



CHAPEL OF  
THE CROSS  
LUTHERAN

*Living in faith, hope, and love*

# THE CHAPEL

# Weekly

November 5, 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

**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.

**The Mary Martha Guild** will meet On Monday November 13 in room 8 at 6:30 pm. Mary-Martha member Ellen Kehe will tell us about the LAMP mission trip to Canada. There will be a Monetary Ingathering for the Seminary food pantry. (Please make any checks out to Mary-Martha Guild). Refreshments and a short business meeting will follow.

**Donations for Thanksgiving Boxes** The Helping Hands Food Pantry will be giving out Thanksgiving boxes to families in need. Chapel members are invited to donate food items to help give families a complete Thanksgiving dinner. Please take one or more food cards from the table in the narthex and bring in the food items by Sunday, November 12. You may donate cash in lieu of purchasing food. Make checks out to Helping Hands Food Pantry and place in the offering basket or bring to the church office. Thank you for helping to bring joy and Thanksgiving to families in need!

**Join Us for Second Saturdays Women's Fellowship** All women are invited for a time of food, faith, and fellowship on Saturday, November 11 from 9:30 a.m. – noon. This monthly event provides Chapel members and friends the opportunity to strengthen connections and encourage one another in the faith. You may bring light brunch item to share if you wish. We meet in the lower level of Chapel in Room 8. For any questions or further information, please reach out to Mary Laesch (314-704-6906; [marylaesch@gmail.com](mailto:marylaesch@gmail.com)) or Jennifer Krupp (314- 662-0517; [amiablejak@gmail.com](mailto:amiablejak@gmail.com)).

**Director of the Week: Steve Geisz** and his wife Marsha have been members of Chapel of the Cross for 32 years. They have 4 children and 8 grandchildren. Steve was an elder for 2 years and on the board of directors for 30 years. He served as Vice-President and President of the congregation; on personnel, property and finance committees; communion assistant and usher. Steve owns an auto repair business for over 40 years.

**The flowers** on the altar are in honor of Jacob and Meagan Purcell's wedding anniversary. John and Jen Schmidt

## 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  
Doris Boyd  
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 Cuninghame III  
Bea Daugherty  
Linda Edgington  
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*)  
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*)  
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*)  
Marcia Turvold  
A.J. Wade (*friend of Julie Griffith*)  
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*)  
Mary Kuntz (*friend of Julie Seibert*)  
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*)  
Arriion Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)  
Candy Summers (*friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins*)  
Bob Woodward (*uncle of Jerry Bowen*)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**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 pickup a flyer from the commons.

**Veteran Potluck:** This year, Chapel of the Cross will celebrate their veterans with a potluck dinner! The date is November 11, 2023, in the gymnasium. The event will be from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. There is a signup sheet at the Welcome Center so that you can bring your favorite dish to honor our veterans. And if you have a neighbor or relative who is a veteran, feel free to invite them so we can honor them as well. There is also a signup sheet for our veterans. Please include branch of service, dates of service, and highest rank attained. Thank you in advance for this opportunity for fellowship and to honor those who served.

**“Surviving The Holidays” from GriefShare** - The holiday season can be a tough time for those who are grieving the death of a family member or friend, and which may be anticipated with a sense of dread. Thoughts of social gatherings, family traditions and obligations can leave you anxious and overwhelmed. You may wish you could skip these next two months and go straight to the routine of the next year - but you can't. What *can* you do to lessen your stress and loneliness? A special session of GriefShare titled, “Surviving The Holidays” will be on Tuesday, November 14, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Whether you have lost a loved one recently or if it's been years, we encourage you to come to one of these special sessions. You will be supported by those who understand and will receive tips to help you go through the holidays with more peace. You do not need to have attended previous GriefShare sessions to come. Contact Bill Rusnak or sign up at the Welcome Center.

**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. Study guides are 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 <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 Lord our God has given us sexually for relationship, family, and community. These matters cannot become merely private choices or personal preferences. What we do with our bodies also affects our neighbors. Abortion reveals that lust always leads to destruction. Marriage and parenting prove we do not need abortion – indeed, these gifts leave us no room for it!

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:

Cloris Banks – November 11  
Carolyn Faerber – November 14

## MAPP GOD'S WORD

**Ephesians 1:3** - “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.”

## Coming up at Chapel

### **Tuesday, November 7**

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study  
2:00 PM GriefShare

### **Wednesday, November 8**

6:30 PM Bible Study  
6:30 PM Children's Bells  
7:30 PM Chapel Bells

### **Thursday, November 9**

7:00 PM Choral Singers

### **Saturday, November 11**

1:00 PM Veteran Potluck  
5:00 PM Worship Service

### **Sunday, November 12**

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

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**Matthew 5:7 – “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”** This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness and generosity) – flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.

## HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (10/29/2023):  
• Worship 205 and 15 visitors

Last week's offering (10/29/2023):  
• General Fund: \$12,920  
• Building / Capital Fund: \$1,135  
• 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$58  
• 1-1-1 total for October: \$275

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$530,795
- Building / Capital Fund: \$47,189

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$628,056
- Building / Capital Fund: \$76,704

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