

BIBLE STUDY

Bible class for adults

Sundays at 9:45 am in Room #9. Please register by calling the church or signing up at the Welcome Center.

Sunday school for children

Will continue to be posted weekly on-line at www.chapelofthecross.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Decorations! Join the Fun while we decorate our church for Christmas on Saturday, December 5 from 8:00 to 11:00 am - See Bill Rusnak and sign up at the Welcome Center so we have a count for hot chocolate, donuts and healthy treats, too!

Devotional coloring books: In celebration of Chapel's 55th anniversary, our fine arts committee is excited to present a new devotional coloring book for all ages! This book includes brief devotional thoughts and prayer pages, as well as ten unique images from around Chapel. You may pick a copy up from the welcome center or contact the church office. Individual pages will also be made available on Chapel's website. Please contact Ryan Meyer for more information.

Annual Voter's Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 29th in the church, after the 11:00 a.m. church service.

"Surviving The Holidays" from GriefShare – Whether you've had a loved one die recently, or it's been years and you still struggle with the holidays, we encourage you to come to one of the special "Surviving the Holidays" sessions, held on Tuesday, November 17, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 19, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. You do not need to have participated in previous GriefShare sessions to attend. Contact Bill Rusnak at 741-3737 for more information, or if you plan on attending. There is no charge for materials.

Crocus Books and Gifts will have their Thanksgiving cards and Christmas cards along with some gift ideas this weekend through December 20th. Our tables will be located in the Commons by the office. Available at the Saturday night and Sunday morning services and during the week. Remember to practice social distancing.

The Flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Don Daugherty's 10th anniversary in Heaven and his 90th birthday, given by his wife, Virginia.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

The names in bold print are new to the prayer list this weekend.

Those with Health Concerns:

Jan Arban Joan Arban Sherry Baker (friend of the Glenn Lackey) Tanjila Bolden Stephanie Bollinger-Drennen (friend of Georgia Thomas) Lonza Bufford (cousin of Alexis Cunningham) Sadie Bufford (friend of Alexis Cunningham) Elizabeth Cash Doris Coffeit (friend of Georgia Thomas) Luxora Crawford (friend of Alexis Cunningham) Barbara Davis (friend of Alexis Cunningham) Kathy Doherty (friend of Fred Schroeder) Linda Edgington Cheryl Ehmke Carolyn Faerber Kymm Fehrs Lloyd Flint (friend of Alexis Cunningham) Ann Frederick (aunt of Jerri Bolden)

Legend Freeman (God grandson of Alexis Cunningham) Susanna Gregory (daughter of Gale Damm) Audrey Helsley (mother of Cathy Crosier)

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Makenzie Lenox (great-niece of Cindy Vogelsang) Alan Londe (friend of Georgia Thomas)

Bella Matakas (niece of Ken Gerler) Patricia Hayes Mitchell (sister-in-law of Robert Cunningham) Darold Pendleton (nephew of Georgia Thomas) Michael Miguel Pohl (friend of Rosilyn Cunningham Smith) Virginia Schmidt Brad Segal (grandson of Donna Stewart) Wandra Seward Jean Thomas Ted Vogel Charles Ward (friend of Alexis Cunningham) Lionel Ward (friend of Alexis Cunningham) Joyce Weidner Carol Whiteaker (former member and cousin of Mark Petersen) Sam Woolsev (brother-in-law of Jovce Lackev) **Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:** Lisa Capehart (niece of Art Williams) Tracey Cottrell (friend of Alexis Cunningham) Mike Datillo (uncle of Jayme Zvirgzdins) Mike Dunn (uncle of Rick Christian)

Mike Dunn (uncle of Rick Christian) Mike Dunn (uncle of Rick Christian) Christy Elfrink (friend of Mark Petersen) Betty Endsley (mother of Marcy Oliver) Diane Goetz-Jordan (step-daughter of Keith Wetzel) Agnes Gray (friend of Jerri Bolden) Eddie Hester (friend of Jay Zvirgzdins) Denise Hildebrand Don Kane (father of Sheri Briley) Tom Krauter, Jr. (son of Tom Krauter) Mike Lee (friend of Nancy Swoboda) Lyn Lodholz (daughter of Bill and Annette Rueckert) Sherri Mansfield (friend of Steve and Julie Seibert) Mary Moeller (cousin of Audrey Luedtke) Marc Openlander (grandson of Art Williams) Martin Rodgers (cousin of Jerri Bolden) Ellen Saville (friend of Keith Neuber) Nick Schmitt (husband of Rosilyn Cunningham-Schmitt) Lincoln Scott (relative of Alexis Cunningham) Arrion Soll (friend of Jerri Bolden) Richard Steinbrueck (brother of Leon Steinbrueck) Lisa Steinbrueck (daughter-in-law of the Steinbruecks) Debbie Steinbrueck (daughter of Joann & Leon Steinbrueck) Scott Whiteaker (former member and cousin of Mark

Petersen) Joan Wolf (relative of Alexis Cunningham) Bob Woodward (uncle of Jerry Bowen)

In Thanksgiving to God: For the veterans who have served our nation in the Armed Forces as we celebrate Veterans Day this week.

