



THE CHAPEL Weekly

December 5, 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. 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 today 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 today for gifts to be delivered to LFCS and then distributed before Christmas. Thank You!

Mary-Martha's Annual Christmas Cookie Sale will be on December 11 and 12, 2012.

Advent Dinners are back! If you would like to help by volunteering, please sign up at the Welcome Center or by calling Jay Z. at 314-708-4089

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.

The Flowers on the altar are in thanksgiving for the life and love of **Orv Mueller** and for family and friends from **Clara Mueller**.

The Radio broadcast is sponsored by **Clara Mueller**, in memory of **Orv Mueller**.

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*)
Jimmie Jordan (*brother of John Jordan*)
Marilyn Koester (*relative of Diane Timm*)
Judy Kreider (*friend of Audrey Luedtke*)
Joyce Lackey
Makenzie Lenox (*great-niece of Cindy Vogelsang*)
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*)
Henry Scott (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
Dan Stephans (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Brendan Stevenson (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)
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*)
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*)
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 Mourn:

The family and loved ones of Rocky Rhodes (friend of Nancy Swoboda) who died in the Lord on Monday.

The family and loved ones of Fred Schroeder who died in the Lord last week, Saturday.

The family and loved ones of Minnie Heins who died in the Lord Wednesday, December 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

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 #2 resumes January, 5, 2022 in person in Room #9.

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 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. 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).

Funke Family Service Trip to Tanzania

Eric and Linda Funke and their children Michael and Julia may have moved back to the U.S. but Tanzania is still close to their hearts. They are planning to take a short trip back in 2022 for two reasons. 1) It has been almost two years since they moved back to the U.S. and several of their ministries would greatly benefit from follow-up. For example, the school has requested Eric's help in updating the computer lab and gradebook program. They also want Linda to help train up new guidance and counseling teachers when Cheryl Kruckemeyer returns to the U.S. We believe even a short visit will increase the sustainability of numerous ministries. 2) During their missionary debriefing retreat in summer 2020, the leaders highly recommended that families with children visit the place of their ministry within two years of moving back to the U.S. This type of visit allows children to reconnect with their previous home and to see it as an actual place-- with joys and challenges-- rather than a fantasy place set on a pedestal in their memories. It helps them better integrate their life experiences. We believe this trip would benefit their family greatly.

In order for this trip to happen, they will once again need partners in ministry, and we at Chapel have decided to gather donations towards this mission trip. Plane tickets will likely cost \$10,000 for their family of four. If you feel called to once again partner with their ministry, you can write a check to "Chapel of the Cross" with "Funke Family Ministry" in the memo line. If you would like to make an online donation with credit or debit card, go to <https://www.chapelofthecross.org/giving> and then email give@chapelofthecross.org to ensure that your donation is directed towards our ministry. Thank you for your continual support of all that God is doing in Tanzania, particularly through the Funke family.

LIFE TEAM:

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:

Emojean Johnson – December 10
Terral Kirkbride – December 10

M*A*P*P GOD'S WORD

Memorize * Apply * Pray * Ponder

Psalm 18:1-2 - "I will love You, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."

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Coming up at Chapel

Tuesday, December 7

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 8

5:30 PM Children's Handbells

6:30 PM Advent Service

7:30 PM Chapel Bells

Thursday, December 9

6:15 PM Joyful Noise

7:00 PM Choral Singers

Saturday, December 11

10:00 AM Christmas Concert rehearsal

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, December 12

8:30 AM Worship Service

9:45 AM Adult Bible Study

9:45 AM Children and Youth Christmas Program practice

11:00 AM Christmas Concert

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Luke 3:4 – "As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the Prophet, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.""

God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than 700 years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do! That's yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives. He knows what's coming, and we don't.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

We are supporting *Day 3 Seeds*, *Christian Friends of New Americans*, and *Food for the Poor* with a **March 5, 2022**, Silent Auction and Trivia Night. Please speak with Bill Rusnak as we need various workers, players, and auction items as donations. All proceeds will support these three Mission and Outreach organizations.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (11/28/2021):

- Worship: 165 and 13 visitors

Last week's offering (11/28/2021):

- General Fund: \$24,813
- Building / Capital Fund: \$5,140
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$117

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$594,584
- Building / Capital Fund: \$61,271

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$685,152
- Building / Capital Fund: \$83,298