

The Chapel Call

March, 2014



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Worship Weekly

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Serve at, and beyond, the
Chapel on the Hill

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Relationships

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and Resources

Chapel Music Team *by: Pastor Bob Bardin*

Dear Friends,

Remember the ad jingle, “I’d like to teach the world to sing, in perfect harmony.....”? Christians have always been a singing people, though far from harmoniously. We have strong opinions about music in worship. We know what we like and what we don’t like. These tastes vary greatly among members of a congregation and change over time. This is fruitful ground for conflict. Carol Wilkinson handed me a Christianity Today article this week that reminds us that this is not a new problem. Ed Stetzer analyses centuries of musical struggles in a humorous way:

200s A.D. “Get rid of that flute at church. Trash that trumpet. What do you think we are, pagans?”

Instrumental music was almost universally shunned because of its association with debauchery and immorality. Lyre music, for example, was associated with prostitution.

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Chapel Music Team (continued)

**300s “Hymns to God with rhythm and marching?
How worldly can we get?”**

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan is the first to introduce community hymn-singing in church. The hymns were composed in metrical stanzas and sometimes sung while marching.

**800s “Boring, you say? Someday the whole world
will be listening to monks sing chants.”**

Almost all singing was done in chant, based on scales that used only the white keys on today’s piano.

**900s “How arrogant for musicians to think their
new songs are better than what we’ve sung
for generations.”**

Music is widely notated for the first time, enabling choirs to sing from music, not memory. New types of music could be created which would have been out of the reach of earlier traditions.

**1200s “This complicated, chaotic confusion is
ruining the church.”**

Musicians began to discover the idea of harmony. The effect did not please everyone. One critic commented on how harmony sullied worship by introducing “lewdness” into the church.

**1500s “Now they’re putting spiritual words to
theater songs that everyone knows.”**

Martin Luther set about reforming public worship. One way he did this was by putting stress on congregational singing. He used music already familiar to the majority of people in Germany.

**1700s “Our children will grow up confused, not
respecting the Bible as an inspired book.”**

Isaac Watts boosted the controversial idea of a congregation singing “man-made” hymns, something other than scripture.

**1800s “Their leader is just asking for trouble when
he says, ‘Why should the devil have all the
best music?’”**

William Booth, the founder of The Salvation Army, used rousing melodies to set the tone for his army. He is credited with popularizing the “why should the devil” question above.”

There’s more, but I think you get the idea.

A newly gathered music team met this past week for the first time, deciding to name itself, “The Chapel Music Team,” or “CMT” for short. Nine folks participated. We are hoping for many more. We gathered with the purpose of considering the music life of our congregation, celebrating the goodness of it, and pondering ways to enhance and expand our praise to God. We all agreed, as you must, that we have been blessed by God with great gifts of musical praise. We also agreed that some of these gifts are lying dormant, yet to be expressed. It is our hope to involve more people in more ways in more places in worship, not abandoning our present style of praise, but adding to it where appropriate.

Here’s how you can help. Please pray for God’s blessing upon this work. Think about offering your own music gifts if you are not already doing so. The only requirement, a desire to praise the One we sing to and play for. We’ll be asking! Consider becoming part of the Team (we eschewed “committee”!!). Our next meeting is scheduled immediately following the Lenten study on Wednesday, March 12th. We’ll meet in the conference room from 7:45-9:00 p.m. Again, no musical talent required, only a desire to serve. If you want to find out more, or express your thoughts and wishes, we’d love to hear from you. Here are those currently a part of the CMT: Patti Sulser, Judy Ramacitti, Denise Olson, Denny Teichow, Mick Heath, Ruth St. Clair, Rex Wilkinson, Carol Wilkinson, Greg Odden, Dale Johnson, and Jan Johnson.

Warmly,

Bob Bardin

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All of us have been places. Close by places, like visiting family and friends nearby. Faraway places where we go to visit those who may have moved from among us. Vacations places that we have found that are relaxing reprieves from the pace of life. Places. And with every place there are memories. Precious memories that we visit from time to time.

I don't know where you like to go to get away. If it's the beach, as it is for me, or the mountains; maybe New England, or the islands, or maybe 'up north.' We all have our places, special places. Maybe you'll be visiting your special place soon.

All of us have been to Emmaus. Now before you say "I don't think so", consider this. It was on the road to Emmaus that Jesus encountered two distraught believers. Men who were overwhelmed at the loss of their friend, Jesus. Disillusioned, and distraught. Who among us is immune from such times in our

lives? Times when life is hard. Times when there is still no light at the end of the tunnel? Times, as Dave Ramey's says, 'your life sounds like a country music song.'

