

The AMBASSADOR

SAINT LUKE'S BISHOP SPENCER PLACE

August 2019



ACTIVITY KEY



Celebration



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Arts



Music



Nature



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Cocktails



Dining



**Coffee &
Conversation**



Class



Health

A few words from the CEO...



This month I am particularly touched by all of the wonderful professionals, musicians, industry leaders, entertainers, and experts that come to share their talents with us. On any given afternoon, I am treated to a wonderful piano concerto, jazz quartet, or other stimulating content just outside my office door.

It thrills me that many of you come to share in these experiences as a community that supports outside philanthropic activities and the arts. How fortunate we are to have these amazing experiences provided to us, sometimes at no charge.

This culture is one of many things that sets Bishop Spencer Place apart from our competition in the Kansas City area and I hope you take as much joy in bragging about it as I do!

I hope you have a wonderful August.

Warm regards,
Dee

PING-PONG!

We're starting table tennis games in the Westport Room! Call or see Clark Achelpohl to reserve a spot.

**Wednesdays, 1:00–2:00 p.m.
and on weekends when the
room is available.**



BSP Town Hall Meeting

**Wednesday, August 21
3:00 p.m.
Westport Room**

This month's town hall meeting will be a general assembly focused on adapting to change. We look forward to seeing you!



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

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Speaker Series | Judy Morgan

Thursday, August 1 | 3:00 p.m.
Westport Room

Representative Judy Morgan represents the 24th district in the Missouri House of Representatives. Rep. Morgan is a 1966 graduate of Bishop Hogan High School, and is a retired school teacher and counselor who worked in Kansas City-area schools for 29 years. Rep. Morgan will review legislative reports.



Movie Classic | Robert Butler: *Little Shop of Horrors*

Friday, August 2 | 2:00 p.m.
Westport Room

In this 1986 musical comedy, directed by Frank Oz, a nerdy florist finds his chance for success and romance with the help of a giant man-eating plant. The film stars Rick Moranis, Ellen Greene, Vincent Gardenia, Steve Martin, and Levi Stubbs as the voice of Audrey II, and features special appearances by Jim Belushi, John Candy, Christopher Guest, and Bill Murray.



Watercolor Class with John Keeling

Monday, August 5
1:00–2:30 p.m. | Activity Center

Fine artist and freelance illustrator John Keeling teaches watercolor on the first Monday of each month.

On the following Mondays, **August 12, 19, and 26**, enjoy an hour of Open Art from 1–2 p.m. in the Activity Center.



Spirituality & All That Jazz

Wednesday, August 7
BSP bus departs at 6:30 p.m.

Join us at Unity Temple for *Spirituality & All That Jazz*. This month, we'll enjoy a double billing: the vocal harmonies of the Kansas City Kansas Community College Summer Jazz Choir and vocalist Lori Tucker, a member of the jazz diva group Wild Women of Kansas City. They will perform with Tim Whitmer and The Consort Band.

Sign up with the concierge.

Election Day

Tuesday, August 6
6 a.m.–7 p.m. | Westport Room



Powell Gardens Festival of Butterflies Exhibition

Thursday, August 8
BSP bus departs at 1:30 p.m.

Join us for a trip to Powell Gardens to see this family favorite and immerse yourself in the world of butterflies native and exotic! Powell Gardens is a botanical garden set on 970 acres of lush, rolling hills and windswept meadows located just east of Kansas City.

Sign up with the concierge. Tickets are \$10. First-come, first-served.



Cucharada Trio!

Friday, August 9 | 3:00 p.m.
Madison Living Room

BSP is pleased to welcome back the Cucharada Trio. With Sean Mawhirter on guitar, Tina Bilberry on violin, and Guy Montes on flute, Cucharada brings lively tango music to the Midwest. Their aim is to pursue the canon synonymous with Argentina, being true to the aesthetic while carving out their own interpretations. The *Kansas City Star* says, "Cucharada adds another unique sound to the Kansas City music scene."



