



The AMBASSADOR

SAINT LUKE'S BISHOP SPENCER PLACE

April 2018

 Saint Luke's
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ACTIVITY KEY



Celebration



Movie



Theatre



Arts



Music



Nature



Excursion



Speaker



Cocktails



Dining



**Coffee &
Conversation**



Class



Beau Bledsoe Group

Wednesday, April 4, 3:00 p.m.
Madison Living Room

Beau Bledsoe, a BSP favorite, studied classical guitar at the UMKC Conservatory of Music. He continued his professional career playing with jazz, classical, and Latin musicians. Beau Bledsoe's Trio set us on fire in a recent BSP performance, and residents wanted him back!



Spirituality & All That Jazz

Wednesday, April 4
BSP bus departs at 6:30 p.m.

Join us at Unity Temple for *Spirituality & All That Jazz*, hosted by Tim Whitmer. This month, enjoy the Kansas City Kansas Community College Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combo, and Standard Jazz Choir.

Sign up with the concierge.



Speaker Series | SuEllen Fried

Thursday, April 5, 3:00 p.m. | Westport Room

We're delighted to welcome nationally-recognized bullying prevention activist, writer, and educator SuEllen Fried. Fried founded STOP Violence, an organization that trained volunteers to teach prison inmates to change their violent language, actions, and thoughts.

She founded BullySafeUSA, which has enabled her to work with more than 90,000 students, educators, counselors, administrators, and parents in 36 states. Fried was number 900 on President George H. W. Bush's Thousand Points of Light foundation list.



This is a monthly magazine for residents of Saint Luke's Bishop Spencer Place.

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Movie Classic with Robert Butler | *The Seventh Seal*

Friday, April 6, 2:00 p.m.
Westport Room

In Ingmar Bergman's 1957 epic, a knight (Max von Sydow), returns from the Crusades to find Sweden ravaged by the Black Plague and challenges Death to a chess game.



Guitarist Dan Bliss

Monday, April 9, 3:00 p.m.
Madison Living Room

Dan Bliss has lived in Kansas City for more than 20 years, inspired by the blues and jazz traditions and the wealth of local talent. While his focus is solo performance, he has also played with Kelley Hunt, Ron Fleeman, and with his own band, Bluetonium.

Plaza/Westport Neighborhood Association

April 10, 6:30 p.m.
Westport Room

The PWNA continues to hold its meetings on the second Tuesday of each month in our Westport Room. Residents are welcome to attend.



Westport Room Library Reception for Resident Jeffrey Weidman

Saturday, April 7
10:00 a.m.-noon
Westport Room

Join us in showing our appreciation for the kindness and generosity of resident Jeffrey Weidman, who has rebuilt, reorganized, and revived our Westport Room Library and personally selected and purchased books for each and every resident.



Speaker Series | Jason Krakow

Tuesday, April 10, 2:30 p.m.
Westport Room

Jason Krakow, resident Vicki Johnson's son-in-law and board member of the Jewish Community Relations Bureau| American Jewish Committee, will speak about strengthening our democracy by increasing our understanding of each other and by working with faith groups, the minority community, government officials, educators, law enforcement, business and civic leaders, and others to prevent discrimination.

Note: Program begins at 2:30.

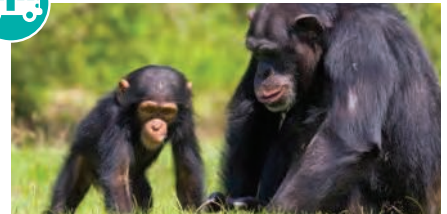


Lunch & Learn | *Turning Points in Middle Eastern History*

Monday, April 9, 11:30 a.m.
Westport Room

Explore the discoveries, inventions, upheavals, and ideas that shaped the modern world with two 30-minute talks from the Great Courses DVD series *Turning Points in Middle Eastern History*, followed by a group discussion.

Lunch will be provided (for ten points). Please sign up with the concierge by Saturday, April 7, to reserve your lunch and allow PB&J Restaurants to prepare.



Kansas City Zoo

Wednesday, April 11
BSP bus departs at 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a trip to a city treasure. Founded in 1909 and still going strong 100 years later, the Kansas City Zoo is home to more than 1,300 animals. In 2008, America's Best Zoos ranked the Kansas City Zoo as one of the best in the country.

Sign up with the concierge.



Lunch Out at Winstead's

Thursday, April 12

BSP bus departs at 11:15 a.m.

Join us for lunch at a Kansas City institution. Winstead's is a BSP favorite, and one of the most popular restaurants in the city. *Food Network Magazine* rated Winstead's the Best Hamburger in the state of Kansas.

Sign up with the concierge by April 9th so we can reserve the BSP bus!



Speaker Series | Gina English

Thursday, April 12, 3:00 p.m.

