



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

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Weekly

November 19, 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

**Christmas Choir Concert:** Please join Chapel's choirs, handbells and orchestra on Sunday, December 10, during the 11:00 a.m. worship hour as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, through music and readings! The theme for this year is "Behold, the Lamb of God." A cookie reception will follow the service in the commons. Please mark your calendars to attend this special musical worship service!

**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.

**"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).

**The Mary-Martha Guild** has two upcoming events. We will hold our annual Christmas Cookie fundraising sale on Saturday December 2 and Sunday December 3. Our meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup> will be a Christmas Celebration Dinner. It will be catered by Catering to You. Everyone is invited to attend. Paid reservations in the amount of \$22.00 must be received no later than Wednesday, November 29. Please place your reservation form in the Mary-Martha Guild mailbox in the church office or contact Roberta Loesch at 314-741-3737 or 314-910-8749.

**The Rose** on the altar is in memory of Bunny Neustadt from her Chapel friends.

**The Radio Broadcast** is being sponsored by Nancy and Marilee Kuhrik in loving memory of their parents John and Mary Kuhrik.

## 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  
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 Cuningham 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*)  
**Steve Seibert**  
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  
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*)  
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*)

**For those who mourn:** The family and loved ones of **Mary Kuntz** who died in the Lord on November 15.

The family and loved ones of **Nelson Thomas** who died in the Lord.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Choral Singer:** Just a reminder that due to the Thanksgiving holiday we will be moving our rehearsal this week to Tuesday, November 21, at our regular time.

**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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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:

Nell Walker – November 23  
Vita Pflieger – November 24  
Karen Totra – November 24  
Edem Ekpo – November 26  
Betty Leeker – November 26  
Diana Freund – November 27  
Arleen Warmann – November 28

## MAPP GOD’S WORD

**Ephesians 1:10-12** - “That in dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.”

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## Coming up at Chapel

### Monday, November 20

11:00 AM Seniors and Homebound  
Worship Service and lunch

### Tuesday, November 21

10:00 AM Women’s Bible Study  
7:00 PM Choral Singers

### Wednesday, November 22

6:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship  
Service

### Thursday, November 23

9:30 AM Thanksgiving worship service  
Office Closed

### Saturday, November 25

5:00 PM Worship Service

### Sunday, November 26

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

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**Matthew 25:30 – “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 (11/12/2023):

- Worship 195 and 21 visitors

Last week’s offering (11/12/2023):

- General Fund: \$21,199
- Building / Capital Fund: \$785
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$100

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$573,106
- Building / Capital Fund: \$50,058

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$656,604
- Building / Capital Fund: \$80,186