I've been to Emmaus and so have you. We have been to Emmaus with different people also. Hospital beds, funeral homes, unemployment lines, wayward children, troubled marriages, questionable test results, on and on. The inhabitants of Emmaus are many with a steady crowd coming and going. It's the town that no one plans on visiting but everyone ends up there from time to time.

As these men were walking toward Emmaus, Jesus joined them and they didn't even know it. Yes, Jesus knows all about Emmaus. He has been there too. In fact, just like these men, he walks alongside us each time we take the trip to Emmaus. He is fully aware of where life has taken us. All life's twists and turns are ever before him. He can relate; after all, he was here once too. Remember?

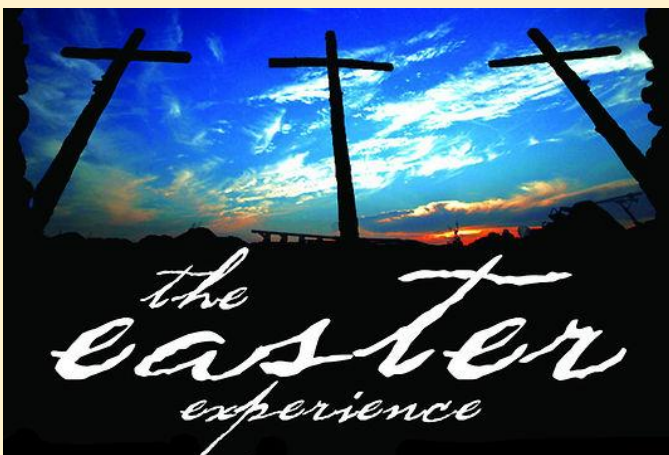
As Jesus walked along with these disillusioned men, we read he began to explain the scriptures to them. He explained how he had to suffer and die just like the scriptures had said. After they arrived at their destination for the evening, they talked Jesus into staying with them. It was not until Jesus broke bread with them at the table that they finally recognized Him for who He was.

Easter calls us to recognize Jesus for who he is. He is the Lord. He has conquered sin and death. He now sits at the right hand of his Father And our Father too, where he is available to help us. He wants to walk with us through our Emmaus experiences. He makes Himself known to us when we turn to him.

We will walk the Emmaus road. It is inevitable. Walk with Jesus, and you will never walk alone.

Blessings to you for a most meaningful Lenten Season.

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The Easter Experience is a unique, six week study which brings the passion and resurrection of Jesus to life through dramatic storytelling and challenging teaching.

Join us for a light supper at 6:15 and study at 7:00 pm beginning March 12.

Once you experience the story of Easter, absolutely everything in your life changes.

“Celebrate Good Times, Come On!” *by: Eileen Altenburg*

Do you recognize that line from the song “Celebration” by Kool and the Gang? That song came to mind as I thought about great celebrations.

I recently attended a wedding reception that was one of the happiest events I’ve ever seen. Family and friends danced, and talked, and laughed, and ate, and drank as they joyfully celebrated with the happy couple. What a celebration that was!

I’ve seen several videos of soldiers returning home to their family and friends. As I watch, I feel the anticipation as the family awaits their hero, and I cheer (and get choked up) when the family sees and then embraces their loved one. The homecoming video shown during the Super Bowl was a great example. What a great celebration was in that video!

A few years ago, I attended the movie premiere of “Honor Flight.” The movie celebrated the journey of World War II veterans, who were taken to Washington, D.C., to visit their memorial, and were welcomed home at the end of the day by a cheering crowd. Over 28,000 people, at Miller Park, cheered and celebrated the veterans who were featured in the movie and the veterans who were in attendance at the stadium. What a celebration that was!

In Luke 15, Jesus told the story of a lost sheep, and how the shepherd has a great celebration when he finds that sheep. Jesus said, “I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.” Then He told the story of the woman who lost a precious coin, and called in her friends to help her celebrate when she found it. Jesus added, “In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Try to create a mental video of that celebration? If there’s a celebration for every sinner who repents- there must be *constant* celebrating in heaven, as people around the world are saved! What a celebration that must be!

At the end of Luke 15, Jesus told the story of the Prodigal Son (which is really the story of the loving father). Remember how the younger son left home and wasted his life and money. Defeated, the son decided to return to his father’s home and beg to become a servant. But the father greeted the wayward son with a great feast and celebration, happy for the son’s return. What a celebration that was!

