

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  
Senior High Youth Room  
Youth Confirmation Room #8

Announcements

**Christmas Choir Concert:** Please join Chapel’s choirs, handbells and orchestra today during the 11:00 a.m. worship hour as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, through music and readings! The theme for this year is “Behold, the Lamb of God.” A cookie reception will follow the service in the commons.

**Giving Tree:** This Advent and Christmas season our giving tree in the Commons Area will support the ministry of Friend of Moms. Take one or more of the ornaments with needed items, purchase and bring those items back unwrapped to Chapel before Sunday, December 24 and place them in the receptacle in the Commons Area. Thank you for supporting Friend of Moms this holiday season!

**Crocus Book Store** has a new handmade angel ornament that proceeds will go towards new paraments for the church. The cost of each ornament is \$10.00.

**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, you can use one of the pew envelopes or call the church office (741-3737). Make checks payable to “Chapel of the Cross-Lutheran.” **Deadline:** Monday, December 18. Please let the church office know how you want your memorial to read.

**GriefShare** is a national faith-based organization that forms grief support groups for those who have lost loved ones to death to help them in the healing process. Chapel of the Cross continues to offer GriefShare on Tuesdays from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Our next 13 week cycle starts January 9, 2024. 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 this. It doesn’t matter how long ago the loss has been. Contact Bill Rusnak (741-3737) for more information.

**The Rose by the baptismal font** is in memory of Donna Miller and the joy of Jesus she shared with her Chapel family. Matt and Rachel Gahr

**The Radio Broadcast** is being sponsored by Arnie and Gerry Renken for blessings received.

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:

Jan Arban  
Willie Ball (friend of Aulderay Fields)  
Tracy Ball (friend of Aulderay Fields)  
Vivian Berry  
Tanjila Bolden  
Lydia Brown (friend of Georgia Thomas)  
Mardell Brown (friend of Georgia Thomas)  
Cheryl Bush (friend of Jerri Bolden)  
Sharon Casey (friend of Julie Griffith)  
Ivy Rose Clark (relative of Alexis Cunningham)  
Sharon Cole (friend of Bud & Gail Shultz)  
Gary Crane (friend of Bud & Gail Shultz)  
Ortez Crawford  
Meagan Crump (friend of Jon Rogers)  
Robert Cuningham III  
Bea Daugherty  
Linda Edgington  
Edem Ekpo  
Stephanie Fansin (daughter-in-law of Fred and Joanne Fansin)  
Kymm Fehrs  
Aulderay Fields  
**Darlene Franklin** (friend of Georgia Thomas)  
**Vi Froelich** (2<sup>nd</sup> mom to Julie Seibert)  
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)  
Dennis Iborg (brother-in-law of Dawn Iborg)  
Jordan Jones (friend of Ervin Wilson)  
Paul Kelly (father of Rosalyn Cunningham Schmitt)

Marilyn Koester (Diane Timm’s cousin)  
Joyce Lackey  
**John Linton** (brother-in-law of Joe Miano)  
Malu Martin (sister of Cathy Crosier)  
Bella Matakas (niece of Ken Gerler)  
Duane McCain (uncle of John & Jay Zvirgzdins)  
Patricia Miano (mother of Joe Miano)  
Joan Milligan (friend of Alexis Cunningham)  
Marlo Milligan (friend of Alexis Cunningham)  
Peggy Miller  
Brandie Mosley  
John Nichols (friend of Vernida Summers)  
Darold Pendleton (nephew of Georgia Thomas)  
Karen Rae (relative of Maire Trelz)  
Annette Rueckert  
Steve Seibert  
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)  
Glenda Tubbs (Food Pantry)  
Marcia Turvold  
Mickie Wallerstein (friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller)  
Charles Ward (friend of Alexis Cunningham)  
Lionel Ward (friend of Alexis Cunningham)  
Sandy Wendt

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)  
Tom Hetrick (nephew of Audrey Luedtke)  
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)  
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)  
Arrior Soll (friend of Jerri Bolden)  
Candy Summers (friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**Mary-Martha Guild:** On Monday December 11 at 6:30, all ladies who made reservations are invited to our Christmas Party. It will be catered by Catering to You. Also, a reminder to bring a wrapped white elephant gift to exchange. Please join us for an enjoyable evening.

## 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.* We are taking a break until we resume on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, when we study Deborah and Jael. Copies of this next study are printed and available at the Welcome center near the TV monitor.

**Wednesday Nights:** Join us in January when we begin our new study in Room 8 at 6:30 p.m., as we begin our Study of Daniel.

## 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 Life Team** is excited to announce an Art Fair with the theme "Choose Life...for God is your life and length of days." (Deut. 30:19-20) Submissions are open to all ages and we would love to see all different stages of life represented, from embryo to old age. Please consider submitting a drawing, painting, sculpture, etc. centered around our theme above and using your creativity to glorify God and His creation. If you would like to participate, we ask that you register by December 3rd. The deadline to turn artwork in will be Sunday, January 7th. We will then display all of the art in our Life Library on the weekend of Life Sunday, January 20th and 21st. We look forward to seeing the creativity of Chapel members!

John the Baptist prophesied the Gospel of the Kingdom that with Jesus’ blessing is always coming. Even during surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis, He is not slow to keep His promises. Instead, He acts patiently, not wishing that any should perish. Aren’t we crying out about it as this generation’s voice in the wilderness?

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:

- David Miller – December 13
- Marilyn Noltensmeyer – December 14
- Carol Whiteaker – December 15
- Arthur Williams – December 15
- Olive Middendorf – December 16
- Norma Hillemann – December 19

# MAPP GOD’S WORD

**Galatians 2:8-10** - “For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them.”

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# Coming up at Chapel

- Monday, December 11**  
6:30 PM Mary-Martha Christmas Party
- Wednesday, December 13**  
5:00 PM Advent Dinner  
5:30 PM Children’s Handbells  
6:30 PM Advent Service
- Saturday, December 16**  
9:30 AM Children’s rehearsal  
5:00 PM Worship Service
- Sunday, December 17**  
8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:45 AM Youth & Adult Bible Study  
11:00 AM Children’s Christmas Program

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**2 Peter 3:11 – “Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness?”**  
All the things of the earth have an expiration date: “Good until the last day.” On that day, all these things will be dissolved. The things that seem so important now will simply cease to be. Peter issues this to us as a challenge: Since this is so, what kind of life should we be living? What should your priorities be? Or on the things of God?  
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# HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

- Last week’s attendance (12/3/2023):
  - Worship 201 and 21 visitors
- Last week’s offering (12/3/2023):
  - General Fund: \$18,371
  - Building / Capital Fund: \$1,685
  - 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$37
  - 1-1-1 for November: \$336
- YTD Offerings:
  - General Fund: \$619,382
  - Building / Capital Fund: \$54,078
- YTD Need:
  - General Fund: \$699,426
  - Building / Capital Fund: \$85,409