Westport Room

Gina English is the Kansas City Police Department's first social services coordinator—the lone social worker embedded in the department. Her job is to help bridge communication between police officers and the community. She's a tool KCPD officers can rely on, since a majority of their calls don't result in arrests but rather a need for social services.



Metropolitan Opera at the Plaza Cinemark | Luisa Miller

Saturday, April 14

BSP bus departs at 10:45 a.m.

Plácido Domingo adds another role to his legendary Met career in this rarely performed Verdi gem, a heart-rending tragedy of fatherly love. Sonya Yoncheva sings the title role opposite Piotr Beczala in the first Met performances of the opera in more than 10 years.

Sign up with the concierge.



ART BLOCKS | Donna Houtteman

Monday, April 16, 3:00 p.m.

Westport Room

Donna's back! Join her for this month's Art Blocks.

Donna Houtteman is the leading voice behind the Art Sofa Series for Continuing and Professional Studies at the Kansas City Art Institute. Although she doesn't call herself an art historian, her passion for art and the history in which it was made is contagious.



Speaker Series | Sean O'Byrne

Tuesday, April 17, 3:00 p.m.

Westport Room

As Vice President of Business Development for the Downtown Council of Kansas City, Sean O'Byrne is responsible for the Downtown Development Group (DDG), which tackles development projects that benefit downtown and the greater Kansas City area, including the relocation of UMKC's Conservatory of Music and Dance to downtown and the YMCA redevelopment of the former Lyric Theater.



Artist Reception | Photographer Kelly Ludwig

Wednesday, April 18, 4:00 p.m.

Art Gallery

Kelly Ludwig has blended a passion for photography, design, and travel experiences with technology to create two travel apps for the iPhone, the award-winning "Best Road Trip Ever" and "Road Trip 66." Ludwig is the author of many books, including *Detour Art*, *Travel-o-Pedia*, and *Home Court Advantage*. Her photographs have been exhibited in a number of museums, magazines, and books.

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Harmony Project KC Players

Thursday, April 19
4:30–5:00 p.m.

Madison Living Room

Harmony Project KC is a music mentoring program for students in NE Kansas City. Housed at the Northeast Community Center, it was supported by Judge Charles Shangler. HPKC students are honored to play at Bishop Spencer Place as part of their leadership class final project. They would like to dedicate this performance to “Our Judge.”



Folly Theater | UMKC Jazz Night

Thursday, April 19
BSP bus departs at 6:30 p.m.

Join us at the Folly Theater to hear the UMKC Conservatory jazz bands in a lively concert featuring ensembles that represent the entirety of jazz studies at the Conservatory, directed by Bobby Watson and Dan Thomas. The UMKC Conservatory of Music and Dance is internationally recognized as a center for artistic excellence and innovation.

Sign up with the concierge.
Tickets are \$12.



Lyric Arts Trio

Friday, April 20, 3:00 p.m.
Madison Living Room

The Lyric Arts Trio has been called “a perfect blend of musical poetry and lyrics.” Clarinetist Elena Lence Talley, pianist Daniel Velicer, and soprano Sarah Tannehill Anderson have delighted audiences throughout the Midwest. They project a warmth and pleasure in concerts that both enlighten and entertain.



Speaker Series | Bill Tammeus

Tuesday, April 24, 3:00 p.m.
Westport Room

Bill Tammeus is a former columnist for *The Kansas City Star*. He came to the *Star* in 1970 as a reporter, spent nearly 27 years on the paper's editorial page, then moved his column to the Faith section. Since 2004, he has written his daily “Faith Matters” blog, featured on the *Star* website. He also writes columns for *The Presbyterian Outlook*, *The National Catholic Reporter*, and for *Flatland*, KCPT-TV's digital magazine.



Shawnee Mission East Women's Choir

Wednesday, April 25, 1:30 p.m.
Madison Living Room

Enjoy a performance by the renowned Shawnee Mission East High School Chansonettes, the school's women's choir, under the direction of Ken Foley, who has been the SME Director of Choirs for more than 10 years. The Shawnee Mission East Choir group has almost 400 students involved in their five choirs.



The Great Courses | From Monet to Van Gogh: A History of Impressionism

Wednesday, April 25, 3:00 p.m.
Westport Room

Join us for our new Great Courses series, *From Monet to Van Gogh: A History of Impressionism*. In visually-rich lectures, Professor Richard Brettell gives insight into this loose coalition of artists who rebelled against the formality of the French Academy and created the most famous artistic movement in history. This month, enjoy Lectures 3 and 4.

Chaplain's CORNER

Mrs. Thomas Sargent visited Bermuda in the 1880s and came back to Philadelphia with a white trumpet lily, which quickly became popular. Since it blooms in the springtime, it came to be known as the Easter lily.

We'll see a lot of these lovely flowers as April makes its entrance, since the first of April is Easter Day, and lilies have traditionally been associated with the resurrection of Christ. Of course, the first of April is also April Fool's Day, so best to be careful with one's Easter eggs!

