BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 9:45 am Bible classes: **Lower Level**

Weekly Readings 9:45 am Room #9 Focusing on the Epistle of the day Children's Sunday School Room #2 & #4 Senior High Youth Room Youth Confirmation Room #8

Chapel of the Cross Online Survey



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Paper copies are available at the Welcome Center.

Announcements

The Life Team is excited to announce an Art Fair with the theme "Choose Life...for God is your life and length of days." (Deut. 30:19-20) Submissions are open to all ages and we would love to see all different stages of life represented, from embryo to old age. Please consider submitting a drawing, painting, sculpture, etc. centered around our theme above and using your creativity to glorify God and His creation. The deadline to turn in artwork is today. We will then display all of the art in our Life Library on the weekend of Life Sunday, January 20th and 21st. We look forward to seeing the creativity of Chapel members!

Lutheran Witness: It's time for the renewal of your Lutheran Witness subscription for 2024-2025. If you would like to order or renew, please remit \$20.65 to the church office by Monday, January 21, 2024.

Radio Broadcast Sponsorship If you would like to support an important evangelistic outreach ministry, please consider sponsoring a radio broadcast on KFUO. You may also sponsor the radio broadcast in honor of or in memory of a loved one. You can sign up on the chart near the elevator in the Commons Area. Sponsorships are \$75/broadcast.

Flowers for the Sanctuary: The 2024 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. Center pieces are \$45. 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!

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2023 Contribution Statements are available at the Welcome Center.

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:

Willie Ball (friend of Aulderay Fields) Tracy Ball (friend of Aulderay Fields) Vivian Berry Tanjila Bolden

Doris Boyd

Lydia Brown (friend of Georgia Thomas) Mardell Brown (friend of Georgia Thomas) Cheryl Bush (friend of Jerri Bolden) Sharon Casey (friend of Julie Griffith) Ivy Rose Clark (relative of Alexis

Cunningham)

Sharon Cole (friend of Bud & Gail Shultz) Gary Crane (friend of Bud & Gail Shultz)

Marlene Crawford Ortez Crawford

Meagan Crump (friend of Jon Rogers)

Robert Cuningham III Bea Daugherty

Linda Edgington

Edem Ekpo

Kymm Fehrs

Aulderay Fields

Darlene Franklin (friend of Georgia Thomas) Vi Froelich (2nd mom to Julie Seibert) John Gassner *(cousin of Gloria Uttley)*

Susanna Gregory (daughter of Gale Damm) Carolyn Hanneman

Rita Hayes (sister of Jim Crosier) Darryal Hughes (cousin of Aulderay Fields) Dennis Iborg (brother-in-law of Dawn Iborg) Jordan Jones (friend of Ervin Wilson)

Paul Kelly (father of Rosalyn Cunningham Schmitt) Marilyn Koester (Diane Timm's cousin)

Joyce Lackey

John Linton (brother-in-law of Joe Miano) Malu Martin (sister of Cathy Crosier) Bella Matakas (niece of Ken Gerler)

Arminius Matthews (son of Alicia Harris) Duane McCain (uncle of John & Jay Zvirgzdins)

Patricia Miano (mother of Joe Miano) Joan Milligan (friend of Alexis Cunningham)

Marlo Milligan (friend of Alexis Cunningham) Peggy Miller

Brandie Mosley

John Nichols (friend of Vernida Summers) Darold Pendleton (nephew of Georgia Thomas) Karen Rae (relative of Maire Trelz)

Mackenzie Ruebel

Annette Rueckert

Edna Shanklin (friend of Alexis Cunningham)

Bud Shultz

Gail Shultz

Mark Shultz (son of Bud & Gail Shultz)

John Simon

Agnes Soll (friend of Jerri Bolden)

Johnnie Spears

Dale Ternaprovich (brother of Joyce Lackey)

Jean Thomas

Joey Totra (grandson of Karen Totra) Glenda Tubbs (Food Pantry)

Marcia Turvold

Mickie Wallerstein (friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller) Charles Ward (friend of Alexis Cunningham) Lionel Ward (friend of Alexis Cunningham)

Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

Eileen Backman: (friend of Mark Petersen) Tammy Bushman (daughter of Mike and Jean Mueller)