Those who mourn: The family and loved ones of **Mel Foehse** who died in the Lord on November 4^{th} .

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Confirmation classes have resumed. Current confirmation students should have heard from Pastor Marriott already, but we especially want to connect with any new confirmation students or families. For more information, please contact Pastor Marriott (james.marriott@chapelofthecross.org) or the church office.

Every Other Wed. Night Book Study: *Grace Upon Grace: Spirituality for Today* The longing for spiritual fulfillment, inevitably paired with spiritual frustration, is common among Christians. Self-help and personal promotion are not the answer. In response, Kleinig clarifies that there is no process for becoming spiritual. Instead, God graciously gives to us every spiritual gift that we need, beginning with the very gift of faith in Christ, our Savior. Since God has joined us to Christ, He continually comes to give us life.

Join us in person or by Zoom at 6:30 pm every other Wednesday night. Contact Bill Rusnak to sign up, get your book and the discussion questions to guide our reading.

Wednesday	Lesson
11/18	The Mystery of Christ- Read pages 49-56 before class
12/2	The Mystery of Christ - Read pages 56-71 before class
12/16	The Mystery of Christ - Read pages 71-86 before class
1/13	The Mystery of Meditation - Read pages 87-95 before class
1/27	The Mystery of Meditation - Read pages 95-104 before class

Walking Together in the Word You are invited to sign up to receive a digital version of the devotional guide Walking Together in the Word. This devotional guide, created by Chapel of the Cross staff, guides you through the Bible readings for the upcoming Sunday. The digital guide is easy to use. You can read Scripture, watch a video devotion on the Gospel reading, listen to songs and hymns, and download Scripture-based coloring pages. Call (314-741-3737) or email (<u>office@chapelofthecross.org</u>) the church office to sign up. The printed version of Walking Together in the Word is still available for pick up at the Welcome Center.

Christmas Banners: Chapel's fine arts committee is excited to offer our congregation a collaborative Christmas banner project. Using our display of processional crosses, we are planning to create nine new banners that will show the Nativity scene in the front of church. We are asking individuals, or families, who are interested to each make a part of the nativity (e.g. wise man, donkey, Mary, etc) that our committee will assemble. Materials and patterns will be provided and individuals can choose from several methods of assembly. For more information please contact Ryan Meyer, Kathy Glenn, Diane Timm, Jen Schmidt, or Marla Ackerman

Music Rehearsals have now resumed for two of Chapel's ensembles - **Joyful Noise** (Tuesdays at 6:30 pm) and the **Chapel Bells** (Wednesdays 6:30 pm). Both ensembles will meet in the sanctuary for shortened rehearsals several times per month. Please contact Ryan Meyer for any questions or to learn more about these groups.

LIFE TEAM

Life Thought: Surprise pregnancies bring real burdens. Terminal diagnoses come with genuine hurts. But we need not grieve them like those who have no hope (2 Thessalonians 4:13b). Whenever anyone's oil runs out, there Jesus our Lord arrives and intervenes (Matthew 25:6). Until then we encourage each other with compassion and courageously carry crosses together rather than seeking cheap escapes.

M*A*P*P GOD'S WORD

Memorize * Apply * Pray * Ponder

James 1:13-15 – "When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.."

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COMING UP AT CHAPEL

Tuesday, Nov. 10 2:00 PM Grief Share

Thursday, Nov.12 6:30 PM Grief Share

Saturday, Nov. 14 5:00 PM Worship

Sunday, Nov. 15 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship

In-person worship will be limitednumber, socially distanced services to comply with St. Louis County requirements. Services can still be viewed online at chapelofthecross.org on Sunday morning.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Matthew 25-4 – "...but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the bridegroom's words and believed what He told them. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of financial stewardship say about what you believe?

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (11/1/2020):

Worship: 129 and 12 visitor

Last week's offering (11/1/2020):

- General Fund: \$23,280
- Building / Capital Fund: \$1,715
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$54

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$532,614
- Building / Capital Fund: \$51,949

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$613,782
- Building / Capital Fund: \$74,863