Lunch & Learn | Brain Myths Exploded

Monday, August 12

Lunch | 11:30 a.m.–12:00 noon

Program | starts at 12:00 noon
Westport Room

We continue the Great Courses DVD series *Brain Myths Exploded*. Lunch begins promptly at 11:30. Talks begin at noon and run until 1:00. Lunch will be provided (10 points).

Sign up with the concierge by Saturday, August 10, to allow PB&J time to prepare lunch.



Short Round String Band

Tuesday, August 13 | 2:30 p.m.

Madison Living Room

Short Round String Band presents a revival of old-time, country, and southern mountain music that's fresh and relevant. Founded in 2017 by two groups, Betse & Clarke—beloved here at BSP—and The Aching Hearts, this folk band entralls both new fans and long-time roots music devotees. **This performance of the Short Round String Band is a gift to BSP from Bobbie Ellis. Thank you, Bobbie!**

Note the time: 2:30 p.m.



Bonus Movie Classic | Robert Butler: *A Double Life*

Wednesday, August 14
2:30 p.m. | Westport Room

This 1947 film noir, directed by George Cukor, tells the story of an actor whose mind becomes affected by the character he plays. It stars Ronald Colman and Signe Hasso, with screenplay by Ruth Gordon and Garson Kanin.



Speaker Series | Heather Paxton

Thursday, August 15 | 3:00 p.m.
Westport Room

Heather N. Paxton co-authored *Bishop Spencer Place: A Story of Passion and Faith* with Kevin Dunn. A native of Kansas City, Heather earned a bachelor's degree in history from Columbia University in New York and a master's degree in English from the University of Missouri—Kansas City. She has written books for four Kansas City organizations: *The Kansas City Country Club*, *the American Royal*, *The Jewel Ball*, and the *Kansas City Board of Trade*. Heather is a contributing writer for *The Independent* magazine.



Pianist Tim Whitmer

Friday, August 16 | 3:00 p.m.
Madison Living Room

Our dear friend Tim Whitmer returns to delight us with another piano performance. Tim has performed all over the world, including the Lugano and Montreaux Jazz Festivals in Switzerland. He performs regularly at top jazz venues in Kansas City and hosts the monthly concert series, *Spirituality and All That Jazz* at Unity Temple on the Plaza. Tim serves on the music staff at Community Christian Church.



ART BLOCKS | Donna Houtteman

Monday, August 19 | 3:00 p.m.
Westport Room

Donna Houtteman is the leading voice behind the Art Sofa Series 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. As a docent, Donna leads more than 50 tours per year at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art.

- P** Pub
- WR** Westport Room
- 109** Apt. 109 Madison
- *** Sign up at reception desk

AUGUST 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
A Abbey CD Coventry Dining Room CDR Canterbury Dining Room CH Chapel CL Coventry Living Room	MLR Madison Living Room RR Room to Room TR Therapy Room YD York Dining Room YG York Garden YL York Lounge		* PFL = Pets For Life	1 11:00 Walking Club 1:30 Toy & Miniature Museum Tour <i>meet in CD</i>	2 10:30 Resident Council TR 11:00 Stretch & Strengthen CD 2:00 Movie Matinee CD	3 11:00 Exercise CD 11:00 Rosary CH 2:00 Saturday Movie CD
4 10:00 Holy Eucharist CH 2:15 Sunday Movie CD 3:00 Bingo YL	5 11:00 Stretch & Strengthen CD 1:30 August Bulletin Board CD 3:15 Root Beer Floats CD/RR 4:30 Men's Club P	6 10:00 Coffee & Donuts RR 11:00 Walking Club 1:30 Gin Rummy CL 3:00 Bingo CD 6:15 Game Night YL	7 11:00 Stretch & Strengthen CD 1:00 PFL Jan & Badger RR 1:30 Prayer Group CD 3:00 Pianist Lenn Anderson YL	8 11:00 Walking Club 1:30 Manicures RR 3:00 Bingo CD	9 11:00 Stretch & Strengthen CD 1:30 Chair Volleyball WR 3:00 Cucharada Trio! MLR	10 11:00 Exercise CD 11:00 Rosary CH 2:00 Saturday Movie CD
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18 10:00 Holy Eucharist CH 2:15 Sunday Movie CD 3:00 Bingo YL	19 11:00 Stretch & Strengthen CD 1:30 Puzzle Hour 3:00 Watermelon Monday! CD	20 11:00 Walking Club 1:30 Gin Rummy CL 3:00 Bingo CD 6:15 Game Night YL	21 11:00 Stretch & Strengthen CD 1:00 PFL Jan & Badger RR 1:30 Prayer Group CD 3:00 Pianist Lenn Anderson YL	22 11:00 Walking Club 1:30 Manicures RR 3:00 Sunflower Paintings CD	23 11:00 Stretch & Strengthen CD 1:30 Chair Volleyball WR 3:00 Pianist Bram Wijnands MLR	24 11:00 Exercise CD 11:00 Rosary CH 2:00 Saturday Movie CD
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Speaker Series | Derek Donovan

