

THE Chapel Bell

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*We are your people:
Lord, by your grace,
You dare to make us
Christ to our neighbors
of every nation and race.*

*Called to portray you, help
us to live
Closer than neighbors,
open to strangers,
able to clash and forgive.*

*Lord, as we minister in
different ways,
May all we're doing show
that you're living,
meeting your love with
our praise.*

Hymn 436
by Brian Wren (1973)

Donations Needed for Kenyan Children

We are collecting donations of new underwear and socks, and gently used backpacks for boys and girls, age 4 - 18. All donations will be transported to Kenya by Ladue Chapel member Dr. Elizabeth Sugarbaker on July 23. Please bring your donations to the box marked "Kenya Collection" located in the Gathering Place of the church.

I heard someone advertise a company the other day which is "striving to build a better planet." Let's assume for a moment that God actually exists and created everything — at least that's what we confess every time we recite the Creed. If this is true, the advertiser's claim is a bit foolish at best, and preposterous at worst. Do we really think we can do better than God? Maybe God had an off day when God made the world? And then there is the small matter of "building" versus "creating."



In any event, it seems to me that this claim misses an issue to which we generally do not pay much attention: *beauty*. I think we miss beauty because it is there right before our eyes and under our noses. Thus, we take it for granted. We believe that the things we have, or the things God has given to us, need to be improved. This is one of the great fallacies of human nature — the fact that we think we can do better than God. By constantly striving to do better, we miss the delight and enjoyment which the beauty of God's creation holds for us.

Fyodor Dostoyevsky claimed "Beauty will save the world." I think he is right. Beauty, which may just be another name for God, *will* save the world. We do not have to, thank God, because we can't anyway. Perhaps this realization will free us to actually pay attention to the beauty in our lives, despite its hardships, toils, and tribulations. And maybe, just maybe, we will contribute a little to saving the world by giving beauty more of its due.

Paying attention to beauty, and in so doing to God, can often seem like a "royal waste of time," as Marva Dawn once wrote. But that's exactly the point. There is no better waste of our time than "to worship God and enjoy God" and God's beauty forever, as the Westminster Catechism puts it. As a matter of fact, it is the most important thing we do in and with our lives. Meister Eckhart, the 14th century German mystic, said: "Time is what keeps the light [or God] from reaching us. There is no greater obstacle to God than time." And so I would like to invite you to waste more time and to enjoy the beauty of God and God's good creation. We may just delight in doing this and perhaps even contribute to saving the world.

Have a wasteful summer,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'CB' or similar, written in a cursive style.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SUMMER SCHEDULE

July 5 through September 6

1st Worship - 8:30 a.m.

2nd Worship - 10:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper & Communion Hunger Offering

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on **Sunday, July 5**, at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services. For the **Communion Hunger Offering** this month, you are encouraged to bring cans of vegetables and peanut butter in plastic containers and place them in the blue bins located in the entrances to the Gathering Place, the north entrance, and the stairwell in the Children's education area.

Service of Healing and Wholeness

We take a break from our normal service schedule in June, July and August. Our next *Service of Healing and Wholeness* will be held in Woods Chapel at 7:00 p.m. on September 1.

Church Office Closed on Friday, July 3 & Saturday, July 4

The church office will be closed on July 3 & 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Cares & Concerns

Hospitalized or recovering at home: Marlynn Crittendon and Mary Marion

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to David (Jo) Dyroff on the death of his brother, Louis Dyroff, on Friday, June 26.

Joys & Celebrations

Congratulations to newlyweds: Jessica DeJohn and Alex Bean who were married in our Sanctuary on June 20.

We welcome into the household of faith Camilla Wright Holekamp who was baptized on June 21. She is the daughter of Megan and Cliff Holekamp and the great-granddaughter of Ray Schultz.

Congratulations on the birth of Brayden Christopher Cone to Sarah and Chris Cone on June 21. His grandparents are Marsha and Tom Keller.

Have a joy to celebrate? Call the church office at 993-4771, ext. 3101.

CALENDAR

July 2—11, 2009

An extended calendar is available at

www.laduechapel.org

Friday, July 3—Church is closed in observance of Independence Day.

7:00 am Food Bank Service Bldg

Saturday, July 4—Church is closed in observance of Independence Day.

Sunday, July 5: Sacrament of the Lord's Supper & Communion Hunger Offering

8:15 am Infant Care Nursery

8:30 am Worship Sanctuary

9:30 am Fellowship Gathering Pl
Buy-A-Mile

10:00 am Worship Sanctuary
Senior High Mission
Team Commissioned

11:00 pm Fellowship Gathering Pl
Buy-A-Mile

Monday, July 6: PDO Summer Camp begins.

7:00 am Food Bank Service Bldg

Tuesday, July 7

7:30 am Stewardship Comm. Bickel

9:30 am Program Staff Mtg Staff CR

9:30 am Sewers/Tearers FH-N/C

1:00 pm Women's Study Group Bickel

7:00 pm Staff Resources Bickel

7:30 pm Youth Bible Study Upper Rms

Wednesday, July 8

8:00 am Men's Bible Group Leutwiler

12:00 pm New Member Comm. Leutwiler

7:15 pm Lectors Leutwiler

Thursday, July 9

7:00 pm J. Wilson Retirement Bickel
Celebration Planning

Friday, July 10

7:00 am Food Bank Service Bldg

Saturday, July 11: Senior High

Mission Trip begins; Second Saturday groups meet (times vary within groups)

Fast Forward

SAVE THE DATES!

