

THE CHAPEL Weekly



January 3, 2021

BIBLE STUDY

Bible class for adults

Sundays at 9:45 am in Room #9.
Please register by calling the church or signing up at the Welcome Center.

Sunday school for children

Will continue to be posted weekly
on-line at www.chapelofthecross.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Banners: Chapel's Fine Arts Committee is very excited to present nine new banners created for our chancel area during the Christmas season! Together, these individual banners create the Nativity scene. We want to say thank you to Sue Plack, Jayme Zvirgzdins, Kristi Marriott, Clara Mueller, Judy Kooi, Anne Meyer, Rachel Gahr, Diane Timm, Kathy Glenn, and Marla Ackermann for all their hard work on this collaborative project!

The Lutheran Resale Shop is still open with careful attention to the restrictions due to Covid. We are a very unique thrift shop. We have clothing for the whole family, furniture, craft supplies, including fabric, housewares, jewelry and lots of vintage collections. All of our profits go to Lutheran Family and Children's Service's and Lutheran Senior Services. We always welcome new volunteers and donations. We are at 6701 W. Florissant, phone 314-389-9970.

Crocus Books and Gifts would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your generous support of our pop-up store during these past weeks. We were pleased to be able to offer you Thanksgiving and Christmas items and are overwhelmed and most appreciative of your patronage. As we now once again close Crocus until further notice, please know you can always contact the church office for any card or gift requests you may have. Thank you again and we wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and peaceful 2021! Roberta and Nancy

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.

Thank you for all your prayers as we recovered from COVID – Tim and Pam Taylor.

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*)
John Brown (son of Helga Brown)
Lonza Bufford (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)
Barbara Davis (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Elizabeth Cash
Jalil Cleveland
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
Megan Hereford
Kathy Hinkle (aunt 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*)
Wandra Seward
Jill Seibert (*Steve Seibert's Mom*)
Johnnie Spears
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*)

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

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 who Mourn: Emmy Johnson and her family upon the death of her Mother, Norma Hesse, on Sunday, December 27

Jim and Cathy Crosier and family upon the death of Cathy's mother, Audrey Helsley, on Tuesday, December 29.

Bill and Lois Westbrook upon the death of Bill's brother, Bob who died on Sunday, December 27.

The family and loved ones of **Harold Scott** who died in the Lord Tuesday, December 29.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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

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) 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 or by Zoom 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
1/13/21	The Mystery of Christ - Read pages 59-71 before class
1/27/21	The Mystery of Christ - Read pages 71-86 before class
2/11/21	The Mystery of Meditation - Read pages 87-95 before class
2/25/21	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: Adoption's not an afterthought for our Almighty God. It delights Him to bring every human life into His family this way (Ephesians 1:5). He arranged for a human husband to adopt His only-begotten Son (Luke 2:48). This relationship captures the very heart of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His grace has taught us how no child ever goes entirely unwanted. The same heavenly joy awaits all those who open their homes to little ones in need.

M*A*P*P GOD'S WORD

Memorize * Apply * Pray * Ponder

James 2:12-13– "Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgement without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgement."

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COMING UP AT CHAPEL

Saturday, January 9

5:00 PM Worship

Sunday, January 10

8:30 PM Worship

9:45 AM 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 on Sunday morning.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Genesis 46:6 – "They also took their livestock and their goods, which they had gained in the land of Canann..." Look at all the temporal blessings that God gave to Jacob. We have also been greatly blessed to live in a land of freedom and prosperity. Shouldn't that make us thankful and generous?

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (12/24/2020):

- Worship: 183

Last week's attendance (12/25/2020):

- Worship: 37

Last week's attendance (12/27/2020):

- Worship: 87

Last week's offering (12/27/2020):

- General Fund: \$23,147
- Building / Capital Fund: \$800
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$62
This includes Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$663,502
- Building / Capital Fund: \$60,881

YTD Need:

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