**

*Daylight Saving Time begins*

**CONFIRMANDS ARE  
RECEIVED IN WORSHIP**

Women's Association Program and Luncheon is Tuesday, March 6

Mary Beth Powell of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church will present *Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate* at 11:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. You'll learn everything there is to know about chocolate! A catered lunch will be held at noon in Fellowship Hall. Call 314-993-4771, ext. 0 to make your lunch reservation by noon on Friday, March 2.



Mom-to-Mom Sale is Saturday, March 3  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Buy gently used items for babies and children. Get great deals on almost-new clothing, furniture, and other great kid stuff! Or, bring items to the sale and sell them yourself. Details can be found at [www.laduechapel.org/children-youth/play-day-out-pdo/](http://www.laduechapel.org/children-youth/play-day-out-pdo/) or contact PDO Director Tina Lund at [tlund@laduechapel.org](mailto:tlund@laduechapel.org) or 314-993-2429. PDO is a community outreach program that has proudly served our community since 1989.



Help Restore Joplin!

Join other Ladue Chapel members April 15-21 in Joplin, helping families recover from tornado damage. You can work part or all of the week. No special skills necessary - just the desire to help! You will be blessed by the experience. To sign up or get more information, contact the church office at 993-4771, ext. 0.



Bible Display

In keeping with this year's theme of *Year of the Bible*, we are requesting that church members submit family Bibles, foreign Bibles, children's Bibles, or any other kind of unique Bible for a display in the Bickel cases. We also ask that you submit a short story about the Bible. Please bring your Bibles and stories to the church office. *All Bibles should be labeled with owners' names so that they may be returned to the correct people!*

Women's Book Club

All women are invited to join the group in the Bickel Room at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 12 for a discussion of Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson.



Adult Education Session V

Join us at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday through February 26 for the following classes:

- *Family Matters - We discuss issues that matter to families.* (Mellow Library);
- *God Is Love* (Leutwiler) Leader: Harry Fisher;
- *Lectionary Learners* (Fellowship Hall-North) Various Discussion Leaders;
- *Love and Other Emotions* (Fellowship Hall-Center) Leader: Kathleen Nigro;
- *What's Happened to the "Arab Spring"?* (Fireside Room) Leader: Jim Graham

Detailed information can be found at [www.laduechapel.org/education/adult/](http://www.laduechapel.org/education/adult/) or at church.



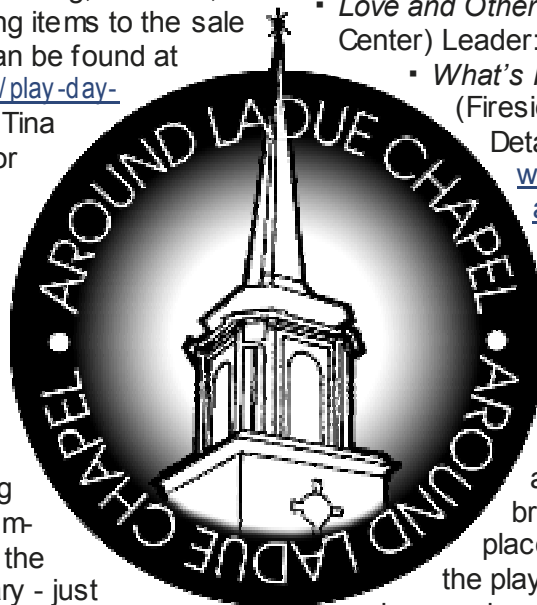
A New Playground for the Nursery School!

Please help 'pave' the way by making a donation for a brick paver to be placed on the patio of the playground. You can honor a loved one, commemorate a birthday or an anniversary, inscribe your favorite Bible verse...the possibilities are endless! Order yours by March 15. For details, click on the brick logo at [www.laduechapelnurseryschool.com](http://www.laduechapelnurseryschool.com).



Art Fellowship

All members are invited to join the new Art Fellowship at Ladue Chapel! This will be a mixed level of talent. The idea is to enjoy fellowship and, for those of us who want to paint but never seem to get around to it, this gives us an incentive! Our first gathering will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7, in Fellowship Hall-South. Bring your own supplies (all painters should bring a tarp) and your lunch. To register, please contact the church (314-993-4771, ext. 0).



**VBS Volunteers needed!** We are planning a spectacular Vacation Bible School for our children and we need your help! Volunteers are needed the mornings of July 30 - August 3 to serve as guides (taking groups of children 3 years of age through 5th grade from class to class), to oversee games, and to supervise mission activities for the older children. Childcare is available for all volunteers. If you can assist during the week of VBS, please contact the church office for more information: 314-993-4771, ext. 0.



**Summer Youth Opportunities:** All youth are invited to consider 2012 summer opportunities that meet community service hour requirements. For details and contact information, please visit [www.laduechapel.org/news](http://www.laduechapel.org/news).

## Kindermusik Enrollment

Kindermusik enrollment has begun for the 2012-2013 school year. Church members have priority registration.

Please contact Anne Peacock at 314-993-4771, ext. 3122 or [apecock@laduechapel.org](mailto:apecock@laduechapel.org) for more information.



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*Making A Difference*

**First Sunday in Lent**  
**February 26, 2012**  
**Worship Services**  
**8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**  
**in the Sanctuary**

**Scriptures:** Genesis 9:8-17;  
Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22;  
Mark 1:9-15

**Music Ministry:** At both services, Carillon Ringers will play "Thaxted" and "Puerto Rican Carol." Carol Choir will sing "40 Days and 40 Nights" at the 8:30 a.m. service. At 11:00 a.m., Chancel Choir will sing "Show Me Thy Ways" with oboe and guitar accompaniment.

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## Lenten Breakfasts

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