



CHAPEL OF  
THE CROSS  
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*Living in faith, hope, and love*

# THE CHAPEL

# Weekly

November 15, 2020

## 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](http://www.chapelofthecross.org)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Christmas Decorations!** Join the Fun as we decorate our church for Christmas on Saturday, December 5 from 8:00 to 11:00 am - See Bill Rusnak and sign up at the Welcome Center for a count of helpers and for donuts and healthy treats, too!

**Devotional coloring books:** In celebration of Chapel's 55th anniversary, our fine arts committee is excited to present a new devotional coloring book for all ages! This book includes brief devotional thoughts and prayer pages, as well as ten unique images from around Chapel. You may pick a copy up from the welcome center or contact the church office. Individual pages will also be made available on Chapel's website. Please contact Ryan Meyer for more information.

**Annual Voter's Meeting** will be held on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> in the church, after the 11:00 a.m. church service.

**"Surviving The Holidays" from GriefShare** – Whether you've had a loved one die recently, or it's been years and you still struggle with the holidays, we encourage you to come to one of the special "Surviving the Holidays" sessions, held on Tuesday, November 17, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 19, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. You do not need to have participated in previous GriefShare sessions to attend. Contact Bill Rusnak at 741-3737 for more information, or if you plan on attending. There is no charge for materials.

**Crocus Books and Gifts** will have their Thanksgiving cards and Christmas cards along with some gift ideas this weekend through December 20<sup>th</sup>. Our tables will be located in the Commons by the office. Available at the Saturday night and Sunday morning services and during the week. Remember to practice social distancing.

**The Rose on the altar** is in loving memory of my husband, Harold Gene Hale, from his widow, Linda Moellering, and to mark his first anniversary in Heaven on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

## 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  
Sherry Baker (*friend of the Glenn Lackey*)  
**Marilyn Benoist**  
Tanjila Bolden  
Stephanie Bollinger-Drennen (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
Lonza Bufford (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Sadie Bufford (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Elizabeth Cash  
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*)  
Ann Frederick (*aunt of Jerri Bolden*)  
Legend Freeman (*God grandson of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Susanna Gregory (*daughter of Gale Damm*)  
Audrey Helsley (*mother of Cathy Crosier*)  
Megan Hereford  
Diane Hurst (*Helping Hands Food Pantry*)  
Dawn Iborg  
Frank Lehner  
Makenzie Lenox (*great-niece of Cindy Vogelsang*)  
Alan Londe (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)

Bella Matakas (*niece of Ken Gerler*)  
Patricia Hayes Mitchell (*sister-in-law of Robert Cunningham*)  
Darold Pendleton (*nephew of Georgia Thomas*)  
Michael Miguel Pohl (*friend of Rosilyn Cunningham Smith*)  
Virginia Schmidt  
Brad Segal (*grandson of Donna Stewart*)  
Wandra Seward  
Jean Thomas  
**Rick Truetken**  
Ted Vogel  
Charles Ward (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Lionel Ward (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Joyce Weidner  
**Earl Wendt**  
Carol Whiteaker (*former member and cousin of Mark Petersen*)  
Sam Woolsey (*brother-in-law of Joyce Lackey*)

### 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*)  
Nick Schmitt (*husband of Rosilyn Cunningham-Schmitt*)  
Lincoln Scott (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Arrión 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*)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**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](mailto:james.marriott@chapelofthecross.org)) or the church office.

**Every Other Wed. Night Book Study:** *Grace Upon Grace: Spirituality for Today*. Our final session in 2020 is November 18<sup>th</sup> and 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
11/18/20	The Mystery of Christ- Read pages 49-56 before class
1/13/21	The Mystery of Christ - Read pages 56-71 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

**Christmas Banners:** Chapel's fine arts committee is excited to offer our congregation a collaborative Christmas banner project. Using our display of processional crosses, we are planning to create nine new banners that will show the Nativity scene in the front of church. We are asking individuals, or families, who are interested to each make a part of the nativity (e.g. wise man, donkey, Mary, etc) that our committee will assemble. Materials and patterns will be provided and individuals can choose from several methods of assembly. For more information please contact Ryan Meyer, Kathy Glenn, Diane Timm, Jen Schmidt, or Marla Ackerman

**Music Rehearsals** have now resumed for two of Chapel's ensembles - **Joyful Noise** (Tuesdays at 6:30 pm) and the **Chapel Bells** (Wednesdays 6:30 pm). Both ensembles will meet in the sanctuary for shortened rehearsals several times per month. Please contact Ryan Meyer for any questions or to learn more about these groups.

### LIFE TEAM

**Life Thought:** Isn't abortion at least a little like wrapping precious treasure in a napkin and throwing it in a hole? Isn't assisted suicide literally burying unappreciated talents in the ground (Matthew 25:18)? Jesus warns it's a one-way ticket to weeping and gnashing to teeth (Matthew 25:28-30). But what joy awaits us when we receive both our lives and everyone else's as a gift and expect that each will improve the other (Matthew 25:21-21)!

## M\*A\*P\*P GOD'S WORD

**Memorize \* Apply \* Pray \* Ponder**

**James 1:16-18** – "Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created."

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## COMING UP AT CHAPEL

**Tuesday, Nov. 17**  
2:00 PM Grief Share

**Wednesday, Nov. 18**  
6:30 PM Wed. Night Book study (via Zoom)

**Thursday, Nov. 19**  
6:30 PM Grief Share

**Saturday, Nov. 21**  
5:00 PM Worship

**Sunday, Nov. 22**  
8:30 AM 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](http://chapelofthecross.org) on Sunday morning.*

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**Matthew 25-30a** – “**And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.**” Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn't trust or love the Master. So, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust but rather hate and mistrust. It's the same with us, but in reverse. Since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

## HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (11/8/2020):  
• Worship: 117 and 7 visitor

Last week's offering (11/8/2020):  
• General Fund: \$9,593  
• Building / Capital Fund: \$675  
• 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$45

YTD Offerings:  
• General Fund: \$542,207  
• Building / Capital Fund: \$52,624

YTD Need:  
• General Fund: \$642,330  
• Building / Capital Fund: \$78,345