

THE CHAPEL Weekly



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Living in faith, hope, and love

November 26, 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!

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

"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.

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 11th will be a Christmas Celebration Dinner. It will be catered by Catering to You. Everyone is invited to attend and reservation forms are in the commons. 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. If you attend, bring a wrapped white elephant gift for the game.

The flowers on the altar and the Radio broadcast are in honor of John and Terri Zvirgzdins 31st wedding anniversary.

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:

Jan Arban
John Baker (*friend of Glenn & Joyce Lackey*)
Willie Ball (*friend of Alderay Fields*)
Tracy Ball (*friend of Alderay 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*)
Gary Crane (*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
Alderay 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 Alderay 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
Mickie Wallerstein (*friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)
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*)

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.

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!

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:

Ken Kreitner - Nov 30
Allan Enstall - Dec 2

MAPP GOD’S WORD

Ephesians 1:17-19 - “That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him. The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of his calling, and what is the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his mighty power.”

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Coming up at Chapel

Monday, November 27

7:00 PM Board of Directors

Wednesday, November 29

6:30 PM Bible Study

6:30 PM Children’s Handbells

7:30 PM Chapel Bells

Saturday, December 2

9:00 AM Church Christmas Decorating

9:00 AM Mary-Martha Cookie

Assembly

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, December 3

8:30 AM Worship Service

9:45 AM Youth & Adult Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Matthew 25:44 – “Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’

With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goats works. So first things first: if we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts and ask Him to increase our faith!

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week’s attendance (11/19/2023):

- Worship 220 and 20 visitors

Last week’s offering (11/19/2023):

- General Fund: \$12,190
- Building / Capital Fund: \$1,397
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$104

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$585,296
- Building / Capital Fund: \$51,455

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$670,878
- Building / Capital Fund: \$81,927