



THE CHAPEL Weekly

November 28, 2021

BIBLE Study

Bible class for adults

Sundays at 9:45 am in Room #9.

Sunday school for children

Sundays at 9:45 am in the lower level

Special Holiday Services:

Midweek Advent – Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Choir Concert – Dec. 12, 11:00 a.m.

Children's Christmas Program – Dec. 19, 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve – Dec. 24, 5:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day – Dec. 25, 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve – Dec. 31, 6:30 p.m.

Announcements

Voters' Assembly – A meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be held after the 11:00 am service on Sunday, December 5 in the sanctuary. Much like last year's meeting, we will conduct our necessary annual business quickly (approval of the 2022 budget and ratification of the new members of the Board of Directors and Board of Elders). This year, Pastor Laesch will also provide a short summary of some of the ministry events at Chapel of the Cross. We are evaluating the possibility of live streaming the meeting. Our bylaws have no provision for voting remotely, but we are trying to create the ability to watch the proceedings, if you wish. Masks will be mandatory for the meeting if the St. Louis County mask mandate is still in effect. Thank you for your cooperation.

Christmas Choir Concert: Chapel's annual Christmas concert program will be held Sunday, December 12 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Come and hear Chapel's choirs, instrumentalists, and bells in this special musical worship service as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

Season of Sharing – Chapel is once again partnering with Lutheran Family and Children's Services to bring some Christmas cheer to St. Louis families in need. If you would like to help, pick a Season of Sharing ornament from the display in the Commons Area, purchase the item on the ornament, and then bring the item unopened and unwrapped to the box in Chapel's church office. All donations must be received by Sunday, December 5 for gifts to be delivered to LFCS and then distributed before Christmas. Thank You!

Poinsettias: We will decorate the church at Christmastime with poinsettia plants *in honor or in memory of a loved one*. If you would like to order a 5-7 bloom plant (\$10.00), which may be picked up after Jan. 6, please use one of the envelopes which you will find in the pew racks or call the church office (741-3737). Make checks payable to "Chapel of the Cross-Lutheran." **Deadline:** Friday December 17. Please let the church office know how you want your memorial to read.

Mary-Martha Guild: Reminder that reservations for the Christmas Party on December 13th are due by November 28th. If paying by check make it payable to Mary-Martha Guild and put it in the MMG mailbox or contact Joanne at 314-741-3737.

The Flowers on the altar are in celebration of **Steve and Julie Seibert's** 4th wedding anniversary and from **Eunice Broom** "thankful for the blessing of memorable family events this past year."

The Radio broadcast is sponsored by Steve and Julie Seibert.

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:

Jan Arban
Joan Arban
Tanjila Bolden
Shirlene Bower
Sheri Briley
Betty Brooks (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Mardell Brown (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
Elizabeth Cash
Alexis Cunningham
Bea Daugherty
Linda Edgington
Ara Ellis (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)
Kymm Fehrs
Roland Fischer (*friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)
Darlene Franklin (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
Susanna Gregory (*daughter of Gale Damm*)
Tom Hetrick (*friend of Audrey Luedtke*)
Dr. James Hudson (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)
Steve Jones (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)
Marilyn Koester (*relative of Diane Timm*)
Judy Kreider (*friend of Audrey Luedtke*)
Joyce Lackey
Makenzie Lenox (*great-niece of Cindy Vogelsang*)
Manfred Loesch
Victor Luecke (*Food Pantry*)
Richard Mason (*friend of Audrey Luedtke*)
Delois Masion (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Bella Matakas (*niece of Ken Gerler*)
Elsie Meyer
Patricia Hayes Mitchell (*sister-in-law of Robert Cunningham*)

Katy Moran (*friend of Jon Rogers*)
Darold Pendleton (*nephew of Georgia Thomas*)
Karen Rae (*relative of Maire Trelz*)
Ron Rammaha (*friend of Robert Cunningham*)
Jason Schmidt (*brother of John Schmidt*)
Fred Schroeder
Henry Scott (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
Dan Stephans (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Brendan Stevenson (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)
Butch Taylor
Leona Tellegrino (*god-daughter of Alexis Cunningham*)
Lou Terry (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Jean Thomas
Ola's Ugobo (*friend of Robert Cunningham*)
Dorothy Walker (*Aunt of Jerri Bolden*)
Lionel Ward (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Hsea Wells (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Carol Whiteaker (*former member and cousin of Mark Petersen*)

Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

Tammy Bushman (*daughter of Mike and Jean Mueller*)
Lisa Capehart (*niece of Art Williams*)
Judy Christian (*Rick and Lynda Christian's sister-in-law*)
Mike Datillo (*uncle of Jayme Zvirgzdins*)
Brian Diekgraefe (*friend of Mark Petersen*)
Mike Dunn (*uncle of Rick Christian*)
Betty Endsley (*mother of Marcy Oliver*)
Ayla Frushon (*friend of Cheryl Balke*)
Kenneth Fuchs (*former LHSN band director*)

