



# 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

**O**ur 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 29<sup>th</sup> Southwest Baptist Church is collecting hats, scarfs, gloves and mittens to be given to the Salvation Army Family Haven.
- December 2: Weihnachtsmarkt (outdoor Christmas Market) from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at Timothy Lutheran Church, corner of Fyler & Ivanhoe.
- December 15: Gateway Science Academy High School Orchestra Concert at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary of Southwest Baptist Church.
- December 17: John Weidlich Holiday Concert at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall of Southwest Baptist Church.



## **DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:**

4:00 pm Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

10:45 am & 6:00 pm Southwest Baptist Church (tentative)

4:00 & 9:00 pm Timothy Lutheran Church

## **DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES:**

8:00 & 10:30 am Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

9:00 am Timothy Lutheran 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

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## GIFT CARDS TO SPREAD CHEER

Would you like to bless a neighbor 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 18<sup>th</sup>**. 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, CVS, Walgreens, Dollar Tree, restaurants. Questions, contact Leigh, LASM Case Manager, at 314-376-4121 or [leigh@lasministry.org](mailto:leigh@lasministry.org).

## CHRISTMAS MARKET

LASM partner church, Timothy Lutheran Church, is hosting its annual Weihnachtsmarkt on **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**



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/events](http://timothystl.org/events).

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

## FROM OUR CASE MANAGER

### FREE GIVEAWAYS

LASM has received some donations in recent weeks that may be of interest to you or someone you know! We have large print 2024 wall calendars from the Missouri Council for the Blind. We have a plethora of Ensure nutrition shakes in flavors of vanilla, strawberry and dark or milk chocolate. We also have Guidepost magazines. If any of these items interest you, please contact Leigh Manalang at 314-376-4121 or [leigh@lasministry.org](mailto:leigh@lasministry.org).

### COMMUNITY MOBILE MARKET

In partnership with the St. Louis Area Food Bank, Archwell Health at 4650 Chippewa is hosting a drive-through Community Mobile Market on the third Wednesday of each month. Neighbors have the opportunity to get a mix of fresh and nonperishable food items at no cost. This month it will be held on **Wed., December 20<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 to 11:00 am. The distribution will end at the stated time or once all of the food and other resources have been distributed. Call Victoria at 314-449-9730 for more information.

## 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 \$3,540 in contributions to our annual operating budget, Home Repair Fund, 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 or made online at [lasministry.org/donate-2](http://lasministry.org/donate-2).

## TRIVIA NIGHT RECAP

Many thanks to the 23 teams of trivia players who filled Epiphany's gym on November 4th for our 12th Annual Trivia Night. It was a fun night that raised \$7,000 in support of our ministry's programs and services! What a blessing! Our teams enjoyed 8 rounds of trivia, intermission games and an array of raffle prizes. Our deepest gratitude to our



event and round sponsors!

### Event Sponsors:

Babe's Tavern & Garden  
Manor Real Estate, Don Cherry, Broker  
Thrivent Financial  
Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

### Round Sponsors:

Aging Well (AW) Health Care  
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Larry & Lisa Meyers  
Jim & Ann Mueller  
Bert & Marge Nollmann

A multitude of local businesses and individual donors gave raffle items and prizes for our first and last place teams. Please support these businesses that so generously supported LASM:

Archwell Health  
Biggies Restaurant  
Chris' Pancake & Dining  
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Dierbergs Mackenzie Pointe  
Ella & Ollie Popcorn  
Favazza's on the Hill  
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Mindy & Keith Whittle



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, Loretta Fant, Helen Kunz, Gary & Nanette Weintraub, Joshua Willoughby, the Oak Street Health team, and our fabulous youth runners.

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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**

**I**t was just before Christmas, and the jailer was in a happy mood. He asked the prisoner who was in the dock, "What are you charged with?"

The prisoner replied, "Doing my Christmas shopping too early."

"That's no crime," said the jailer. "Just how early were you doing this shopping?"

"Before the shop opened," answered the prisoner. 😂

Q: What did the stamp say to the Christmas card? A: Stick with me and we'll go places. 😂

Q: What do you call an elf who sings?  
A: A wrapper! 😂