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Our Mission: *Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry in keeping with the ministry of Christ seeks to enhance the quality of life of senior adults by providing meaningful volunteer experiences, services and programs that promote physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health and safety.*

LASM WELCOMES CASE MANAGER

LASM's Board of Directors is thrilled to announce that Case Manager, Leigh Manalang will be joining the LASM staff on December 1st. Leigh has her Master of Social Work and comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience in working in older adult ministry. She will work with LASM Director, Katie Weintraub to expand the ministry's case management program. Please join us in giving Leigh a warm welcome to the LASM family!

LASM's Case Management services include needs assessments, information and referrals and follow-up consultation on the wide-range of issues/concerns older adults face. Call the LASM Office at 314-647-4591 to inquire more about this program.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

LASM partner church, Timothy Lutheran Church will be hosting their annual Weihnachtsmarkt on **Saturday, Dec. 5th** from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. This annual traditional German Christmas Market will feature unique gifts, local vendors, yummy food and drink and fun for the whole family. The event is all outdoors on the church's parking lot at the corner of Ivanhoe and Smiley. Call 781-8673 to learn more or visit timothystl.org/weihnachtsmarkt.

VIRTUAL LEARNING: TOYS OF THE '50s, '60s, AND '70s

As the holidays approach let's escape and reminisce about favorite childhood Christmas gifts. From Barbie to Atari, toys don't just reflect a nostalgia for days gone by. They also represent changes in culture, advances in technology, and transitions in how we view childhood. This virtual presentation will show the many familiar toys of the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s that speak to these various themes.

We'll be joined by Sharon Smith, Curator of Civic and Personal Identity at the Missouri Historical Society.

Thursday, December 17th 1:00-2:00 pm on Zoom. Please RSVP to 314-647-4591 or lasmdirector@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link. Free event, donations welcome.

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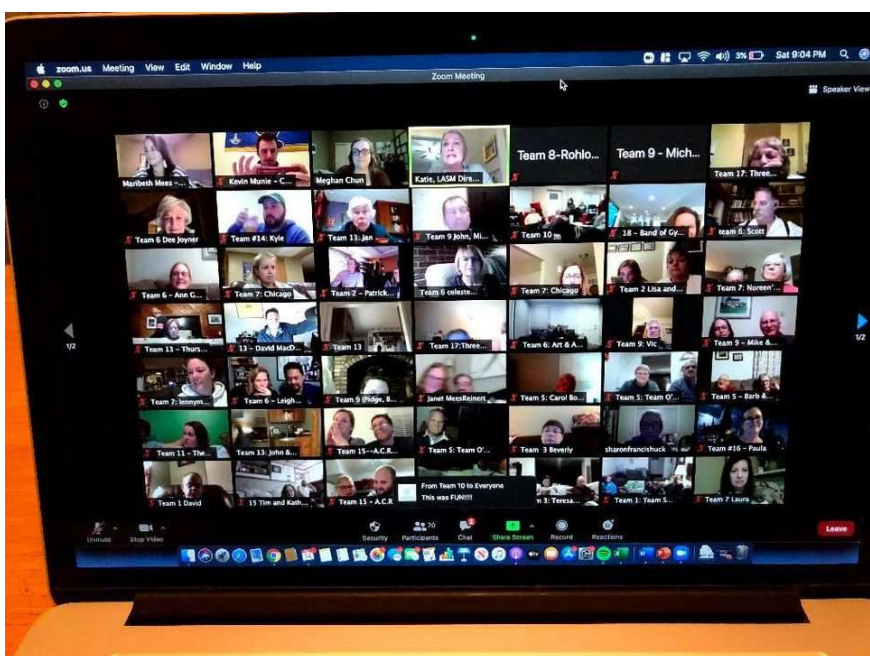
VIRTUAL TRIVIA... A GREAT SUCCESS

We went virtual for our 9th Annual Trivia Night and it proved to be an exceptionally fun event! We were thrilled to have 18 teams participate from around the U.S. (9 states represented) and even Canada! A feat that only could have occurred in this craziest of all years, 2020!

The event simply would not have happened without our amazing crew of behind the scenes tech geniuses: Co-MCs Meghan Chun and Maribeth Mees and scorekeeper extraordinaire, Kevin Munie.

