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

Announcements

Life Team Art Fair: Don't forget to check out the Life Team Art Fair this weekend over in our Life Library area to the right of the church office! Thank you to everyone who submitted artwork for the event. What a beautiful celebration of God's gift of life! We also have a resource table set up in the Welcome Center—take a look at our lifelike fetal model set, various brochures, and books for check-out! If you have questions or are interested in joining the Life Team, please contact Jill McEuen or Anne Meyer.

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.

Valentine's Day Craft and Vendor Fair: Grace Chapel Lutheran School, located at 10015 Lance Dr., Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO 63137, will host a Valentine's Craft and Vendors Fair on Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 10 AM - 2 PM.

2023 Contribution Statements are available at the Welcome Center.

Shoebox Ministry: : As a 7-year-old in Mongolia, Jargalmaa described one particular day as "unexpected." After school, her teacher invited her to a church where she received her very first gift! The Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift included, among other fun toys, stationery, and a set of hairclips. Inside, she also found a letter that said, "You are valuable and so loved by God." Jargalmaa cherished this message, learned more about God and His forgiveness through Jesus and now, years later, is raising her children to know Jesus. There is a Christmas box in the Commons Area, and it will be there through the year to collect items for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox ministry. Each month there will be a special emphasis for us to collect for shoebox packing day, but all items are welcome at any time. January and February's emphasis is children's hats, gloves and scarves, along with children's accessory items. (See the poster on the box). All items will be collected for a special Congregation-wide packing event in November. A simple shoebox gift and God's love can change a life!

The flowers on the altar are in honor of Bill and Grace Green as they celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary. Also, in loving memory of Ed Meister from his wife Amy.

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:

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

Taniila Bolden Doris Boyd

Lydia Brown (friend of Georgia Thomas) Mardell Brown (friend of Georgia Thomas) Cheryl Bush (friend of Jerri Bolden)

Jasmine Butler-Williams (food pantry) 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
Clyde Dempsey (father of Julie Seibert)

Linda Edgington Edem Ekpo Kvmm Fehrs

Aulderay Fields

Darlene Franklin (friend of Georgia Thomas) Ve 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)

Audrey Luedtke 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

Jill Seibert (mother of Steve Seibert) 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 Jovce Lackev) Jean Thomas

Joey Totra (grandson of Karen Totra)

Glenda Tubbs (Food Pantry)

Marcia Turvold

Marion Tyson-Moore (Food pantry) 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

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)

Those Who Celebrate:

Bill and Grace Green as they celebrate 63 years of marriage. Butch and Linda Taylor on their 52nd wedding anniversary and **Manfred and Roberta Loesch** on their 49th wedding anniversary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Food Pantry Needs: Helping Hands Food Pantry is in great need of the following food items: canned fruit, canned pastas, and cereal.

Silent Auction and Trivia Night: Saturday March 2, 2024 - supporting *Chapel Youth!* Speak with Bill Rusnak as we still need various workers, players, and silent auction items as donations. Team and Individual Registration Forms are at the Welcome Center. The cost remains \$15 per person and \$120 for a table of eight. Mission and Outreach team members will have a short meeting after the 11:00 service in the Conference Meeting room on January 21st to discuss details!

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, February 6, 2024, when we study Deborah and Jael. Copies are available at the Welcome center..

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: 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

Gospel motivated voices have the privilege and the responsibility to proclaim the whole counsel of God. Those who speak otherwise dabble in judgement and condemnation. The Scripture and the Savior have graciously made clear with "shalls" and "shall-not"-His jealous devotion to the survival and salvation of every human life. We get to repeat and rejoice in it, especially for the sake of the weaker ones.

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:

Virgil Hoffman - Jan 31 John Tacke - Feb 2 Ronald Hejna - Feb 3 Frank Williams - Feb 3

MAPP GOD'S WORD

Philippians 2:13 - "For it is God who works in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.."

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Coming up at Chapel

Tuesday, January 30 2:00 PM Grief Share

Wednesday, January 31 6:30 PM Daniel Bible Study 6:30 PM Children's Handbells 7:30 PM Chapel Bells

Thursday, February 1 6:00 PM Life Team 7:00 PM Choral Singers

Saturday, February 3 5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, February 4 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Youth and Adult Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Mark 1:22 – "And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes." Authority is a word we are sometimes afraid of and don't like to hear. But that's just our sinful flesh talking. Jesus' authority is something we need. We need Him to show us what to believe and how to live, for Jesus' authority is always connected to his Love.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (1/21/2024):

Worship 194 and 28 visitors

Last week's offering (1/21/2024):

• General Fund: \$7,135

Building / Capital Fund: \$5751-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$41

YTD Offerings:

• General Fund: \$32,138

• Building / Capital Fund: \$3,523

YTD Need:

General Fund: \$42,627

• Building / Capital Fund: \$5,223