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He gave us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:3 NIV

March Events

March 1
Men’s Small Group
Chili Challenge & Talent Show

March 4
Elders Meeting

March 5
Ash Wednesday Supper & Service

March 9-23
Homeless Shelter at the Parish Hall

March 12, 19 & 26
The Easter Experience
study & supper

March 18
Deacon Meeting

March 21
Cancer Support Group

See the complete Chapel
calendar online at
chapelonthehill.net

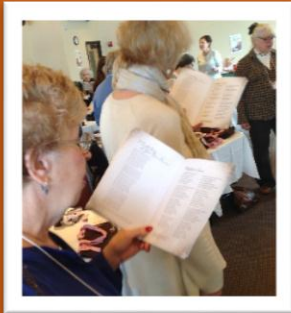
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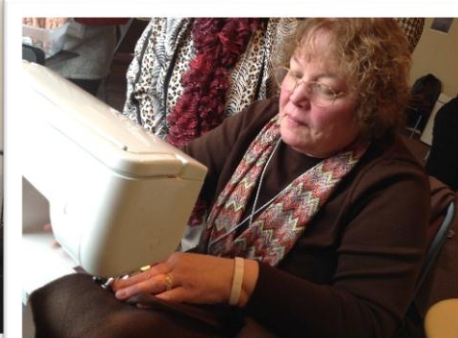
With all those celebrations in mind, I want you to consider what must have been the GREATEST CELEBRATION EVER!

God, the Father, sent His Son to earth to provide salvation for all of us sinners. Unlike the Prodigal son, Jesus DID His Father’s will, while He was on earth, away from His heavenly home. On the cross, Jesus declared, “It is finished,” because His work was done, and He died. Three days later, Jesus rose from the dead and was seen by many people. Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven. Jesus returned home after He had successfully completed His mission on earth.

Try to imagine the heavenly “Welcome Home!” celebration when God the Father welcomed Jesus back to Paradise! Wow! What a celebration that must have been!

*Chapel Ladies Celebrate the Extravagance of God’s Grace
at the annual Ladier Retreat, February, 2014*





Thank You

Our "Hospitality Group" is an amazing bunch of people. It functions like a finely tuned machine. I am amazed how people come from all directions and specifically perform their own gift ministry.

That then turns into an amazing orchestration of service. Many families have been and will continue to be blessed by their actions.

The Chapel thanks each and every one of you for all you do.

Peggy Kiddell would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support in the death of her sister. Your thoughtfulness has meant so much.



In Our Prayers

The Chapel family recently lost two dear friends. We grieve with the families of

Harry Tiggemann

&

Faith Heyl

We also rejoice in knowing that they are resting in their eternal home, with Jesus Christ himself.

If you have a prayer request, email Sharon Dexter to activate the Chapel Prayer Chain: sdkd1961@wi.rr.com or call the Chapel office.



March

2 John Schilthelm
4 Ken Heisz
6 Lydia Farence
7 Piper Connon
Marilyn Lloyd
9 Kurt Lembcke
Judy Maack
Janet Nettekoven
Marty Weckerle
11 Jeannie Licary
13 Nancy Brown
15 Judy Ramacitti
Ruth St. Clair
18 Al Erdmann
20 Charlotte Grether
Linda Schilthelm
21 Ken Greenlee
Robyn Nimke
Richard Sams
Michael Sulser
24 Benjamin Walker
26 Cheri Bartz
27 Dana Pease
Emma Regalia
28 Joyce Kennedy
Pam Westberg
30 Gerry Dexter
Lee Hoeft
31 Alexandra Faltis
Ken Jones

April

1 Peter Lechner
2 Judy Mayer
Page Vecitis
3 John Jaeger
Cyrus Noel
4 Rose Rusch
5 Lorre Morbeck
Patti Sulser
6 Sadie Jeninga
JoAnn Krause
Bryan Olson
7 Denise Olson
8 Eileen Altenburg
Carol Wilkinson
9 Marla Hinners
Creighton Quinto
Phyllis Tiggemann
12 Barbara Coy
Tim Sulser
15 Andrea Bouras
Keegan Fitzpatrick
Doris Rohde
16 Mallory McGowan
18 Marilyn Kaufman
19 Adam Farence

If your special day is missing from the list, please let the Chapel office, or your deacon know. We don't want to miss anyone.



March 17 Pete & Candy Thompson
March 26 Tom & Piper Connon
April 1 Rich & Marla Hinners
April 4 Tom & Doris Rohde
April 10 Harvey & Eileen Altenburg
April 14 Jack & Marilyn Lloyd
April 21 Damian & Chelby Daniels

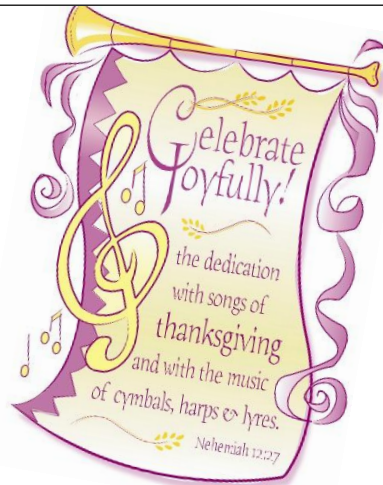
Do You Know Your Hymns? *From Judy Ramacitti*

