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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.*

SPREADING CHEER

We are seeking donations to assist older adults in our community who have difficulty making ends meet from month to month. We plan to surprise some of our LASM clients with Christmas baskets of treats and gift cards to spread a little holiday cheer.

If you'd like to support this effort, please mail or drop off a gift card donation to the LASM Office: 6401 Scanlan Avenue, Room 201, St. Louis, MO 63139 by **December 16th**. A locked, black mailbox is available for donation drop offs at the side entrance of the church on Tamm Avenue, next to the green awning.



Gift card suggestions:
Aldi, Schnucks, Target,
Wal-Mart, Dollar Tree.
Questions? Contact Katie
at 314-647-4591 or

katie@lasministry.org.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TRIP

Join us for Bavarian fare at Hofbräuhaus restaurant, followed by a trip through the Way of Lights at Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL. If time allows, we'll also check out the St. Louis Hills lights on our way home.

Wednesday, December 8th

We'll depart from the lower parking lot of Southwest Baptist Church at 4:00 pm and return at approximately 8:00 pm. \$15/person will cover transportation and lights. Pay by cash or check made payable to LASM on the day of the event. Participants will order off the menu and pay on their own for dinner at the restaurant (average meal cost is \$20). This trip will be limited to 17 participants. Masks must be worn on the bus at all times.

For Reservations: Contact Jan Holmes at 314-644-4299.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT LASM PARTNER CHURCHES

Our ministry is blessed by its partnership with three churches in the Lindenwood Park Neighborhood. Through the support and participation of these churches we are not only able to provide services to the older adults who are members of the churches but also to any senior living in the Lindenwood Park Neighborhood. Check out these Advent and Christmas activities/services being offered at our partner churches this month. All are welcome to participate!

- Through December 26th Southwest Baptist Church is collecting hats, scarfs, gloves and mittens to be given to the Salvation Army Family Haven.
- December 4: Weihnachtsmarkt (outdoor Christmas Market) from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at Timothy Lutheran Church, corner of Fyler & Ivanhoe. *(Continued on Page 2)*

CHRISTMAS MARKET

LASM partner church, Timothy Lutheran Church, is hosting its Weihnachtsmarkt on **Sat., December 4th** 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 Fyler. Call 314-781-8673 to learn more or visit timothystl.org/weihnachtsmarkt.

HOLIDAY HELPER

Do you need assistance writing out/addressing Christmas cards? How about help putting up a few, simple holiday decorations? LASM has a high school senior volunteering to provide these services for members of our organization. This will be offered on a first come, first serve basis in accordance with the volunteer's schedule. Please contact Case Manager, Leigh Manalang at 314-376-4121 to request a visit from our Holiday Helper!

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT PARTNER CHURCHES

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- December 11: Metro Singers Concert at 7:00 pm in Sanctuary of Southwest Baptist Church.
- December 12: Advent Evening of Recollection at 5:00 pm at Epiphany with guest speaker Rachel de Almeida Oliveira. Her talk is entitled, *A Very Mary Christmas: Preparing for the Nativity with Meditations on Our Lady*.
- December 17: Gateway Science Academy High School Concert in Sanctuary of Southwest Baptist Church.
- December 19: John Weidlach Holiday Concert at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall of Southwest Baptist Church.

DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

5:00 & 10:00 pm Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

6:00 pm Southwest Baptist Church Candlelight Service

6:00 & 10:00 pm Timothy Lutheran Church

DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES:

8:00 & 10:30 am Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church (No 4:00 pm Mass)

10:00 am Timothy Lutheran Church

- January 2: Epiphany Breakfast at 11:30 am. Join us in the gym to celebrate our parish feast day. Free breakfast, cake, prizes and entertainment!

You are welcome to contact our partner churches for more information on any of these events:

Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church: 6596 Smiley, 314-781-1199

Southwest Baptist Church: 6401 Scanlan, 314-647-4567

Timothy Lutheran Church: 6704 Fyler, 314-781-8673



VIRTUAL TRIVIA REPORT

Many thanks to all the teams who participated in our 10th Annual Trivia Night on November 6th. It was such a FUN night that also raised \$2,790 in FUNds to support our ministry's programs and services!

Our deepest gratitude to main event sponsor Allegro Senior Living and our round sponsors: ArchWell Health, Babe's Tavern & Garden, Meaningful Life, Mount Tabor United Church of Christ, Rich & Joan Huelsmann, John and Jan MacDonald, Roger and Jan McCurley and Larry & Lisa Meyers.

Additional thanks to our fabulous Master of Ceremonies Meghan Chun and score-keeper extraordinaire, Kevin Munie!

FREE MEDICAL SUPPLIES

LASM has recently received several nice medical supply donations. We have bed rails, adult disposable briefs size M-XL, disposable bed pads, raised toilet seats and walkers. If you are interested in any of these free items, please contact Leigh Manalang at 314-376-4121.

SHOP & SUPPORT

Online shopping for the holidays? You can support LASM at no extra cost to you. If you shop via Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com/ch/41-2270885) and choose Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry as your charity of choice, we will receive a portion of what you spend!

CHRISTMAS MUSIC BINGO

Tuesday, December 7th, 1:00-3:00 pm.

Archwell Health, South City Center, 4650 Chippewa St., 63116.

Free to Play, Snacks and Refreshments Provided. Call 314-449-9730 for more information.



YEAR-END DONATIONS WELCOME

We were blessed with a generous initial response to the appeal for donations in last month's newsletter. To-date we have received \$3,235 in contributions to our annual operating budget and Legacy Fund. 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: 6401 Scanlan, St. Louis, MO 63139. Please specify "annual operating" or "legacy fund" on the check memo or donate online at lasministry.org/donate.

CASE MANAGER CELEBRATES YEAR ONE

December 1st marks Leigh Manalang's first anniversary as Case Manager for LASM. Our Case Management Program has grown leaps and bounds under her leadership and we want to continue this growth and outreach in the coming year. Leigh is able to assist with problem-solving aging related issues. She can assess needs and help identify resources to address those needs (i.e. reviewing insurance options, finding in-home help, utility & food assistance). You can contact Leigh at 314-376-4121 to learn more.

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CHRISTMAS GRACE

God of all gifts, we thank you for the many ways you have blessed us this day. We are grateful for each of those who are gathered around this table. We ask you to bless us and our food and to bless those we love who are not with us today. In our gratitude and love, we remember your humble birth into our lives and pray for those who are without enough to eat. We remember the stable in which you were born and pray for those who have no place to live. We remember your challenging message of caring and giving and we pray for peace in families and nations throughout the world. We bless you and give you thanks in your Spirit who brings our hearts to life the Christmas Day and forever. Amen.

A BIT OF HUMOR

Jennifer was a pretty 18-year-old girl. The week before Christmas she went to the store to decide which of the many types of tinsel she would buy. She made her choice and asked the teenager who was in the fabric section, "How much is this gold tinsel garland?" He pointed to the Christmas mistletoe above the counter and said, "This week we have a special offer, just one kiss per meter." "Wow, that's great." said Jennifer. "I'll take 12 meters." With expectation and anticipation written all over his face, the boy measured the tinsel, wrapped up the garland, and gave it to her. She then called to an old man who had been browsing the Christmas trees and said, "My Grandpa will settle the bill." 😂