

# THE CHAPEL Weekly



January 10, 2021

## BIBLE STUDY

### Bible class for adults

Sundays at 9:45 am in Room #9.

Wed. Night Book study every other Wednesday at 6:30 PM in person.

### Sunday school for children

Will continue to be posted weekly on-line at [www.chapelofthecross.org](http://www.chapelofthecross.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GriefShare** Chapel of the Cross is once again offering GriefShare two times, Tuesdays from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., and Thursdays from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., starting January 5 and 7, 2021. 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 this. It doesn't matter how long ago the loss has been. Call Bill Rusnak at 741-3737 for more information

**Life Sunday Bible Study:** Join us on Sunday, January 17, for a special study as we discover God's truths from 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 titled, "*From Invisible to Indispensable*". Seminarian Jed McLellan will lead our Life Team's sponsored Bible study in Room #9 at 9:45 a.m. in-person only.

**Diapers and Baby Wipes Drive** "The Life Team is sponsoring a diapers and baby wipes drive to benefit Chapel's Friend of Moms ministry. Any donation of baby wipes and/or diapers (newborn to size 5, opened or new) are welcome. Please place them in the cradle in the Commons area. We will start collecting them January 16th through the end of February. Thank you for sharing these simple blessings with moms in need. They are greatly appreciated!"

**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 \$10.80 to the church office by Monday, January 17, 2021.

**2020 Contribution statements** are now available in the Commons.

**Thank you** for all your cards, phone calls and prayers during my recent hospitalization – Johnnie Spears

## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

The names in bold print are new to the prayer list this weekend.

### Those with Health Concerns:

Jan Arban  
Joan Arban  
Scott Barber (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)  
Marilyn Benoist  
Tanjila Bolden  
Stephanie Bollinger-Drennen (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
**Pastor Clifford Bischoff**  
John Brown (son of Helga Brown)  
Lonza Bufford (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Sadie Bufford (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Elizabeth Cash  
Doris Coffeit (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
Luxora Crawford (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Barbara Davis (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Kathy Doherty (*friend of Fred Schroeder*)  
Linda Edgington  
Cheryl Ehmke  
Carolyn Faerber  
Kymm Fehrs  
Lloyd Flint (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Legend Freeman (*God grandson of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Ellory Glenn  
Carl Gray, Jr. (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Grace Green  
Susanna Gregory (*daughter of Gale Damm*)  
Melvina Hager  
Kathy Hinkle (*aunt of Alexis Cunningham*)  
**Vickie Holmes** (*sister in law of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Diane Hurst (*Helping Hands Food Pantry*)  
Dawn Iborg  
Marilyn Krauter  
Frank Lehner

Makenzie Lenox (*great-niece of Cindy Vogelsang*)  
Alan Londe (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
Bella Matakas (*niece of Ken Gerler*)  
Elsie Meyer  
Louis McNeal (*brother-in-law of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Patricia Hayes Mitchell (*sister-in-law of Robert Cunningham*)  
Darold Pendleton (*nephew of Georgia Thomas*)  
Michael Miguel Pohl (*friend of Rosilyn Cunningham Smith*)  
**Karen Rae** (*relative of Maire Trelz*)  
Wandra Seward  
Jill Seibert (*Steve Seibert's Mom*)  
Johnnie Spears  
**Evelyn Stremmel**  
Jean Thomas  
Rebecca Trump (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Ted Vogel  
Charles Ward (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Lionel Ward (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Joyce Weidner  
Carol Whiteaker (*former member and cousin of Mark Petersen*)

Don Kane (*father of Sheri Briley*)  
Tom Krauter, Jr. (*son of Tom Krauter*)  
Mike Lee (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)  
Lyn Lodholz (*daughter of Bill and Annette Rueckert*)  
Sherri Mansfield (*friend of Steve and Julie Seibert*)  
Mary Moeller (*cousin of Audrey Luedtke*)  
Marc Openlander (*grandson of Art Williams*)  
Martin Rodgers (*cousin of Jerri Bolden*)  
Ellen Saville (*friend of Keith Neuber*)  
Lincoln Scott (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Arrion Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)  
Richard Steinbrueck (*brother of Leon Steinbrueck*)  
Lisa Steinbrueck (*daughter-in-law of the Steinbruecks*)  
Debbie Steinbrueck (*daughter of Joann & Leon Steinbrueck*)  
Scott Whiteaker (*former member and cousin of Mark Petersen*)  
Joan Wolf (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Bob Woodward (*uncle of Jerry Bowen*)

### Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

Lisa Capehart (*niece of Art Williams*)  
Tracey Cottrell (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Mike Datillo (*uncle of Jayme Zvirgzdins*)  
Mike Dunn (*uncle of Rick Christian*)  
Christy Elfrink (*friend of Mark Petersen*)  
Betty Endsley (*mother of Marcy Oliver*)  
Diane Goetz-Jordan (*step-daughter of Keith Wetzel*)  
Agnes Gray (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)  
Eddie Hester (*friend of Jay Zvirgzdins*)  
Denise Hildebrand

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**Confirmation classes** have resumed. Current confirmation students should have heard from Pastor Marriott already, but we especially want to connect with any new confirmation students or families. For more information, please contact Pastor Marriott ([james.marriott@chapelofthecross.org](mailto:james.marriott@chapelofthecross.org)) or the church office.

**Every Other Wed. Night Book Study:** *Grace Upon Grace: Spirituality for Today*. We will resume in January. Join us in person at 6:30 pm every other Wednesday night. Contact Bill Rusnak to sign up, get your book and the discussion questions to guide our reading.

Wednesday	Lesson
1/20/21	The Mystery of Christ - Read pages 59-71 before class
2/3/21	The Mystery of Christ - Read pages 71-86 before class
2/17/21	The Mystery of Meditation - Read pages 87-95 before class
3/3/21	The Mystery of Meditation - Read pages 95-104 before class

**WANTED: Broken or Used Jewelry and Silver Plated Utensils.** Look for the treasure chest in the commons to donate your items! Monarch Jewelry will turn your pieces into hope for a trafficked girl. Monarch Jewelry is a Christian ministry in connection with [Crisis Aid International](#) that creates artistic jewelry and accessories as a unique way to engage in the fight against modern day slavery. Their mission is to increase awareness, raise funds and encourage others to fight against sex trafficking. All profits from the sale of Monarch Jewelry and accessories goes to Crisis Aid's St. Louis Refuge home. We are grateful to partner with and help support them as they work to rescue, restore and set captives free!

### LIFE TEAM

**Life Thought:** Even in a formless, dark, and empty early universe. God made Himself present and powerful (Genesis 1:2). Surprise pregnancies sometimes seem just so uncertain. Terminal diagnoses can feel that desperate. But this Lord buried Himself in our graveyard (Romans 6:4). This Savior sowed life in death's shadowy valleys. We need not let abortion or assisted suicide root us there as residents. The Heavenly Father always comes close and brings His own new creation to blossom.

**Birthdays:** 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 2021, 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 - Jan 7  
Sharon Yount - Jan 8  
Chester Hayes - Jan 9  
Ethel Keller - Jan 11  
Anna Scott - Jan 11  
James Albers - Jan 12

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

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

**James 2:14-16**— "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?"

## COMING UP AT CHAPEL

**Monday, January 11**  
7:00 PM Elders meeting

**Tuesday, January 12**  
2:00 PM Grief Share

**Wednesday, January 13**  
6:00 PM Bells

**Thursday, January 14**  
6:30 PM Grief Share

**Saturday, January 16**  
5:00 PM Worship

**Sunday, January 17**  
8:30 AM Worship  
9:45 AM Life Sunday Bible study  
11:00 AM Worship

*In-person worship will be limited in number, socially distanced services to comply with St. Louis County requirements.*

*Services can still be viewed online at [chapelofthecross.org](http://chapelofthecross.org) on Sunday morning.*

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**Matthew 3:14** – "John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?'" John is right. What Jesus is doing makes no sense! But this is the upside down, outlandish grace of God. The innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know. The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

## HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (1/3/2021):

- Worship: 85 and 6 visitors

Last week's offering (1/3/2021):

- General Fund: \$17,002
- Building / Capital Fund: \$1,225
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$90

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$680,504
- Building / Capital Fund: \$62,106

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$756,522
- Building / Capital Fund: \$92,273

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