

THE CHAPEL Weekly



CHAPEL OF
THE CROSS
LUTHERAN

Living in faith, hope, and love

January 5, 2025

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

Youth Confirmation Room 8:45 am

Senior High Youth Room

Announcements

Silent Auction and Trivia Night: Saturday March 8, 2025, we are supporting our Youth attending the National *Lutheran Youth Gathering!* Speak with Bill Rusnak as we still need various workers, players in tables of 8, and silent auction items as donations. Registration forms, and a Worker's Sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center. Sign up for your table, or as an individual! Cost \$15 per person or \$120 for a table of eight. Doors open at 5:30 pm the game starts at 6:30 pm

Flower and Radio Broadcast Chart: The 2025 flower and Radio Broadcast chart is posted in the hallway near the elevator. Those who wish to donate flowers or a Radio Broadcast (in honor or in memory of a loved one) are encouraged to sign up. Center arrangements are \$45 each. Roses are \$10 each. Radio Broadcast is \$75, Checks or cash can be placed in the offering plate in one of the pew envelopes.

Friend of Moms: Thank you, dear friends, for your donations to the Friend of Moms Giving Tree. We collected 1,020 Diapers, 28 Boys/Girls outfits, 12 blankets, 27 Board Books, 5 caps, 2 toys, 7 pkg of under pads!

Lutheran Witness: It's time for the renewal of your Lutheran Witness subscription for 2025-2026. If you would like to order or renew, please remit \$20.65 to the church office by Sunday, January 26.

The Mary-Martha Guild would like to thank everyone who supported our annual Christmas Cookie Sale. On Monday January 13, Mary-Martha Guild will meet in room 8 at 6:30 pm. We will have a Social Night with no business meeting. Everyone is asked to bring games to play and snacks to share. This promises to be fun for everyone. All ladies are welcome to attend.

GriefShare: The next new session of GriefShare begins this Tuesday in the Parlor from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:

Curtis Balan (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Regina Banks (*friend of Adrienne Burton*)
Steve Becker (*friend of John Zvirgzdins*)
Tanjila Bolden
Lydia Brown (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
Mardell Brown (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
Cheryl Bush (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Ivy Rose Clark (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)
Sharon Cole (*friend of Bud & Gail Shultz*)
Gary Crane (*friend of Bud & Gail Shultz*)
Morgan Cunningham (*friend of Jon Rogers*)
Robert Cunningham III
Clyde Dempsey (*father of Julie Seibert*)
Linda Edgington
Aulderay Fields
Darlene Franklin (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
John Gassner (*cousin of Gloria Uttley*)
Susanna Gregory (*daughter of Gale Damm*)
Carolyn Hanneman
Rita Hayes (*sister of Jim Crosier*)
Donna Heinrich
Nancy Hissaw (*friend of Adrienne Burton*)
Virgil Hoffmann
Dennis Iborg (*brother-in-law of Dawn Iborg*)
Dawn Iborg
Marlo Johnson
Jordan Jones (*friend of Ervin Wilson*)
Frank Jones (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Paul Kelly (*father of Rosalyn Cunningham*)
Judy Kooi
Joyce Lackey
Milo Lombard

Pam Mains

Arminius Matthews (*son of Alicia Harris*)
Joe Miano, Sr. (*father of Joe Miano*)
Patricia Miano (*mother of Joe Miano*)
Jerry Mierkowski (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Joan Milligan (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Peggy Miller
Daryl Mitchell (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Ashley Mosley (*daughter-in-law of Frank & Bessie Mosley*)
Brandie Mosley
Iris Outlaw (*sister of Alexis Cunningham*)
Judith Perry
Karen Rae (*relative of Maire Trelz*)
Valencia Robinson (*sister of Adrienne Burton*)
Rosalyn Cunningham Schmitt (*mother of Robert Cunningham*)
Jill Seibert (*mother of Steve Seibert*)
Jim Seibert (*father of Steve Seibert*)
Edna Shanklin (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Gail Shultz
John Simon
Agnes Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Johnnie Spears
Dale Ternaprovich (*brother of Joyce Lackey*)
Jean Thomas
Michael Tohl (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Stephanie Wallace
Mickie Wallerstein (*friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)
Eric Williams (*son of Betty and Les Williams*)
Celita White (*co-worker of John Jordan*)
George Zvirgzdins

Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

Eileen Backman (*friend of Mark Petersen*)
Rick Bales (*friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra*)
Jay Bentzinger (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Tammy Bushman (*daughter of Mike & Jean Mueller*)
Lisa Capehart (*niece of Art Williams*)
Bob Crecelius (*brother of Roy Crecelius*)
Jane Curran (*friend of Karen Schaeffer*)
Phyllis Davidson (*friend of Carole Lehner*)
Sue Gassner (*cousin of Gloria Uttley*)
Diane Goetz-Jordan (*step-daughter of Keith Wetzel*)
Janet Goldsboro (*cousin of Marilyn Miller*)
Karin Hornig (*sister of Doris Truetken*)
Jim Huntley (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Bianca Jackson (*friend of Vernida Summers*)
Crystal Jackson (*niece of Johnnie Spears*)
Linda Jones (*cousin of Marilyn Miller*)
Tom Krauter, Jr. (*son of Tom Krauter*)
Cheryl Linton (*sister-in-law of Joseph Miano*)
Amy Marler (*friend of Caroline Moss*)
Jewel McDaniel (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Martin Rodgers (*cousin of Jerri Bolden*)
Ellen Saville (*friend of Keith Neuber*)
Christine Schwepker (*friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra*)
Arrion Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Candy Summers (*friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins*)
Vernida Summers

The Elder of the Weekend leads prayer in the Prayer Chapel at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday for those on the prayer list. All are welcome to join him. Please also take the opportunity to pray for those on the prayer list during the week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

BIBLE STUDY

Chapel of the Cross Small Groups: As an outgrowth of our 2024 strategic planning – members have told us that communication and relationship are top priorities. Small groups exist for these purposes – to bring people together around the Word of God – to live in community with others, and to enjoy meaningful relationships. Please find the hand-out on the Welcome Center if you are interested in learning more about Chapel small groups and to sign up.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Join our 1st and 3rd Tuesday 10:00 a.m. study on Abigail, based on 1 Samuel 25, We resume this Tuesday, January 7, 2025

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

We resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. See Bill Rusnak for details as we draw closer to concluding our study: *Provoking Proverbs*.

MUSIC

The Choral Singers (adult choir) meets for regular rehearsals on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the music room (in the lower level). If you are interested in joining us or have any questions, please contact Ryan Meyer, Director of Music Ministry. We are always open to welcoming new members!

The Chapel Bells (handbells) meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. We could use several more ringers for this season - anyone who is interested, please contact Ryan Meyer, Director of Music Ministry.

LIFE TEAM

The Heavenly Father welcomed outsiders into His household at Christmas. He even escorted them toward His nativity and incarnation by an extraordinary gesture. His loving grace held the Magi as precious as His own Son, regardless of their origin and location. God's favor shines the same way upon unborn ones even in their sometimes unfavorable circumstances. And His forgiveness embraces also sinner with histories checkered by violence against life.

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:

Don Albers – January 12
Curt Wiechert – January 15

Vernice Jung – January 14

MAPP GOD'S WORD

Hebrews 13:8- “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.”

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Coming up at Chapel

Monday, January 6 (Epiphany)

6:30 PM Worship Service

Tuesday, January 7

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study
2:00 PM GriefShare

Wednesday, January 8

6:30 PM Bible Study
6:30 PM Children's Handbells
7:30 PM Chapel Handbells

Thursday, January 9

7:00 PM Choral Singers

Friday, January 10

10:00 AM Christmas Take-down

Saturday, January 11

5:30 PM Worship Service

Sunday, January 12

8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Youth and Adult Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Genesis 46:1 – “So Israel took his journey with all that he had and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.” Every sacrifice in the Old

Testament pointed forward to the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus upon the cross. That is the one sacrifice for sin. But the New Testament tells us to offer sacrifices as well: sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving, and even to present our very bodies and selves as “living sacrifices” to the Lord.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (12/29/2024):

- Worship 176 and 35 visitors

Last week's offering (12/29/2024):

- General Fund: \$41,786
- Building / Capital Fund: \$5,523
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$63

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$718,223
- Building / Capital Fund: \$69,291

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$738,868
- Building / Capital Fund: \$90,532