

THE CHAPEL Weekly



CHAPEL OF
THE CROSS
LUTHERAN

Living in faith, hope, and love

January 7, 2024

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



www.tinyurl.com/cotcsurvey1

Paper copies are available at
the Welcome Center.

Announcements

The Epiphany Event: A brilliant star. Magi. Eureka! Find out what these have in common at the Epiphany Event today at 9:30 a.m. in room 8 in the lower level of Chapel. We will also have snacks and a creative activity. This is an intergenerational event for adults and children alike!

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 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.

The Mary-Martha Guild would like to thank everyone who supported our annual Christmas Cookie Sale. On Monday January 8, we 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.

2024 Board of Directors: Marty Albers, Christy Boehmer, Tim Brown, Riane Cleveland, Allen Freund, Steve Geisz, John Jordan, Jim Koch, John Schmidt, Patrice Skellett, Nancy Swoboda, Gary Timm, Earl Wendt.

2024 Board of Elders: Jonathan Bellmann, Jerry Bowen, Paul Brameier, Jim Crosier, Glenn Lackey, Rich Langefeld, Jon Rogers, Craig Schlichtmann, Stan Schwede, David Stahlhut, George Tomazi, Gene Weidner, Jay Zvirgzdins.

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)
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)
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)
Arriion Soll (friend of Jerri Bolden)
Candy Summers (friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins)
Jon Summers (friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins)

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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. Our next 13 week cycle starts January 9, 2024. 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.

A big Thank you to our church family for your wonderful generosity towards our Friend of Moms Giving Tree this holiday season. We received 84 blankets, 1,380 size 2-3 diapers, 1,316 size 4,5-6 diapers, 261 pairs of socks and 184 packs of wipes!! We also would like to acknowledge and thank our great group of volunteers, Clara Mueller, Candy Webb, Marsha Geisz, Georgia Thomas, Vanessa Morris, Cthy Allen, Joyce Orange, Amy Meister, Anita Johnson and Sandy Wendt.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

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.

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

LIFE TEAM

Nothing and nobody comes into existence apart from the will and the Word of the Lord God Almighty. This means God desires the survival of every human life from fertilization to forever. We court great danger if we go against this intent or counsel others to do so. Instead let us receive neighbors as blessings and enjoy our Father's favor!

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:

Ethel Keller – January 11
Don Albers – January 12
Vernice Jung – January 14
Curtis Wiechert – January 15

MAPP GOD'S WORD

Ephesians 5:8 - "For you were once darkness, but now are you light in the Lord: walk as children of light."

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Coming up at Chapel

Monday, January 8

6:30 PM Mary-Martha
7:00 PM Elders

Tuesday, January 9

2:00 PM Grief Share

Wednesday, January 10

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

Thursday, January 11

6:15 Joyful Noise
7:00 PM Choral Singers

Saturday, January 13

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, January 14

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

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Mark 1:7 – “And John preached, saying, ‘After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.’” John is right-Jesus is immensely greater than any of us yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside-down, outlandish grace of God: the innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know: the Father gives His son to die in the place of sinners.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (12/31/2023):

- Worship 159 and 12 visitors

Last week's offering (12/31/2023):

- General Fund: \$22,028
- Building / Capital Fund: \$860
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$42
- Total 1-1-1 December: \$287

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$703,767
- Building / Capital Fund: \$64,428

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$756,522
- Building / Capital Fund: \$92,373