



## BIBLE STUDY

### Sunday 9:45 am Bible classes: Lower Level

Weekly Readings 9:45 am Room #9

Focusing on the Epistle of the day  
Children's Sunday School Room #2 &  
#4

Youth Confirmation Room 8:45 am

Senior High Youth Room

## Announcements

**Voters' Annual Meeting:** The annual Voters' Assembly meeting will be held on Monday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 9. We will be ratifying changes to the Board of Elders and Board of Directors. We'll be reviewing our current financial situation and approving the 2025 budget. Our ministry leaders will talk about activities and plans, and we'll have time to answer your questions. If you'd like to submit a question early, please leave it in the office mailbox for the President of the Congregation.

**Christmas Decorating** Saturday, December 7th - Please join us as we adorn Chapel with Christmas decorations. Enjoy coffee and donuts while we decorate! Sign up at the Welcome Center - You can choose an area to decorate upon arrival at 9:00 a.m. or we'll show areas of greatest need. See Bill Rusnak for more information

**Mary-Martha Guild:** We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you on Monday, December 9 at 6:30 PM when we will enjoy the meal prepared for us by Catering To You. Our thanks to those of you who made reservations. Also, a reminder to bring a wrapped white elephant gift to exchange. Vicar Samuel Wondemu will be joining us and will narrate the Right-Left game. We look forward to an enjoyable evening. **CHRISTMAS COOKIES:** Our Christmas Cookie Fundraiser begins Saturday, December 7 at 9 AM in the gym. Please bring the basic cookies from the cookie kit(s) you selected at our November meeting along with six to eight dozen of your favorite fancy cookies. The Christmas Cookie sale will take place Saturday and Sunday, December 7 & 8. Thank you for your support.

**The Funeral Luncheon Committee** is looking for a male volunteer to help set up and take down tables and chairs for funeral lunches. Contact Susan Petersen at 314-610-9653

**CrossRoads:** Contributions for the winter issue of CrossRoads are due today.

**The Flowers** on the altar are in loving memory of Orv Mueller "All Glory to God" from Clara. Flowers also given in honor of Ken and Karin Gerler's wedding anniversary.

**Director of the Month:** John Jordan has been a member of Chapel for 17 years. He was on the board of directors in the past and served as treasurer. He also served on the mission outreach committee and is an usher. He is currently employed by the Missouri Council of the Blind. He has two brothers, Mitch and Jimmie and a sister Pat.

## In Our Prayers this week...

### Those with Health Concerns:

Curtis Balan (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Regina Banks (*friend of Adrienne Burton*)  
Steve Becker (*friend of John Zvirgzdins*)  
Joan Bohrer  
Tanjila Bolden  
Lydia Brown (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
Mardell Brown (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
Cheryl Bush (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)  
Ivy Rose Clark (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Sharon Cole (*friend of Bud & Gail Shultz*)  
Gary Crane (*friend of Bud & Gail Shultz*)  
Robert Cunningham III  
Clyde Dempsey (*father of Julie Seibert*)  
Linda Edgington  
Aulderay Fields  
Darlene Franklin (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
John Gassner (*cousin of Gloria Uttley*)  
Susanna Gregory (*daughter of Gale Damm*)  
Carolyn Hanneman  
Rita Hayes (*sister of Jim Crosier*)  
Donna Heinrich  
Nancy Hissaw (*friend of Adrienne Burton*)  
Virgil Hoffmann  
Dennis Iborg (*brother-in-law of Dawn Iborg*)  
Dawn Iborg  
Marlo Johnson  
Jordan Jones (*friend of Ervin Wilson*)

Frank Jones (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Paul Kelly (*father of Rosalyn Cunningham*)  
Joyce Lackey  
Arminius Matthews (*son of Alicia Harris*)  
Patricia Miano (*mother of Joe Miano*)  
Jerry Mierkowski (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)  
Joan Milligan (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Peggy Miller  
Daryl Mitchell (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Ashley Mosley (*daughter-in-law of Frank & Bessie Mosley*)  
Brandie Mosley  
Iris Outlaw (*sister of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Karen Rae (*relative of Maire Trelz*)  
Valencia Robinson (*sister of Adrienne Burton*)  
Jill Seibert (*mother of Steve Seibert*)  
Jim Seibert (*father of Steve Seibert*)  
Gail Shultz  
John Simon  
Agnes Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)  
Johnnie Spears  
Vernida Summers  
Pam and Tim Taylor  
Dale Ternaprovich (*brother of Joyce Lackey*)  
Jean Thomas  
Mickie Wallerstein (*friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)  
Celita White (*co-worker of John Jordan*)  
George Zvirgzdins

### Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

Eileen Backman (*friend of Mark Petersen*)  
Rick Bales (*friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra*)  
Jay Bentzinger (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)  
Tammy Bushman (*daughter of Mike & Jean Mueller*)  
Lisa Capehart (*niece of Art Williams*)  
Bob Crecelius (*brother of Roy Crecelius*)  
Jane Curran (*friend of Karen Schaeffer*)  
Sue Gassner (*cousin of Gloria Uttley*)  
Diane Goetz-Jordan (*step-daughter of Keith Wetzel*)  
Janet Goldsboro (*cousin of Marilyn Miller*)  
Karin Hornig (*sister of Doris Truetken*)  
Bianca Jackson (*friend of Vernida Summers*)  
Crystal Jackson (*niece of Johnnie Spears*)  
Linda Jones (*cousin of Marilyn Miller*)  
Tom Krauter, Jr. (*son of Tom Krauter*)  
Cheryl Linton (*sister-in-law of Joseph Miano*)  
Amy Marler (*friend of Caroline Moss*)  
Jewel McDaniel (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)  
Martin Rodgers (*cousin of Jerri Bolden*)  
Ellen Saville (*friend of Keith Neuber*)  
Christine Schwepker (*friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra*)  
Arrión Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)  
Terry Steen (*brother of Kathy Glenn*)  
Candy Summers (*friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins*)

The Elder of the Weekend leads prayer in the Prayer Chapel at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday for those on the prayer list. All are welcome to join him. Please also take the opportunity to pray for those on the prayer list during the week.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**Celebrating Olive Middendorf:** Join the family on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, from **12:30 to 3:00 pm**, in the lower level, Room #8, for a Birthday Open House for Olive Middendorf, who will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! Please mark this on your calendar now and sign up at the Welcome Center to ensure sufficient supplies. Thank you for helping our church family to celebrate!

**Chapel Men's First Friday** will be Friday December 6 at 11 a.m. at Fast Eddie's in Alton IL. All men are welcome to attend!

## BIBLE STUDY

**"Surviving The Holidays" from GriefShare:** Whether you have had a loved one die recently or it's been years, and you still struggle with the holidays because of that, we encourage you to come to this special session, which will be held on Tuesday, November 26, from 2:00 – 4:00p.m. You do not need to have attended any of the previous GriefShare sessions to attend. Contact Bill Rusnak at 741-3737 if you think you will be coming so we can have materials prepared for you.

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Join our 1st and 3rd Tuesday 10:00 a.m. study on 1 Samuel and the focus is on the theme of "Prayer" in room #8. December 10 is our final study in 2024, We resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2025

## WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

There is no class on 11/27 as we have worship at 6:30 pm – We resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. See Bill Rusnak for details.

## MISSION TRIP UPDATE

Jennifer Krupp will present information on her recent mission trip to Uganda Africa during the Sunday Education Hour in room #9 at 9:45 am on Sunday, December 1. Thank you to everyone for your generous support!

## MUSIC

**The Choral Singers** (adult choir) meets for regular rehearsals on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the music room (in the lower level). If you are interested in joining us or have any questions, please contact Ryan Meyer, Director of Music Ministry. We are always open to welcoming new members!

**The Chapel Bells** (handbells) will begin meeting for this season next Wednesday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. We could use several more ringers for this season - anyone who is interested, please contact Ryan Meyer, Director of Music Ministry.

## LIFE TEAM

Abortion and assisted suicide arise out of panic. The Advent Gospel offers something better: promise and patient anticipation. During surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis, Jesus Christ means that better days are coming, redemption is drawing near, and none who wait upon the Lord shall be put to shame. Sufferings will end, but blessings accumulate. Breathe, trust hope, and rejoice.

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 2024, 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

## MAPP GOD'S WORD

**Hebrews 10:14** - "For by one offering he has perfected forever them that are sanctified."

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## Coming up at Chapel

### **Monday, December 2**

6:30 PM Confession and Absolution Service

7:00 PM Voters Meeting

### **Wednesday, December 4**

5:00 PM Advent Dinner

6:30 PM Advent Service

7:30 PM Chapel Bells

### **Thursday, December 5**

11:00 AM Bud Shultz Memorial Service

7:00 PM Choral Singers

### **Friday, December 6**

11:00 Men's Lunch-Fast Eddie's

11:00 North Side Bridge Club

### **Saturday, December 7**

9:00 AM Christmas Decorating

5:00 PM Worship Service

### **Sunday, December 8 (Advent 2)**

8:30 AM Worship Service

9:45 AM Youth and Adult Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship Service

## 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," and he willingly gave. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life (in our homes, in the church and in the communities we live in). 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

## HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (11/24/2024):

- Worship 203 and 19 visitors

Last week's offering (11/24/2024):

- General Fund: \$6,872
- Building / Capital Fund: \$676
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$43
- Total 1-1-1 November: \$242

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$590,331
- Building / Capital Fund: \$57,782

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$667,823
- Building / Capital Fund: \$81,827