



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

1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 10:00 am
Unshakable Hope
A study by Max Lucado – Room #8

Wednesday 6:30 pm

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

Announcements

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 to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

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!

Silent Auction and Trivia Night: Saturday March 4, 2023, we are supporting *Lutheran Bible Translators, Helping Hands Food Pantry, and L.A.M.P. Lutheran Association of Missionaries & Pilots*. Speak with Bill Rusnak as we still need various workers, players in tables of 8, and silent auction items as donations. All proceeds will support these three Mission and Outreach organizations. Find fliers to promote, Registration forms, and a Worker's Sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. Sign up for your table, or as an individual, and consider joining the team! Help us promote this event in support of our Mission Emphases.

Summer Camp Counselors Needed: 2023 Chapel Summer Camp is May 30 through August 4. We are now accepting applications from anyone interested in being a counselor this summer. Applicants must be at least graduating high school seniors. Please contact Summer Camp Interim Director, Bill Rusnak, to get your application, ask questions, or for more information. **Summer Camp Rummage Sale April 27 and 28, 2023 – see the Commons display – helpers needed.**

Thank you for your prayers and cards during my recent health issue. Your encouraging words of support were warmly received and very much appreciated. Nancy Swoboda.

Flowers on the altar are in celebration of Audrey Luedtke's 95th birthday on January 26th, with love from her family. Arranged by Rebecca Hertwig, with honor.

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:

Jan Arban
Joan Arban
Vivian Berry
Loretta Bolar (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)
Tanjila Bolden
Carl Brauner (*cousin of David Eggers*)
Mardell Brown (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
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*)
Bea Daugherty
Carolyn Delohi (*friend of Roberta & Manfred Loesch*)
Linda Edgington
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*)
Angela Jones (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
Jordan Jones (*friend of Ervin Wilson*)
Jimmie Jordan (*brother of John Jordan*)

Linda Keeney (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Jamie Kirkpatrick (*grandson of Audrey Luedtke*)
Marilyn Koester (*Diane Timm's cousin*)
Ken Kreitner
Joyce Lackey
Audrey Luedtke
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*)
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*)
Aldorin Williams (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)

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*)
Ed Kamphoefner (*brother to Kathy Mueller*)
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*)
Arrion 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 **Wayne Hahn** who died in the Lord on Tuesday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

CrossRoads: Articles and other submissions for the Spring issue of *CrossRoads* are due Sunday, February 5th. Please put items in the *CrossRoads* box in the Church office.

Thrivent Members: In preparation for Summer Camp 2023, we are needing 10 to 12 Thrivent Action Team gift cards for specific areas. If you are willing to help in this way speak with Bill Rusnak in the weeks ahead!

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.

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:

In the day of trouble the people of Christ seek not the finger of death but the face of the Lord. Though carrying surprise pregnancy may appear foolish, though enduring unto natural death may seem senseless, though advocating the sanctity of life may earn us ridicule, the word of the cross preserves us-and our neighbors-in the very power of 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 2023, 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:

Audrey Luedtke – January 26
Donna Stewart – January 26
Betty Kirkbride – January 28
Carol Meckfessel – January 29
Paula Pavia – January 29
Virgil Hoffmann – January 31

M*A*P*P GOD'S WORD

Memorize * Apply * Pray * Ponder

Romans 8:28- "And we know that God works all together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose."

Coming up at Chapel

Monday, January 23

7:00 PM Board of Directors

Tuesday, January 24

2:00 PM GriefShare

Wednesday, January 25

6:30 PM Bible Study

6:30 PM Children's Handbells

7:30 PM Chapel Bells

Thursday, January 26

6:30 PM GriefShare

7:00 PM Joyful Noise

7:30 PM Choral Singers

Saturday, January 28

5:00 PM Worship service

Sunday, January 29

8:30 AM Worship Service

9:45 AM Youth & Adult Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Matthew 4:20 – "Immediately they left their nets and followed him."

Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown, their families, and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship, the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: we know that all we have is the Lord's, to be used for His purpose. We are His disciples and are ready to follow where He leads.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (1/15/2023):

- Worship: 183 and 9 visitors

Last week's offering (1/15/2023):

- General Fund: \$5,214
- Building / Capital Fund: \$415
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$102

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$29,531
- Building / Capital Fund: 3,059

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$42,822
- Building / Capital Fund: \$5,223

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