



LINDENWOOD AREA SENIOR NEWS

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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.*

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 3: Weihnachtsmarkt (outdoor Christmas Market) from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at Timothy Lutheran Church, corner of Fyler & Ivanhoe.
- December 9: Gateway Science Academy High School Orchestra Concert at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary of Southwest Baptist Church.
- December 18: John Weidlich Holiday Concert at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall of Southwest Baptist Church.

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CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG

Musicians and singers, Roy & Joe are returning to LASM on **Thursday, December 15th** at 1:00 pm. This time they will arrive with a batch of holiday songs designed for singing along, as well as a few old gems that they're known for. They promise you'll know the words! A couple of their friends from the North Pole will drop by to dispense a few seasonal goodies.



Treat yourself to an afternoon of fun entertainment amidst the hustle and bustle of the season. Bring some Christmas cookies or candies to share if you are able. Warm drinks and water will be provided. Please RSVP to Jan at 314-644-4299 at least 2 days in advance so that we can prepare adequate seating.

SHOP & SUPPORT

If you shop online via Amazon Smile and choose Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry as your charity of choice, we will receive a portion of what you spend!

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT PARTNER CHURCHES

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DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

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

5:00 & 8:00 pm Timothy Lutheran Church (tentative times, confirm before you go)

DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES:

8:00 & 10:30 am Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church (No evening Mass on Christmas)

8:00 & 10:45 am Timothy Lutheran Church

10:45 am Southwest Baptist Church

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

CHRISTMAS MARKET

LASM partner church, Timothy Lutheran Church, is hosting its annual Weihnachtsmarkt on **Saturday, December 3rd** from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. This 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.



GIFT CARDS TO SPREAD CHEER

Would you like to bless someone this holiday season? We are seeking donations of gift cards 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 this Christmas with gift cards and treats 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 (63139) by **December 15th**. 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, Walmart, Dollar Tree. Questions, contact Leigh, Case Manager, at 314-376-4121.



YEAR-END DONATIONS

We were blessed with a generous initial response to the appeal for donations in last month's newsletter. To-date we have received nearly \$6,000 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.

TRIVIA NIGHT RECAP

Many thanks to the 15 teams of trivia players who filled the gym and helped us return to in-person trivia with a bang! Our 11th Annual Trivia Night on November 19th was such a FUN night that also raised \$5,500 in FUNds to support our ministry's programs and services! What a blessing! Our teams enjoyed 8 rounds of trivia, 2 games and lots of raffle prizes.



Our deepest gratitude to event and round sponsors: Thrivent Financial, Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church, The Elder & Disability Advocacy Firm of Christine A. Alsop, ArchWell Health, Emery & Roberts Insurance, Alderman

Joe Vaccaro, State Farm Agent Darrell Marks, Babe's Tavern & Garden, Carla Baum, Rich Huelsmann, Jim & Ann Mueller, Roger & Jan McCurley, Larry & Lisa Meyers, Bert & Marge Nollmann, Gary & Nanette Weintraub.

A multitude of local businesses and individuals donated raffle items and prizes. Our online newsletter publication has a full list of donors with links to support the businesses that support LASM! Additional thanks to our incredible team of volunteers that orchestrated all the logistics:

Meghan Chun, Kevin Munie, Larry Meyers, Mickey & Mary Louise Smith, Dan & Diana VanDuyne, Bill Kloecker, Alan Ruby, Rich Huelsmann, Noah Russell, Curt Sidorski, Loretta Fant, Maureen & Mathew Flynn, Helen Kunz, Ieva Hermanas, Carol Bohn, Fran Kostelnik, Danny Mees and Aspen Weintraub.



FROM OUR CASE MANAGER

QUESTION: I have been thinking about who would make my healthcare and financial decisions if I were no longer able to manage my own affairs. I really don't have a relative or friend willing to serve as my agent for Power of Attorney. What can I do?

ANSWER: Guardian Assist is a nonprofit that was created by a group of caring professionals seeking to protect vulnerable people from harm and victimization by providing options, services, and education about supported decision making. Their mission is to provide individualized, compassionate, and dignified health care and financial decision making services as Guardians, Conservators and Agents appointed as Powers of Attorney to adults in need.

Guardian Assist has very qualified social workers, attorneys, and money managers who specialize in this area of practice, and serve as educators, facilitators, and advocates for the public. Their team members follow the National Guardianship Association Standards.

You may contact Guardian Assist at 314-530-9185 or visit the website at www.guardianassiststl.org

—Leigh Manalang, LASM Case Manager, 314-376-4121 or leigh@lasministry.org

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BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS MANGER

God of every nation and people,
From the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the
Virgin Mary.

To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all those who look upon this
manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of
Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

A BIT OF HUMOR

Leo, a seven-year-old boy, was asked
to say thanks for the Christmas
dinner. The family members bowed their
heads in expectation. Leo began his
prayer, thanking God for his Mommy,
Daddy, brothers, sister, Grandma, and all
his aunts and uncles. Then he began to
thank God for the food. He gave thanks
for the turkey, the stuffing, the Christmas
pudding, even the cranberry sauce. Then
Leo paused, and everyone waited... and
waited. After a long silence, the young
fellow looked up at his mother and
asked, "If I thank God for the Brussels
sprouts, won't he know that I'm lying?" 😂

Oh Holy Night