

THE CHAPEL Weekly



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Living in faith, hope, and love

November 24, 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

Youth Confirmation Room 8:45 am

Senior High Youth Room

Announcements

Voters' Annual Meeting: The annual Voters' Assembly meeting will be held on Monday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 9. We will be ratifying changes to the Board of Elders and Board of Directors. We'll be reviewing our current financial situation and approving the 2025 budget. Our ministry leaders will talk about activities and plans, and we'll have time to answer your questions. If you'd like to submit a question early, please leave it in the office mailbox for the President of the Congregation.

Christmas Decorating Saturday, December 7th - Please join us as we adorn Chapel with Christmas decorations. Enjoy coffee and donuts while we decorate! Sign up at the Welcome Center - You can choose an area to decorate upon arrival at 9:00 am or we'll show areas of greatest need. See Bill Rusnak for more information

The Mary-Martha Guild: Our meeting on December 9 will be a Christmas Celebration Dinner. It will be catered by Catering to You. Everyone is invited to attend. Reservation forms are located at the Bookstore. Paid reservations in the amount of \$22.00 must be received no later than Wednesday, November 27. 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. If you attend, please bring a wrapped white elephant gift to exchange at the party game. ****CHRISTMAS COOKIES**** Please bring your baked cookies to the gym by 9:00 a.m. on December 7. We will be packaging them for sale on December 7 & 8. Thank you for your support.

The Funeral Luncheon Committee is looking for a male volunteer to help set up and take down tables and chairs for funeral lunches. Contact Susan Petersen at 314-610-9653

CrossRoads: Contributions for the winter issue of CrossRoads are due Sunday, December 1.

The Flowers on the altar are in honor of Steve and Julie Seiberts' 7th wedding anniversary on November 25.

The Roses given are in honor of John and Teri Zvirgzdins' 32nd wedding anniversary on November 28th and in loving memory of Bunny Neustadt from her Chapel friends.

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:

Curtis Balan (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Regina Banks (*friend of Adrienne Burton*)
Steve Becker (*friend of John Zvirgzdins*)
Joan Bohrer
Tanjila Bolden
Lydia Brown (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
Mardell Brown (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
Cheryl Bush (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Ivy Rose Clark (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)
Sharon Cole (*friend of Bud & Gail Shultz*)
Gary Crane (*friend of Bud & Gail Shultz*)
Robert Cunningham III
Clyde Dempsey (*father of Julie Seibert*)
Linda Edgington
Aulderay Fields
Darlene Franklin (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
John Gassner (*cousin of Gloria Uttley*)
Susanna Gregory (*daughter of Gale Damm*)
Carolyn Hanneman
Rita Hayes (*sister of Jim Crosier*)
Donna Heinrich
Nancy Hissaw (*friend of Adrienne Burton*)
Virgil Hoffmann
Dennis Iborg (*brother-in-law of Dawn Iborg*)
Dawn Iborg
Marlo Johnson
Jordan Jones (*friend of Ervin Wilson*)
Frank Jones (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Paul Kelly (*father of Rosalyn Cunningham*)
Joyce Lackey
Arminius Matthews (*son of Alicia Harris*)
Patricia Miano (*mother of Joe Miano*)
Jerry Mierkowski (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)

Joan Milligan (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Peggy Miller
Daryl Mitchell (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Ashley Mosley (*daughter-in-law of Frank & Bessie Mosley*)
Brandie Mosley
Iris Outlaw (*sister of Alexis Cunningham*)
Karen Rae (*relative of Maire Trelz*)
Valencia Robinson (*sister of Adrienne Burton*)
Jill Seibert (*mother of Steve Seibert*)
Jim Seibert (*father of Steve Seibert*)
Gail Shultz
John Simon
Agnes Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Johnnie Spears
Vernida Summers
Pam and Tim Taylor
Dale Ternaprovich (*brother of Joyce Lackey*)
Jean Thomas
Mickie Wallerstein (*friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)
Celita White (*co-worker of John Jordan*)
George Zvirgzdins

Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

Eileen Backman (*friend of Mark Petersen*)
Rick Bales (*friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra*)
Jay Bentzinger (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Tammy Bushman (*daughter of Mike & Jean Mueller*)
Lisa Capehart (*niece of Art Williams*)
Bob Crecelius (*brother of Roy Crecelius*)
Jane Curran (*friend of Karen Schaeffer*)

Sue Gassner (*cousin of Gloria Uttley*)
Diane Goetz-Jordan (*step-daughter of Keith Wetzel*)
Janet Goldsboro (*cousin of Marilyn Miller*)
Karin Hornig (*sister of Doris Truetken*)
Bianca Jackson (*friend of Vernida Summers*)
Crystal Jackson (*niece of Johnnie Spears*)
Linda Jones (*cousin of Marilyn Miller*)
Tom Krauter, Jr. (*son of Tom Krauter*)
Cheryl Linton (*sister-in-law of Joseph Miano*)
Amy Marler (*friend of Caroline Moss*)
Jewel McDaniel (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Martin Rodgers (*cousin of Jerri Bolden*)
Ellen Saville (*friend of Keith Neuber*)
Christine Schwepker (*friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra*)
Arrion Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Terry Steen (*brother of Kathy Glenn*)
Candy Summers (*friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins*)

Those Who Celebrate:

Steve and Julie Seibert as they celebrate their 7th wedding anniversary and **John and Teri Zvirgzdins** as they celebrate their 32nd wedding anniversary this week.