Big thanks to all of our patient and good-natured team captains and players as well as a whole host of round sponsors and donors that made the evening a FUNdraising success!

thank you!



AUTUMN APPEAL UPDATE

We have been blessed with a generous initial response to the appeal for donations that was in our November newsletter. To-date we have received \$1,105 in contributions to our Legacy Fund and annual operating budget. If you have yet to send in your contribution, it is not too late! Tax deductible donations to Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry are accepted year-round. Donations can be mailed to: LASM, 6401 Scanlan, St. Louis, MO 63139. Please specify "annual operating" or "legacy fund" on the check memo or donate on-line at lasministry.org.

St. Louis Activity Center is hosting an Italian Mostaccioli Dinner on **Sunday, December 13** 2:00 to 6:00 pm. \$12 per person. Call 314-645-3477 to pre-order or order day of the event for Curbside Pickup or delivery is available if order is placed by Dec 9th.

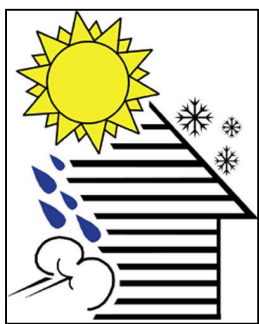
HOLIDAY CONCERT

LASM partner church, Southwest Baptist is hosting its annual John Weidlich Holiday Concert by the Off Topic band. This year it will be hosted in the church sanctuary to allow for social distancing. **Sunday, December 20th at 7:00 pm,** 6401 Scanlan. Free admission, donations of non-perishable food items will be collected for the Family Food Pantry.



ENERGYCARE SERVICES

EnergyCare is a nonprofit organization established in 1983 with the mission of providing energy assistance and services to low-income residents of St. Louis City and County who are elderly, have chronic illness or disability, or have young children in the home. Winter assistance includes free blankets, electric blankets, and space heaters to those in need.



Trained volunteers are available for in-home evaluations as well as free basic weatherization services, i.e., applying vinyl and caulking to windows, weather stripping doors. "Do It Yourself" home weatheriza-

tion kits can be obtained free of charge. Education on energy efficiency and utility utilization is also offered. Limited assistance with payment of utility bills may be available.

For further information, contact Missouri EnergyCare, 314-773-5900, or tim@energycare.org.

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

Can you come up with the answers to these Christmas-themed trivia questions?

Share your answers with LASM (call/leave a message at: 314-647-4591 or email: lasmdirector@gmail.com)! Those that answer 5 or more correctly will be entered into a drawing for some holiday prizes! Prizes will be mailed or contact-free delivered to your doorstep.

1. What was the first company that used Santa Claus in advertising?
2. In Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," what was the first name of Scrooge?
3. Which country did eggnog come from?
4. Which real life person is Santa Claus based on?
5. What is Ralphie's little brother's name in the movie *A Christmas Story*?
6. Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
7. How many ghosts show up in *A Christmas Carol*?
8. What department store was featured in the movie *Miracle on 34th Street*?
9. With what three words was the Grinch described in *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*?
10. Which fairy tale were the first gingerbread houses inspired by?



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PRAYER FOR ADVENT

O Lord, may we stay alert as we anticipate the joyful celebration of your son's arrival into the world. Help us to stay ever watchful, like the gatekeeper. May we accept your mercy and carry it with us as we prepare for the coming of our infant Savior. Amen.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Almighty God, in your mercy you sent us your only son to redeem us. In prayer and thanksgiving, as a family and as a Church, we rejoice! Dear Jesus, you became a child that we might become children of God. Throughout the Christmas season and beyond, may we grow ever closer to you. Amen.

—*Terence Hegarty*

A BIT OF HUMOR

The HMO account manager noticed that nearly every bill from a certain pediatrician's office included the line item "Behavior modification re-enforcers".

Alarmed that the pediatrician was engaging in some unapproved, experimental psychological treatment or insurance fraud, she called the physician's office to inquire.

"What on earth are behavior modification re-enforcers?"

"Lollipops," was the reply. 😂

How did Mary and Joseph know that Jesus weighed 4.2 kg?

Because they had a weigh in the manger.

