

# THE CHAPEL Weekly



January 1, 2023

## BIBLE STUDY

### Sunday 9:45 am Bible classes:

Lower Level  
Weekly Readings 9:45 am Room #9  
Children's Sunday School Room #2 & #4  
Senior High Youth Room  
Youth Confirmation Room #8  
Upper Level  
Luther's Large Catechism Room A,

### Woman's Bible study

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 10:00 am  
Unshakable Hope Resumes 1/3/23  
A study by Max Lucado – Room #8

### Wednesday 6:30 pm

Hebrews Resumes 1/4/23 Room #8.  
Lesson #4 Chapter 4:14-5:10 is now  
available at the Commons Display.

## Announcements

**Lutheran Witness:** It's time for the renewal of your Lutheran Witness subscription for 2021-2022. If you would like to order or renew, please remit \$19.20 to the church office by Friday, January 20.

**Helping Hands Food Pantry** would like to thank the members of Chapel of the Cross for the Thanksgiving baskets and for your support through monetary gifts and food donations this past year. Without you, we could not serve as many families as we have. This year alone we served 2,289 families and 7,365 individuals. We ask for your continued support and prayers as we serve our neighbors in the New Year. Food items that we currently have a need for: boxed potatoes, Hamburger Helper, Jiffy Mix, instant Jell-O or pudding and spaghetti sauce. At this time, we are not taking egg cartons or plastic bags.

**Young Adult Gathering:** All young adults (age 18-35) are invited to a bonfire for fun, fellowship, hot cocoa, and s'mores on Friday, January 6, 7:30 p.m. at Blessed Savior Lutheran Church (2615 Shackelford Rd., Florissant, MO). We are looking to begin a new ministry by and for young adults in collaboration with Blessed Savior, Grace Chapel, and Salem Lutheran churches. For more information contact Jonathan Kersten (314-497-0190 or jkerstendster@gmail.com).

**Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars:** Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars may direct Choice Dollars for the ministry of Chapel of the Cross. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to Chapel! Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

**The Mary-Martha Guild** would like to thank everyone who supported our annual Christmas Cookie Sale. On Monday January 9, Mary-Martha Guild will meet in room 8 at 6:30 pm. We will have a Social Night with no business meeting. Everyone is asked to bring games to play and snacks to share. This promises to be fun for everyone. All ladies are welcome to attend.

## In Our Prayers this week...

### Those with Health Concerns:

Jan Arban  
Joan Arban  
Vivian Berry  
Loretta Bolar (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Tanjila Bolden  
Mardell Brown (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
Kevin Bruce (*friend of Dawn Iborg & Maire Trelz*)  
Sharon Casey (*friend of Julie Griffith*)  
Elizabeth Cash  
Ivy Rose Clark (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Kim Cunningham (*daughter-in-law to Alexis Cunningham*)  
Robert Cunningham III  
Donna Dansberry (*sister of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Linda Edgington  
Doris Eggers  
Cheryl Ehmke  
**Fred Fansin**  
Kymm Fehrs  
Aulderay Fields  
Brene Freeman (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)  
David Funke  
Susanna Gregory (*daughter of Gale Damm*)  
James Haas (*grandson of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)  
Carolyn Hanneman  
Darryal Hughes (*cousin of Aulderay Fields*)  
Diane Hurst (*friend of Diane Timm*)  
Ken Inman  
Angela Jones (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
Jordan Jones (*friend of Ervin Wilson*)  
Jimmie Jordan (*brother of John Jordan*)  
John Julian (*friend of Manfred and Roberta Loesch*)

Linda Keeney (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)  
Jamie Kirkpatrick (*grandson of Audrey Luedtke*)  
Marilyn Koester (*Diane Timm's cousin*)  
**Ken Kreitner**  
Joyce Lackey  
Bella Matakas (*niece of Ken Gerler*)  
Elsie Meyer  
Katy Moran (*friend of Jon Rogers*)  
Ethel Moreau (*friend of Audrey Luedtke*)  
Greg Pellegrino (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Leona Pellegrino (*god-daughter of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Darold Pendleton (*nephew of Georgia Thomas*)  
Ethel Pierce (*food pantry*)  
Karen Rae (*relative of Maire Trelz*)  
Bill Rueckert  
Kelly Schlautmann (*food pantry*)  
Henry Scott (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
Stef Sims (*friend of Diane Timm*)  
Agnes Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)  
Johnnie Spears  
Sandy Stephens (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)  
Nancy Swoboda  
Dale Ternaprovich (*brother of Joyce Lackey*)  
**Lou Terry** (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Jean Thomas  
Jerome Tomlin (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Ola's Ugobo (*friend of Robert Cunningham*)  
Lionel Ward (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Hsea Wells (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Carol Whiteaker (*cousin of Mark Petersen*)

### Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

Terry Balke (*Cheryl Balkes brother*)  
Jay Bentzinger (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)  
Tammy Bushman (*daughter of Mike and Jean Mueller*)  
Lisa Capehart (*niece of Art Williams*)  
Judy Christian (*Rick and Lynda Christian's sister-in-law*)  
Jane Curran (*friend of Karen Schaeffer*)  
Mike Datillo (*uncle of Jayme Zvirgzdins*)  
Mike Dunn (*uncle of Rick Christian*)  
Betty Endsley (*mother of Marcy Oliver*)  
Diane Goetz-Jordan (*step-daughter of Keith Wetzel*)  
Agnes Gray (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)  
Tom Hetrick (*nephew of Audrey Luedtke*)  
Justin Hodge (*friend of Jon Rogers*)  
Tom Krauter, Jr. (*son of Tom Krauter*)  
Cheryl Linton (*sister-in-law of Joseph Miano*)  
Gary Mantei  
Mary Oberman (*friend of Lisa Hager*)  
Marc Openlander (*grandson of Art Williams*)  
Martin Rodgers (*cousin of Jerri Bolden*)  
Ellen Saville (*friend of Keith Neuber*)  
Arriion Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)  
Candy Summers (*friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins*)  
Marilyn-Madison Stinebaugh (*friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)  
Vicki Williams (*daughter of Bill & Grace Green*)  
Bob Woodward (*uncle of Jerry Bowen*)  
Norma Young (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)

### Those Who Mourn:

The family and loved ones of Keith Rogers who died in the Lord this past Sunday.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**Calling of Associate Pastor:** The departure of Pastor Marriott this summer has made it clear that additional pastoral assistance is needed. After a comprehensive look at the options, the Personnel Committee believes that a Seminary Call is the best approach. The Seminary's process requires applications be submitted by February 1, 2023, with interviews of potential candidates occurring in January and February. If God leads the Call Committee to a potential candidate, a meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be held to discuss the candidate and vote on whether to extend a Call. This is a short timeline, and we trust that you appreciate the need for swift action.

Copies of the Job Description developed by the Personnel Committee are available at the Welcome Center with contact information for the Call Committee. We encourage you to reach out to discuss this exciting and important process for our congregation. Most importantly, we ask you to pray for God's direction and guiding hand to the Call Committee and for our congregation as we chart the future. We will be providing regular updates on the process as it unfolds.

**Flowers for the Sanctuary:** The 2023 flower chart is posted in the hallway near the elevator. Those who wish to donate flowers (in honor or in memory of a loved one) are encouraged to sign up. Due to rising costs at the florist Center pieces are **\$45** each starting in 2023. Roses are \$10 each. Checks or cash can be placed in the offering plate in one of the special envelopes in the pew racks. Let's beautify our chancel area as many Sundays as possible!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

### New Sunday Morning Study:

Rev. Ellory Glenn will lead a study of Luther's Large Catechism in Room A beginning on Sunday, 1/8/23. Please sign up at the Welcome Center for materials and preparations for attendance.

**GriefShare:** The next cycle of GriefShare starts Tuesday, January 3, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., and Thursday, January 5, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. If you have lost a loved one, we hope you will consider exploring the hope and healing that GriefShare has offered to so many others. If you know of someone in a grief situation, tell them about special ministry. It doesn't matter how long ago the loss has been. Contact Bill Rusnak for more information (741-3737).

## LIFE TEAM:

Our Lord became incarnate to give all humankind the privileges of His name. He means to make the littlest of us into His sons and daughters. The designation of baby Jesus as divine Child demonstrates the Father's delight in declaring infants, eight-day-olds, and even unborn ones as infinitely precious. Receiving them as gifts celebrates Him as God!

We know that God cherishes life at all stages, from embryo to infant to toddler to teenager to adult to old age. Each week during 2022, the Life Team will be recognizing the birthdays of our older members at Chapel of the Cross. If we miss your birthday or if we have the wrong date, please call the church office to get our records corrected. This week, we recognize the birthdays of the following:

Joan Bohrer – January 7  
Teri Underwood – January 8  
Sharon Yount – January 8  
Chester Hayes – January 9

## M\*A\*P\*P GOD'S WORD

**Memorize \* Apply \* Pray \* Ponder**

**Romans 5:11** - "And not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the reconciliation."

## Coming up at Chapel

### Monday, January 2

Office Closed

### Tuesday, January 3

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study  
2:00 PM GriefShare

### Wednesday, January 4

6:30 PM Bible Study  
7:30 PM Chapel Bells

### Thursday, January 5

6:00 PM Life Team  
6:30 PM GriefShare  
7:30 PM Choral Singers

### Friday, January 6

6:30 PM Epiphany Service

### Saturday, January 7

9:00 AM Christmas undecorating  
5:00 PM Worship service

### Sunday, January 8

8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:45 AM Youth & Adult Bible Study  
11:00 AM Worship Service

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**Luke 2:21 – "And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb."** There it is: the shortest Gospel lesson of the whole Church Year. It is for the festival of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus. What more do you need to know than the name of Jesus – "the Lord saves." That's who Jesus is: the Lord who saves us sinners. That simple Gospel message is the foundation of our faith and the strength to live out our faith.

## HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (12/25/2022):

- Worship: 291 and 31 visitors

Last week's offering (12/25/2022):

- General Fund: \$20,250
- Building / Capital Fund: \$442
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$37
- Total 1-1-1 December: \$228

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$675,215
- Building / Capital Fund: \$57,484

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$742,248
- Building / Capital Fund: \$90,532

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