Lisa Capehart (niece of Art Williams) Bob Crecelius (brother of Roy Crecelius)

Jane Curran (friend of Karen Schaeffer) Janet Dickhudt (friend of the Luedtke family)

Ayla Frushon (friend of Cheryl Balke) Sue Gassner (cousin of Gloria Uttley)

Diane Goetz-Jordan (step-daughter of Keith Wetzel)
Tom Hetrick (nephew of Audrey Luedtke)

Karin Hornig (sister of Doris Truetken)

Bianca Jackson (friend of Vernida Summers) **Bob Krauter**

Tom Krauter, Jr, (son of Tom Krauter) Cheryl Linton (sister-in-law of Joseph Miano) Gary Mantei

Amy Marler (friend of Caroline Moss) Mary Oberman (friend of Lisa Hager)

Marc Openlander (grandson of Art Williams)

Rick (friend of Jon Rogers) Martin Rodgers (cousin of Jerri Bolden) Ellen Saville (friend of Keith Neuber) Arrion Soll (friend of Jerri Bolden)

Candy Summers (friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins) Jon Summers (friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins)

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Christian Response to Racism: Starting February 4, 2024 at 9:45 am in Room A we will begin a study that will last ten weeks. While this can be an uncomfortable discussion in the secular world, it is only through God guiding us with the Spirit that we can solve this problem. In the 1st four weeks, we will study the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's writings on racism. The final six weeks will be participation in the Concordia Pub. House, "One Nation Under God." This study aims to understand better the racial problem from a Christian perspective and how Christians should respond to the problem that plagues our nation. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. The moderator for this class will be Pastor Glenn.

Ladies Study: The 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the lower level in Room 8 is: *Biblical Heroines of Faith – Understanding God's Work in the lives of His people.* We are taking a break until we resume on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, when we study Deborah and Jael. Copies of this next study are printed and available at the Welcome center near the TV monitor.

Wednesday Nights: Join us in January when we begin our new study in Room 8 at 6:30 p.m., as we begin our Study of Daniel.

GriefShare is a national faith-based organization that forms grief support groups for those who have lost loved ones to death to help them in the healing process. Chapel of the Cross continues to offer GriefShare on Tuesdays from 2:00-4:00 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 this. It doesn't matter how long ago the loss has been. Contact Bill Rusnak (741-3737) for more information.

MUSIC

Music Ministry: Have you ever considered being a part of Chapel's music ministry? Below is a list of our choirs and ensembles and when they rehearse. All are welcome to join us as we "make a joyful noise to the Lord!" Please contact director of music, Ryan Meyer, with any questions. We hope to see you there!

Children's Handbells Chapel Bells (Adult handbells) Joyful Noise (contemporary) Choral Singers (choir) Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

LIFE TEAM

Life issues like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis come with uncertainty. But the Lord our God knows both our worries and the best way forward. He has already seen what it will take to save, and He has still chosen life for all humankind, even when we behold only darkness and despair. We may not know what tomorrow holds, but we know who holds tomorrow.

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 2024, 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:

Glenda Lang – January 17 Susan Thompson – January 17 Gale Damm – January 20 Ruth Funck – January 21 Jon Havens – January 21 Connie Johnson – January 23 Karen Dietrich – January 23

MAPP GOD'S WORD

Philippians 1:6 - "Being confident of this very thing, that he who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."

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Coming up at Chapel

Monday, January 15
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Office is closed

Tuesday, January 16 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 2:00 PM Grief Share

Wednesday, January 17 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Children's Handbells 7:30 PM Chapel Bells

Thursday, January 18 7:00 PM Choral Singers

Saturday, January 20 5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, January 21 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Youth and Adult Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 – "You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." God owns everything, including our very selves. We were made to serve Him and glorify Him and will never truly be happy or find our fulfillment until we learn that lesson. Jesus has redeemed us and brought us back into the kingdom of the Father, and that has set us free to serve Him in joy, generosity, liberty and faith.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (1/7/2024):

Worship 187 and 13 visitors

Last week's offering (1/7/2024):

• General Fund: \$13,625

• Building / Capital Fund: \$2,153

• 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$94

YTD Offerings:

General Fund: \$13,625

• Building / Capital Fund: \$2,153

YTD Need:

General Fund: \$14,209

• Building / Capital Fund: \$1,741