



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 Resumes 1/3/23
A study by Max Lucado – Room #8

Wednesday 6:30 pm

Hebrews Resumes 1/4/23 Room #8.
Lesson #4 Chapter 4:14-5:10 is now
available at the Commons Display.

Announcements

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 \$19.20 to the church office by Friday, January 20.

Helping Hands Food Pantry would like to thank the members of Chapel of the Cross for the Thanksgiving baskets and for your support through monetary gifts and food donations this past year. Without you, we could not serve as many families as we have. This year alone we served 2,289 families and 7,365 individuals. We ask for your continued support and prayers as we serve our neighbors in the New Year. Food items that we currently have a need for: boxed potatoes, Hamburger Helper, Jiffy Mix, instant Jell-O or pudding and spaghetti sauce. At this time, we are not taking egg cartons or plastic bags.

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.

The Mary-Martha Guild would like to thank everyone who supported our annual Christmas Cookie Sale. On Monday January 9, 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.

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:

Jan Arban
Joan Arban
Vivian Berry
Loretta Bolar (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)
Tanjila Bolden
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*)
Linda Edgington
Doris Eggers
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
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*)

Meagan Purcell

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*)
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*)

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*)
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*)
Arriion 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 **Ken Inman** who died in the Lord this past Tuesday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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.

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!

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:

No conception – human or otherwise – comes about without God's express will and Word. He intentionally breathes life and gives strength to every member of our race, including those whom others despise. How could we involve our bodies in death when Jesus has removed us from its dominion?

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:

Ethel Keller – January 11
James Albers – January 12
Vernice Jung – January 14
Curtis Wiechert – January 15
Glenda Lang – January 17

M*A*P*P GOD'S WORD

Memorize * Apply * Pray * Ponder

Romans 8:1- "There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus."

Coming up at Chapel

Monday, January 9

6:30 PM Mary-Martha meeting

Tuesday, January 10

2:00 PM GriefShare

Wednesday, January 11

6:30 PM Bible Study

6:30 Children's Handbells

7:30 PM Chapel Bells

Thursday, January 12

6:30 PM GriefShare

7:00 PM Joyful Noise

7:30 PM Choral Singers

Saturday, January 14

5:00 PM Worship service

Sunday, January 15

8:30 AM Worship Service

9:45 AM Youth & Adult Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Matthew 3:15 – "But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.'" The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. Here, Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus' life everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

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

- Worship: 136 and 4 visitors

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

- General Fund: \$9,582
- Building / Capital Fund: \$960
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$87

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$9,582
- Building / Capital Fund: \$960

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$14,274
- Building / Capital Fund: \$1,741

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