1. The Dentist's Hymn
2. The Weatherman's Hymn
3. The Contractor's Hymn
4. The Tailor's Hymn
5. The Golfer's Hymn
6. The Politician's Hymn
7. The Optometrist's Hymn
8. The IRS Agent's Hymn
9. The Gossip's Hymn
10. The Electrician's Hymn
11. The Shopper's Hymn
12. The Realtor's Hymn
13. The Massage Therapist's Hymn
14. The Doctor's Hymn

1. Crown Him with Many Crowns
2. There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
3. The Church's One Foundation
4. Holy, Holy, Holy
5. There's a Green Hill Far Away
6. Standing on the Promises
7. Open My Eyes That I May See
8. I Surrender All
9. Pass It On
10. Send The Light
11. Sweet Bye and Bye
12. I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop
13. He Touched Me
14. The Great Physician

And for those who speed on the highway – a few hymns

- 55 mph – God Will Take Care of You
- 75 mph – Nearer My God to Thee
- 85 mph – This World is Not My Home
- 95 mph – Lord, I'm Coming Home
- 100 mph – Precious Memories



Spring IS on the Way!

In a few more weeks winter WILL be over and spring will officially be here. So if spring is officially here, what do we do besides watch baseball? Well Spring clean of course.

Our Chapel is in serious need of spring cleaning. This year Larry Mayer will be in charge of the details. Just as in the past, there will be a soup lunch. This will be an "inside only" cleaning event.

A signup sheet will on a bulletin board and we really want to make this a whole congregation event. We have many class rooms now, a nursery and Sonshine kids room, Sunday school downstairs, choir room, kitchen, and the list will go on and on. Everyone is touched by this building and we want to be awesome stewards of this, our blessing. Besides..."many hands make light work"

Our clean up date will be April 26 starting at 9:00 am.

Let's all get involved!

Christian Arts Centre News by: Colleen Walker

"The Christian Arts Centre has a lot of exciting things coming up in the near future! Up first will be our next youth musical **Lifesong**, a fun musical adventure about leading like Jesus! Directed by Donna Badtke, choreographed by Evan Knutson, produced by Colleen Walker and Kathy Ferguson, and performed by 20 of the areas talented youth, this energetic production is sure to be fun for all! Please come and support this wonderful ministry on **April 4, 5 & 6**. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7pm and the Sunday matinee is at 3pm. All tickets are \$10.



This summer's musical production will be **Narnia, the musical**, based on C.S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. The first and most famous story of *The Chronicles of Narnia* has become a musical presentation of this unique, enchanted world filled with creatures and spirits of myth and fable, both good and evil, demonic and transcendent. The director will be Adam Armstrong, whom you may recall played Judas in *The Living Passion* in both 2011 and 2013. Auditions for this production will be held on **Saturday, May 17th** (children from 2-5pm and adults beginning at 5pm) and **Monday, May 19th** (both children and adults beginning at 6pm). Go ahead and mark your calendars now for these performances: **July 25, 26, 27 & August 1, 2, 3**, Friday & Saturday evenings at 7:30pm and Saturday & Sunday matinees at 3pm. All tickets are \$10."

You won't want to miss this two-night-only event! On June 28 & 29, Rex Wilkinson, along with a few family and friends, will be presenting his own original production of **What's Wrong With Rex?** This musical presentation includes all original music and is an expression of Rex's own experiences with cancer. It is sure to be an unforgettable performance, mark your calendars for **Saturday, June 28 at 7:30pm and Sunday, June 29 at 3pm**.



Invites you to our upcoming auditions for...

Narnia

the musical

Directed by
Adam
Armstrong



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& Monday, May 19th - Children & Adults: 6pm
Performances: July 25, 26, 27 & August 1, 2, 3

At the
Christian Arts Centre
of Chapel on the Hill
Hwy 50 West & Cisco Rd.
Lake Geneva, WI
Across from the Geneva Ridge Resort

All auditioners should be prepared to:
Sing a song
(accompanist and CD player provided)
Learn a short dance
& Read from the script



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Invites you to attend our upcoming youth musical...

Lifesong

A fun adventure about leading like Jesus

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Choreographed by
Evan Knutson

Created by:
Sue C. Smith
Simon Hawkins
Kris Crunk

April 4, 5 & 6

Friday and Saturday - 7pm & Sunday - 3pm

Come join the fun and adventure in this tropical setting as six kids are put to the test to not only find the true leader inside each of them, but to learn to lead like Jesus. The excited leaders bring each of their gifts as "the mystery voice" challenges and evaluates them through the quest. Abby, Brodie, Lane, Dooney, DT (Demetrius) and Cat (Catherine) all come together to discover that a servant leader encourages, listens, cares, inspires, keeps a level head and loves the way Jesus loves.

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