Bill and Carolyn Rusnak upon the birth of their grandson, Louis Hawley

The Elder of the Weekend leads prayer in the Prayer Chapel at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday for those on the prayer list. All are welcome to join him. Please also take the opportunity to pray for those on the prayer list during the week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Celebrating Olive Middendorf: Join the family on Saturday, December 14th, from **12:30 to 3:00 pm**, in the lower level, Room #8, for a Birthday Open House for Olive Middendorf, who will be celebrating her 100th birthday! Please mark this on your calendar now and sign up at the Welcome Center to ensure sufficient supplies. Thank you for helping our church family to celebrate!

Lutheran Resale Shop invites you to our annual **Black Friday Sale**. Everything in our Shop will be 50% off on Friday, November 29th. If you like to hunt for vintage or collectibles, furniture, clothing, or anything else found in your home, this is your chance. We accept cash only. We are Lutheran volunteers trying to raise funds for Lutheran Family and Children's Services and Lutheran Senior Services. We open at **10 am and close at 3 pm**. If you have questions, please call 314-389-9970. We are at 6701 W. Florissant, St. Louis, MO. See you soon!

BIBLE STUDY

"Surviving The Holidays" from GriefShare: Whether you have had a loved one die recently or it's been years, and you still struggle with the holidays because of that, we encourage you to come to this special session, which will be held on Tuesday, November 26, from 2:00 – 4:00p.m. You do not need to have attended any of the previous GriefShare sessions to attend. Contact Bill Rusnak at 741-3737 if you think you will be coming so we can have materials prepared for you.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Join our 1st and 3rd Tuesday 10:00 a.m. study on 1 Samuel and the focus is on the theme of "Prayer" in room #8. December 10 is our final study in 2024, We resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2025

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

There is no class on 11/27 as we have worship at 6:30 pm – We resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. See Bill Rusnak for details.

MISSION TRIP UPDATE

Jennifer Krupp will present information on her recent mission trip to Uganda Africa during the Sunday Education Hour in room #9 at 9:45 am on Sunday, December 1. Thank you to everyone for your generous support!

MUSIC

The Choral Singers (adult choir) meets for regular rehearsals on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the music room (in the lower level). If you are interested in joining us or have any questions, please contact Ryan Meyer, Director of Music Ministry. We are always open to welcoming new members!

The Chapel Bells (handbells) will begin meeting for this season next Wednesday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. We could use several more ringers for this season - anyone who is interested, please contact Ryan Meyer, Director of Music Ministry.

LIFE TEAM

The Scriptural Ancient Days has gray hair. The Word of the Lord pictures Him as aged. And while the world idolizes youthfulness, the Bible speaks flatteringly of getting old. "Elder" is a compliment, long life is blessing, and advanced years embody wisdom and honor, even though they often also entail weaknesses. The Gospel of everlasting life in Christ leaves no room for physician assisted suicide.

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:

Betty Leker – November 26
Arleen Warmann – November 28
Allan Enstall – December 2

Diana Freund – November 27
Ken Kreitner – November 30
Donald Townsend – December 3

MAPP GOD'S WORD

Hebrews 10:9 - "Then said he, Lo, I come to do your will, O God. He takes away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

Coming up at Chapel

Monday, November 25

7:00 PM Board of Directors

Tuesday, November 26

2:00 PM GriefShare "Surviving the Holidays"

7:00 PM Choral Singers

Wednesday, November 27

6:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving

Office Closed

9:30 AM Worship Service

Friday, November 29

Office Closed

Saturday, November 30

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, December 1 (Advent)

8:30 AM Worship Service

9:45 AM Youth and Adult Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Isaiah 51:6 – "For the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment." The things of this earth that hold our attention, that cause us worry, that tempt us away from the Lord, are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over, but rather to use for the Lord's purposes. The things of this world are not ends in and of themselves, but only means to be used wisely by the children of the kingdom that has no end.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (11/17/2024):

- Worship 203 and 13 visitors

Last week's offering (11/17/2024):

- General Fund: \$11,789
- Building / Capital Fund: \$1,175
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$78

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$583,459
- Building / Capital Fund: \$57,106

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$653,614
- Building / Capital Fund: \$80,086

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