



THE CHAPEL Weekly

November 12, 2023

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

Announcements

Seniors and Homebound Thanksgiving Service and Luncheon - Join us on Monday, November 20, as we thank God at the service and connect with His people. Worship is at 11:00 am and lunch follows in the gym. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you will be coming to attend or to serve. Please contact Jayme Zvirgzdins if you can help serve the meal. Volunteers may be needed with transportation for some of the homebound. Contact Bill if you are able to assist us with this.

Donations for Thanksgiving Boxes - The Helping Hands Food Pantry will be giving out Thanksgiving boxes to families in need. Chapel members are invited to donate food items to help give families a complete Thanksgiving dinner. Today is the last day we can accept food donations. You may donate cash in lieu of purchasing food. Make checks out to Helping Hands Food Pantry and place in the offering basket or bring to the church office. Thank you for helping to bring joy and Thanksgiving to families in need!

"Surviving The Holidays" from GriefShare - The holiday season can be a tough time for those who are grieving the death of a family member or friend, and which may be anticipated with a sense of dread. Thoughts of social gatherings, family traditions and obligations can leave you anxious and overwhelmed. You may wish you could skip these next two months and go straight to the routine of the next year - but you can't. What can you do to lessen your stress and loneliness? A special session of GriefShare titled, "Surviving The Holidays" will be on Tuesday, November 14, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Whether you have lost a loved one recently or if it's been years, we encourage you to come to one of these special sessions. You will be supported by those who understand and will receive tips to help you go through the holidays with more peace. You do not need to have attended previous GriefShare sessions to come. Contact Bill Rusnak or sign up at the Welcome Center.

"All About Advent" Event Did you know the Church Year calendar begins with the Advent season? Throughout the upcoming Church Year, Chapel members and friends will have opportunities to learn more about the Christ-centered seasons and festivals that we celebrate in the church. **Please join us on Sunday, November 26, 9:30-10:45 in Chapel's gymnasium for a special Advent event.** We will learn how the Advent season helps us prepare for Jesus' coming at Christmas, and we'll make a special Advent craft you can use throughout the Advent season. **This is an intergenerational event for the whole Chapel family!** Questions? Contact Mary Laesch (phone/text: 314-704-6906).

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:

Jan Arban
John Baker (*friend of Glenn & Joyce Lackey*)
Willie Ball (*friend of Aulderay Fields*)
Tracy Ball (*friend of Aulderay Fields*)
Ellen Bauer (*food pantry*)
Vivian Berry
Tanjila Bolden
Doris Boyd
Lydia Brown (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
Mardell Brown (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
Sharon Casey (*friend of Julie Griffith*)
Ivy Rose Clark (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)
Sharon Cole (*friend of Bud & Gail Shultz*)
Ortez Crawford
Meagan Crump (*friend of Jon Rogers*)
Robert Cunningham III
Bea Daugherty
Linda Edgington
Edem Ekpo
Stephanie Fansin (*daughter-in-law of Fred and Joanne Fansin*)
Kymm Fehrs
Aulderay Fields
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*)
Diane Hurst (*food pantry*)
Dennis Iborg (*brother-in-law of Dawn Iborg*)
Tony Johnson (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
Angela Jones (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
Jordan Jones (*friend of Ervin Wilson*)
Paul Kelly (*father of Rosalyn Cunningham Schmitt*)

Marilyn Koester (*Diane Timm's cousin*)
Joyce Lackey
Malu Martin (*sister of Cathy Crosier*)
Bella Matakas (*niece of Ken Gerler*)
Duane McCain (*uncle of John & Jay Zvirgzdins*)
Joan Milligan (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Marlo Milligan (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Peggy Miller
Katy Moran (*friend of Jon Rogers*)
Brandie Mosley
Billy Nelson (*food pantry*)
John Nichols (*friend of Vernida Summers*)
Darold Pendleton (*nephew of Georgia Thomas*)
Karen Rae (*relative of Maire Trelz*)
B.J. Rohmann (*friend of Mark Petersen*)
Patricia Rowland (*cousin of Jon Rogers*)
Annette Rueckert
Henry Scott (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
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*)
Marcia Turvold
Charles Ward (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Sandy Wendt
Michael Wiegand (*food pantry*)
Stacy Wiegand (*food pantry*)
Laura Wilson (*friend of Jon Rogers*)

Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

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*)
Agnes Gray (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Tom Hetrick (*nephew of Audrey Luedtke*)
Justin Hodge (*friend of Jon Rogers*)
Karin Hornig (*sister of Doris Truetken*)
Bianca Jackson (*friend of Vernida Summers*)
Janet Keely (*friend of Vanessa Morris*)
Bob Krauter
Tom Krauter, Jr. (*son of Tom Krauter*)
Mary Kuntz (*friend of Julie Seibert*)
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*)
Bob Woodward (*uncle of Jerry Bowen*)

Those Who Mourn The family and loved ones of **A.J. Wade** who died in the Lord on Monday.

The family and loved ones of **Delores Pope** who died in the Lord in November 4.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The **Mary Martha Guild** will meet On Monday November 13 in room 8 at 6:30 pm. Mary-Martha member Ellen Kehe will tell us about the LAMP mission trip to Canada. There will be a Monetary Ingathering for the Seminary food pantry. (Please make any checks out to Mary-Martha Guild). Refreshments and a short business meeting will follow.

CrossRoads contributions for the Winter, 2024 issue are due by December 3.

"Come to the Manger" is an outdoor live nativity experience right in the heart of North County, at Salem Lutheran Church and School in Black Jack (5180 Parker Road). All who come will be led through Bethlehem by a tour guide. Along the way you'll encounter many familiar characters, including King Herod, the Wise Men, shepherds (and their flocks!), multitudes of angels, and, of course, Baby Jesus. Though this is an outdoor event, we begin and end in the school gym, where there will be refreshments and entertainment while you wait for your tour to begin. Our route through Bethlehem is around our school track, and we are wheelchair accessible. Travelers (that's you!) are invited to come on Friday, December 1 and Saturday, December 2, both evenings anytime from 6-8pm. Questions? Call the Salem church office at 314-741-6781.

Ebenezer Lutheran Church is selling nuts and candy again this year. The order forms are on the Welcome Center. Thank you.

Christmas cards for Refugees If you would like to share hope and your faith with new Americans pick up a flyer from the commons.

Christmas Church Decorating is Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Please sign up for the party at the Welcome Center!

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.*

Wednesday Nights: The Book of Hebrews at 6:30 pm has been completed. Join us in January when we begin our new study in Room 8.

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!

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| 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

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. If you would like to participate, we ask that you register by December 3rd. The deadline to turn artwork in will be Sunday, January 7th. 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!

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:

Paul Freund – November 16
Stan Schwede – November 16
Alice Holtgrewe – November 17
Jeanene Tacke – November 18
Edith Koehler – November 21

MAPP GOD'S WORD

Ephesians 1:7 - "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace."

Coming up at Chapel

Monday, November 13

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

Tuesday, November 14

2:00 PM GriefShare

Wednesday, November 15

6:30 PM Children's Bells
7:30 PM Chapel Bells

Thursday, November 16

6:15 PM Joyful Noise
7:00 PM Choral Singers

Saturday, November 18

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, November 12

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

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Matthew 25:4 – "But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed what He said. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of stewardship say about what you believe?

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (11/5/2023):

- Worship 224 and 19 visitors

Last week's offering (11/5/2023):

- General Fund: \$21,111
- Building / Capital Fund: \$2,084
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$47

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$551,906
- Building / Capital Fund: \$49,273

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$642,330
- Building / Capital Fund: \$78,445

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