Diane Goetz-Jordan (*step-daughter of Keith Wetzel*)
Agnes Gray (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Denise Hildebrand
Tom Krauter, Jr. (*son of Tom Krauter*)
Mary Kuntz (*friend of Julie Seibert*)
Mary Moeller (*cousin of Audrey Luedtke*)
Mary Oberman (*friend of Lisa Hager*)
Marc Openlander (*grandson of Art Williams*)
Rocky Rhodes (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Martin Rodgers (*cousin of Jerri Bolden*)
Ellen Saville (*friend of Keith Neuber*)
Dana Segal (*daughter of Donna Stewart*)
Arrion Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Eloise Srednicki (*cousin of Tim Brown*)
Debbie Steinbrueck (*daughter of Leon Steinbrueck*)
Marilyn-Madison Stinebaugh (*friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)
Chris Turmenstein (*friend of Glenn and Joyce Lackey*)
Scott Whiteaker (*former member and cousin of Mark Petersen*)
Bob Woodward (*uncle of Jerry Bowen*)

Those Who Celebrate:

Steve and Julie Seibert as they celebrate their 4th wedding anniversary this week.
John and Teri Zvirgzdins as they celebrate their 29th anniversary this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday Mornings: Join us in Room #9 each week at 9:45 am and enjoy the *Enduring Faith* series.

All participants are asked to bring and wear their masks in all classes.

Tuesday Mornings: Our Women's Study on the first and third Tuesdays at 10:00 am is *Be Thou My Guide* - a Bible study on Trusting God. We gather in Room #8.

Wednesday Evenings: This 6:30 pm is an interactive study on *The Chosen* video Series – Season #1. This group meets in Room #9 in Person and Via Zoom.

Children and Youth Christmas Program: Practices for the Children and Youth Christmas program, Symbols of Salvation, will be on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 on November 28, December 5 and December 12. All children and youth, preschool age through high school, are invited to be part of the program. A dress rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 18 from 9:30 to noon. The program will be held on Sunday, December 19 at the 11:00 a.m. service. Please contact Mary Laesch with any questions.

ADULT MINISTRY:

GriefShare: The next cycle of GriefShare starts Tuesday, January 4, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., and Thursday, January 6, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. If you have lost a loved one, we hope you will consider exploring the hope and healing that GriefShare has offered to so many others. If you know of someone in a grief situation, tell them about special ministry. It doesn't matter how long ago the loss has been. Contact Bill Rusnak for more information (741-3737).

LIFE TEAM:

Prayer Vigil: The Supreme Court will hear arguments on December 1st concerning Mississippi abortion law and challenging Roe v Wade. Wednesday, December 1st, the Prayer Chapel will be open for prayer between 3:00 pm and 6:30 pm when the Advent service begins. Please come at any point you are able and join your fellow church members in praying for the protection of life.

Life Team Guess the Baby Contest As part our Life Month celebration this coming January, the Chapel Life Team is holding a Guess the Baby contest! We would love your participation by submitting a photo of yourself as a baby or toddler. We will be compiling the photos in early December and putting them up for display in January, where everyone will have the opportunity to guess who each picture belongs to.

Please submit your photo either via email to anne.meyer@chapelofthecross.org (send picture or scan at highest quality possible) or drop it off at the church office, where we will scan it and return it to you. Your original photo will not be altered, as we will display only the photocopies. The deadline to submit your photo is Monday, November 29. We're so thankful for the life God has given each one of you!

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 2021, 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:

November 24 – Karen Totra
Arleen Warmann – November 28
Ken Kreitner – November 30
Allan Enstall – December 2
Charlotte Tegtmeyer – December 2

M*A*P*P GOD'S WORD

Memorize * Apply * Pray * Ponder

Ephesians 5:1-2 - "Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma."

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Coming up at Chapel

Wednesday, December 1

5:30 PM Children's Handbells
6:30 PM Advent Service
7:30 PM Chapel Bells

Thursday, December 2

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

Saturday, December 4

10:00 AM Day 3 Seeds
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, December 5

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Adult Bible Study
9:45 AM Children and Youth Christmas Program practice

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Luke 19:31 – "If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' You shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'"

Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, "The Lord has need of it." Then he gave willingly. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life – in our homes, in the Church, and in the communities in which we live. In each calling we have good work to do which comes from the Lord's hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (11/21/2021):

- Worship: 202 and 18 visitors

Last week's offering (11/21/2021):

- General Fund: \$18,986
- Building / Capital Fund: \$982
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$75

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$569,771
- Building / Capital Fund: \$56,131

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$670,878
- Building / Capital Fund: \$81,557