**Tuesday, August 20 | 3:00 p.m.
Westport Room**

Derek Donovan has served on the editorial board of *The Kansas City Star* since 2017. He joined *The Star* in 1995, coordinating the newspaper's electronic archiving. He added newsroom research duties in 1998 and became the publication's readers' representative in 2004. Derek will discuss trust and fairness in journalism.



Speaker Series | Dave Zoller

**Thursday, August 22
3:00 p.m. | Westport Room**

BSP resident Dr. Dave Zoller recently returned from a trip to the Columbia River basin and Cascade Mountains in the American Northwest, visiting many of the places and towns Zane Grey described in his 1919 novel, *The Desert of Wheat*. Dave will show slides of the trip and talk about his adventures, which included home tours and museum visits in many of the small towns from Grey's book.



Bram Wijnands

**Friday, August 23 | 3:00 p.m.
Madison Living Room**

Bram is back! Born in Eindhoven, the Netherlands, Bram Wijnands began playing piano at an early age, graduating from the Hilversum Conservatory in the Netherlands. Bram taught at the UMKC Conservatory of Music (2000–2015) and currently teaches at Kansas City Kansas Community College.



Speaker Series | Lee Kortemeyer

**Monday, August 26 | 3:00 p.m.
Westport Room**

Lee Kortemeyer is the director of facilities here at BSP. Lee holds bachelor's degrees in both education and fine arts from Northwest Missouri State University and a master's degree in industrial engineering from the University of Central Missouri. He is a past president of the Kansas City chapter of the International Facility Management Association. Lee will talk about safety issues, including weather, intruders, and emergency plans.



The Great Courses | Western Civilization

**Wednesday, August 28
3:00 p.m. | Westport Room**

Thomas F. X. Noble of the University of Notre Dame explores the vast and rich territory of Western civilization, from its humble beginnings to the dawn of the modern world.



Kansas City Zoo

**Thursday, August 29
BSP bus departs at 2:00 p.m.**

Let's go to the zoo! Our zoo was named one of America's Best Zoos in 2008. Jane Goodall said Kansas City has "one of the finest chimpanzee exhibits in North America."

**Sign up with the concierge.
Tickets are free for the first 12 residents.**

Thoughtful Quotes from BSP Folks

Shared by Jean Murray:

Make new friends,
but keep the old.
One is silver
and the other gold.

—Girl Scout song

Chaplain's CORNER

The English word “august” comes from the Latin word augustus, meaning “venerable.” The Roman Senate honored Augustus Caesar, the first Roman emperor, by naming the eighth month after him. Eventually “august” came to refer generally to someone who is a cut above.

Many august personages have August birthdays: Alfred Hitchcock, who kept us in suspense; Gene Roddenberry, who took us where no one has gone before; King Louis XVI, for whom being august did not work out so well; Fred MacMurray and his three sons.

Frances Morgan was also born in August, in 1924. She did not achieve any measure of fame but she lovingly ruled the roost in our household, got us library cards as soon as we could read, made sure we had music lessons, sewed costumes for Halloween and the school plays, got us through the terrible twos, teens, and beyond. She was the heart of our family, and I miss her terribly.