Whether we celebrate Easter or not, we can all learn something from the Easter lily. It starts out as a hard, brown bulb with a paper-hard shell from which a beautiful, fragrant flower eventually emerges. It takes nurturing to help that beauty emerge—and that's true for people as well. With care and cultivation, we grow into the beautiful children of God we are meant to be. So let us nurture one another, and be generous with the love God has lavished upon us.

They shall flourish as a garden; they shall blossom like the vine. (Hosea 14:7)

—Chaplain Kathy Hall

Roman Catholic Mass

Father Mattingly | Wednesday, April 4 | 9:30 a.m. | Chapel

Father Bob | Wednesday, April 18 | 9:30 a.m. | Chapel

Bible Studies

We will meet on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Our first meeting, April 3, will be to discuss how we want to proceed. All are welcome. Please bring your ideas!

Good Books

Good Books will meet on the 4th Monday, April 23, at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel. We will be reading *What Unites Us: Reflections on Patriotism*, by Dan Rather and Elliott Kirschner, which is available in print, electronic, and audio CD formats. Please join us!

Fabulous Food for Thought

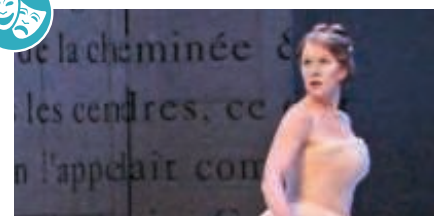
If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed—because many can, but most do not.



Speaker Series | Gloria Haralson Smith

Thursday, April 26, 3:00 p.m.
Westport Room

Rescheduled from February: Gloria Haralson Smith's family has lived in Jackson County since 1835 and in Independence since 1865. For more than 25 years, she has researched stories on local history. She will share them in a talk about Jackson County Historical Foundation.



Metropolitan Opera at the Plaza Cinemark | Cendrillon

Saturday, April 28
BSP bus departs at 11:15 a.m.

Enjoy the HD broadcast version of Jules Massenet's *Cendrillon*, a sumptuous take on the Cinderella story, starring Prairie Village native Joyce DiDonato in the title role, at the Cinemark Theater on the Plaza.

Sign up with the concierge.

Alterations

This month, Alterations has been moved from Tuesday, April 3, to Tuesday, April 10, at 2:00 p.m.

HAPPY



BIRTHDAY

Clark Achelpohl, April 1

Dottie Tate, April 1

Ann Hovey, April 3

Susana Garcia, April 12

Vicki Johnson, April 10

Bert Bates, April 14

Sylvia Billington, April 14

Charles Lindstrom, April 15

Henry Tharp, April 23

Robert Heyer, April 26

Priscilla Neaves, April 30

Jim Tierney, April 30

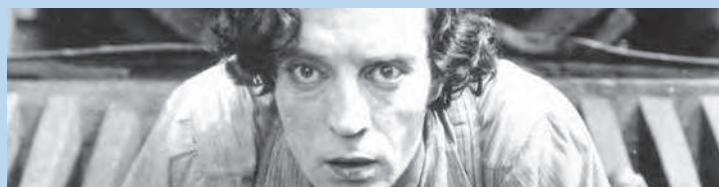
IN LOVING MEMORY



George Ashby

Beulah Thompson

Frank Victor



Movie with Robert Butler | *The General*

Monday, April 30, 3:00 p.m. | Westport Room

The General (1926) is Buster Keaton's greatest comedy, a train chase set in the Civil War and filmed to replicate old Matthew Brady photographs.

Garden TIME

Mother Nature shouted, "Ready, set, GROW!" last month, and our garden did just that! Miniature daffodils led the opening, soon matched by our flowering fruit trees. Many new surprises await.

Several Garden Committee members have recommended several native wild flowers that may be available when the Missouri Wild Flower Nursery visits this month.

Some of our residents may have received Easter gifts of flowering bulbs. You can find directions on the internet for summer storage after the flowers are gone. This autumn, give those bulbs to a member of the Garden Committee for replanting in the Memorial Garden and witness new blooms the next spring—along with our many thanks!

—Bobbie Ellis

PLAZA LIBRARY



Thursday, April 26

BSP bus departs 2:45 p.m.,
returns to BSP 4:00 p.m.

The BSP Plaza library trip
takes place on the last
Thursday of each month.

Sign up with the concierge.



Cocktail Hour

WITH PIANIST TOM ROBERTS

Friday, April 27, 4:30 p.m.

Madison Living Room | Canterbury Dining Room

We'll honor our volunteers with a Volunteer Appreciation Reception.

Listen while you sit in the Pub, dine in the Canterbury Dining Room, or enjoy wine and cocktails in the Madison Living Room. Daily special and full dinner menu is available, also with complimentary drinks.



The Scene

RECENT EVENTS & PHOTOS