You can still register your child for our *Discovery Canyon*

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
August 3—7**

Click on the link at

WWW.LADUECHAPEL.ORG

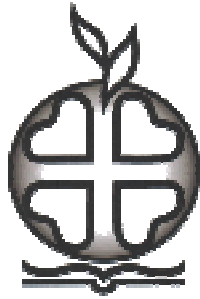
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**HYMN SING
September 6**

Celebrating the 500th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin

Faith Formation Weekend
September 25-27

Our guest theologian will be the Rev. Dr. Daniel Migliore of Princeton Seminary. Mark your calendars & look for more details in August.



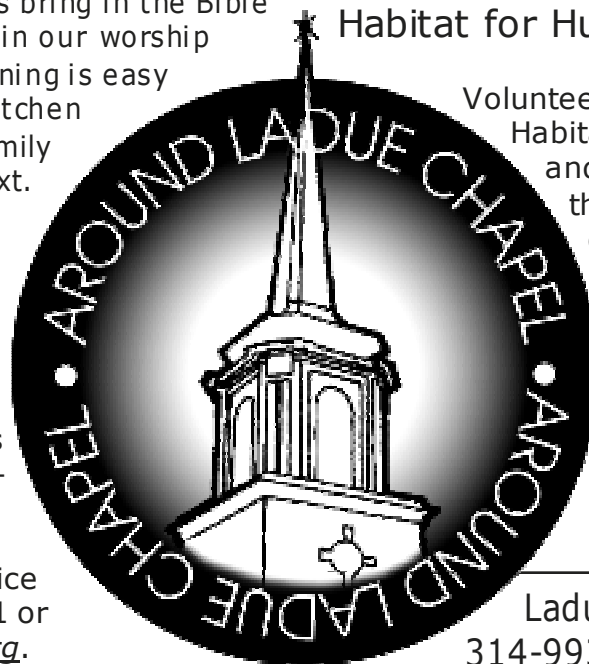
Acolytes Needed

Join our Acolyte team to serve the Lord and Ladue Chapel! Acolytes bring in the Bible and light the candles to begin our worship services each Sunday. Training is easy but important. Contact Gretchen Ross at 314-994-1668 or Emily Holman at 314-993-4771 ext. 3109 for more information.



Sunday Cookies

We are always in need of volunteers to bring cookies for Sunday morning fellowship. To sign up or for more details, contact Sue Schreiner in the church office at 314-993-4771 ext. 3101 or sschreiner@laduechapel.org.



Middle School Work Camp

This work camp is for youth entering grades 6-8. Dates are July 29 and 30. We'll have fun, help with needed projects, and enjoy a float trip! Cost is \$30, which includes transportation, lodging, meals, and a float trip. Parents and friends are welcome, but each youth participant must complete a separate form. Registration deadline is July 19. Contact Anne Peacock at apecock@laduechapel.org or 314-993-4771, ext. 3122 or for details.



Habitat for Humanity®-Saint Louis

Volunteers are needed for our 2009 Habitat build on July 10-11-12 and for weekend work days through mid-October. We generally work 7:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m. All volunteers must be at least sixteen years of age; tools and instructions are provided. Contact George Hibbard at BarbaraandGeorge@aol.com or 314-997-2084 to sign up.



Ladue Chapel Phone:
314-993-4771

Buy-A-Mile for Sr High Mission Trip

Ladue Chapel senior high youth are traveling to Lynchburg, Virginia, July 11 - 19, to rehabilitate homes of elderly and low-income residents. You can help with a donation to pay the way home for our mission team. The suggested donation is \$5 a mile.

Name: _____

Address: _____

\$_____ enclosed for _____ miles

Please return this form to the church office with your check payable to *Ladue Chapel*. Indicate "BUY-A-MILE" in the memo line. Thank you!

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Pictured above are the Carillon Ringers with Pastor Emeritus Dr. Donald Howland. The Ringers recently performed at the church he attends in Doylestown, PA. Dr. Howland baptized most of these Ringers as infants.

Sundays, July 5 & 12, 2009
Worship Services in the Sanctuary
 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Scriptures: July 5 - 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13, Psalm 123 or 48
 July 12 - 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19, Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-21; Psalm 24

Music Ministry:
 July 5 - Soloist Chip Broze will sing "Non Nobis Domine" by Roger Quilter. Organist is Gretchen Ross, assisted by Dub Koon.
 July 12 - Soloist Sebastian Deken will sing "May the Mind of Christ My Savior" by Veenker. Sebastian Deken and Chip Broze will sing "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" by J.S. Bach. Organist is Gretchen Ross, assisted by Dub Koon.

Letter Received Regarding Our Carillon Ringers:
What fine young people you have! Their ability, faithfulness and sincerity was so clearly evidenced throughout the entire time you spent with us. I loved the "bee-hive of activity" in set up and take down; everyone had their part and they fulfilled it completely and beautifully. The young people were polite and well-mannered. They asked to be excused from the table. They were great house guests, straightening up and even making their beds! Special thanks to David, Greg and Jonathan, who stayed in my home. It was a joy to be a host for such fine young people! Their parents must be very proud of them! Your entire bell choir is a great goodwill ambassador for Ladue Chapel and for Christ.

Dr. Stuart D. Broberg, Pastor/Head of Staff
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