Take time this month to remember the august people in your life, and let them know they are a cut above.

I see friends shaking hands saying how do you do, they're really saying I love you. . .and I think to myself what a wonderful world. (Louis Armstrong, another August baby)

—Chaplain Kathy Hall

Roman Catholic Mass

Father Bob | Tuesdays, August 13 & 27 | 9:30 a.m. | Chapel

The History of Christianity: In the Reformation Era

Tuesdays, August 13, 20, & 27 | 11:00 a.m. | Westport Room
No class on Tuesday, August 6.

We will continue this Great Courses DVD series.

Pray the Rosary

Saturdays | 11:00 a.m. | Chapel

Café Hope

Wednesday, August 21 | 11:00 a.m. | Chapel

SEEDS

Guest column by
Janette Rushing



A little packet of wildflower and mixed seeds, randomly sown in my garden, has been providing beautiful flower arrangements for my neighbors as well as myself this summer.

I was asked if I needed help in weeding my unsightly garden; it looked like a mess without a plan. I planted a border of marigolds to give a hint that a plan was afoot and waited. At last, tolerating doubt and chaos has paid off. It is probably the most beautiful, accidental garden I've ever had.

There is a place in life for sowing seeds or ideas or dreams that at first may look like a careless whim—no formulated plan, just hope and a vision. The plan may seem as wispy as the stem of the most delicate wildflower. Weeders may want to help with planting something more practical than waiting out the uncertainty of not knowing how things are going to turn out.

Becoming emotionally strong involves learning to wait and watching before reacting out of the fear of uncertainty and chaos. Whether growing children or flowers or ourselves, growth and maturation is a process that takes longer than we might like. The secret is keeping alive hope and vision and not interfering by over controlling or giving up too soon.

HAPPY



BIRTHDAY

Jenifer Lucas, August 1
Richard Jungck, August 2
Stephen Dill, August 4
Joann Field, August 6
Robbie Levi, August 8
Bernie Jones, August 10
Bob Steinbach, August 10
Rena Jonathan, August 12
Doug Rushing, August 17
Dorothy Lockridge, August 20
Katie Vogel, August 20
Nancy Duboc, August 26
Marj Kinney, August 28
Jerry Wheeler, August 28
Ruth Moss, August 30
Fran Weeks, August 30

IN LOVING MEMORY



Lorraine Saidy
Zanna Reeder
Ben Seagraves

GOOD BOOKS

Tuesday, August 27 | 3:00 p.m. | Chapel

We will discuss *The Story of Arthur Truluv* by Elizabeth Berg, available in print, electronic, and audiobook formats. **NOTE: On Tuesday this month.**



Garden TIME

Now is the time for all good men and ladies to come to the aid of their garden by taking a stroll and enjoying the beauty. A rest on the garden bench will give you the time to give thanks that we are so lucky to be living here with good friends and surroundings. Hope you noticed the hummingbirds purring and butterflies alighting on their favorite flowers. All too soon, summer will be over. Who knows what unusual weather will follow. Have you noticed difficulties forecasting the weather?

The lovely green branches of the South African plumbago in the container on the southernmost pedestal are producing a gentle blue group of flowers. The shrub is cared for by Cathy Campbell, who recommended inclusion.

We appreciate the addition of the large pots on the east side of the Memorial Garden placed by new member Susan Truog. She is responsible for the small, thriving, brightly-colored perennials therein. She also gave us some SunPatiens, a Japanese breakthrough in flower breeding: "robust, sun-loving, heat-loving impatiens that thrive in full sun or part shade and deliver continuous color from spring through frost." These are now in the angel's garden. It had been looking quite barren due to the unfortunate death of our irises.

Enjoy life and your Memorial Garden!

—Bobbie Ellis



Cocktail Hour

WITH THE CYNTHIA VAN RODEN TRIO

Friday, August 26, 4:30 p.m.

Madison Living Room | Canterbury Dining Room

Cynthia's trio will perform while wine is served, 4:30–6:00 p.m.

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

