

# THE CHAPEL Weekly



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THE CROSS  
LUTHERAN

*Living in faith, hope, and love*

December 11, 2022

## BIBLE STUDY

### Sunday Bible classes for:

Sundays at 9:45 am Room #9 Lower level  
Senior High Youth at 9:45 am in Room A,  
Upper level.

Youth Confirmation at 9:45 am in Room  
#8 Lower level

### Sunday school for children:

Sundays at 9:45 am in the lower level

### Woman's Bible study

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 10:00 am

Unshakable Hope

A study by Max Lucado – Room #8

### Wednesday Nights 6:30 – Hebrews

study resumes January 7, 2023, in Room  
#8. Lesson #4 Chapter 4:14-5:10 is  
available at the Commons Display.

## Announcements

**Christmas Choir Concert:** Please join us today at the 11:00 a.m. service as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, with a special musical worship service, including Chapel's various choirs, handbells, and orchestra! A cookie reception will follow in the commons.

**2023 Board of Directors:** Mary Albers, Christy Boehmer, Tim Brown, Riane Cleveland, Alan Freund, Steve Geisz, John Jordan, Jim Koch, John Schmidt, Patrice Skellett, Nancy Swoboda, Gary Timm, Earl Wendt.

**2023 Board of Elders:** Jonathan Bellmann, Jerry Bowen, Paul Brameier, Jim Crosier, Ken Kreitner, Rich Langefeld, Jon Rogers, Craig Schlichtmann, Stan Schwede, Johnnie Spears, David Stahlhut, George Tomazi, Gene Weidner, Jay Zvirgzdins

**Advent Family Nights-Midweek Dinners:** How great to gather for food and fellowship at Church each Wednesday in Advent before the 6:30 pm worship service! The dinner is free, all donations support missions! Come to fellowship and eat starting at 5:00 pm in the Gym. Helpers are needed. See Bill R. and sign up in the Commons.

**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:** Sunday, 12/18. Please let the church office know how you want your memorial to read.

**Thank You** on behalf of Jen Schmidt, Ryan Meyer, Doris Truetken, Carolyn and Bill Rusnak, for your words of recognition, and thoughtful gifts. We each count it as a joy and privilege to be in ministry here and serving with you here at Chapel. We thank God for how He has blessed us and how He continues to bless us through you all.

**Thanksgiving Homebound/Shut-In Luncheon** was a delightful success. All attending expressed how much they enjoyed the event. Thank you to all the many hands that came together to make it a success. "Many hands make light work."

## In Our Prayers this week...

### Those with Health Concerns:

Jan Arban  
Joan Arban  
James Bartel  
Maureen Bartel  
Vivian Berry  
Loretta Bolar (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Tanjila Bolden  
Mardell Brown (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
**Kevin Bruce** (*friend of Dawn Iborg & Maire Trelz*)  
**Sharon Casey** (*friend of Julie Griffith*)  
Elizabeth Cash  
Ivy Rose Clark (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Kim Cunningham (*daughter-in-law to Alexis Cunningham*)  
Donna Dansberry (*sister of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Linda Edgington  
Cheryl Ehmke  
Kymm Fehrs  
Aulderay Fields  
Brene Freeman (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)  
David Funke  
Susanna Gregory (*daughter of Gale Damm*)  
James Haas (*grandson of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)  
Carolyn Hanneman  
Darryal Hughes (*cousin of Aulderay Fields*)  
Diane Hurst (*friend of Diane Timm*)  
Angela Jones (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
Jordan Jones (*friend of Ervin Wilson*)  
Jimmie Jordan (*brother of John Jordan*)  
**John Julian** (*friend of Manfred and Roberta Loesch*)  
Linda Keeney (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)  
Jamie Kirkpatrick (*grandson of Audrey Luedtke*)

Marilyn Koester (*Diane Timm's cousin*)  
Joyce Lackey  
Alice Lombard  
Bella Matakas (*niece of Ken Gerler*)  
Elsie Meyer  
Donna Miller  
Katy Moran (*friend of Jon Rogers*)  
Ethel Moreau (*friend of Audrey Luedtke*)  
Greg Pellegrino (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Leona Pellegrino (*god-daughter of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Darold Pendleton (*nephew of Georgia Thomas*)  
Ethel Pierce (*food pantry*)  
Karen Rae (*relative of Maire Trelz*)  
Bill Rueckert  
Kelly Schlautmann (*food pantry*)  
Anna Scott  
Henry Scott (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
Stef Sims (*friend of Diane Timm*)  
Agnes Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)  
Johnnie Spears  
Sandy Stephens (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)  
Dale Ternaprovich (*brother of Joyce Lackey*)  
Jean Thomas  
Jerome Tomlin (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Ola's Ugobo (*friend of Robert Cunningham*)  
Gloria Uttley  
Lionel Ward (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Hsea Wells (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Carol Whiteaker (*cousin of Mark Petersen*)

### Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

Terry Balke (*Cheryl Balkes brother*)  
Jay Bentzinger (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)  
Tammy Bushman (*daughter of Mike and Jean Mueller*)  
Lisa Capehart (*niece of Art Williams*)  
Judy Christian (*Rick and Lynda Christian's sister-in-law*)  
Jane Curran (*friend of Karen Schaeffer*)  
Mike Datillo (*uncle of Jayme Zvirgzdins*)  
Mike Dunn (*uncle of Rick Christian*)  
Betty Endsley (*mother of Marcy Oliver*)  
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*)  
Tom Krauter, Jr. (*son of Tom Krauter*)  
Cheryl Linton (*sister-in-law of Joseph Miano*)  
Gary Mantei  
Mary Oberman (*friend of Lisa Hager*)  
Marc Openlander (*grandson of Art Williams*)  
Martin Rodgers (*cousin of Jerri Bolden*)  
Keith Rogers (*cousin of Anne Meyer*)  
Ellen Saville (*friend of Keith Neuber*)  
Arrion Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)  
Candy Summers (*friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins*)  
Marilyn-Madison Stinebaugh (*friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)  
Vicki Williams (*daughter of Bill & Grace Green*)  
Bob Woodward (*uncle of Jerry Bowen*)  
Norma Young (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)

### Those who mourn:

The family and loved ones of **Martin Harms**, son of Anna Lou Harms, who died In the Lord on Sunday.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

## Highlights from the December 4, 2022 Annual Voters' Assembly Meeting:

- 59 persons attended. Three sets of minutes were approved: the regular meeting of December 5, 2021 and two special meetings of March 7, 2021 and May 15, 2022.
- The following were ratified as directors: Marty Albers, Alan Fruend, Jim Koch, Patrice Skellet, and Gary Timm; and as elders: Jim Crosier, Craig Schlichtmann, Stan Schwede. Gene Weidner, and Jay Zvirzgdins. All will serve 3-year terms starting in January.
- The Personnel Committee has recommended adding an Associate Pastor position, with a focus on youth and young adult ministry including Summer Camp, but also shut-in and hospital calls and preaching. We plan to call a graduating student from the St. Louis seminary. A call committee has been formed.
- The General Fund budget of \$713,740 was approved for 2023.
- Membership stands at 897 as of November 30, 2022.
- Reports were presented by all staff members.

**Calling of Associate Pastor:** The departure of Pastor Marriott this summer has made it clear that additional pastoral assistance is needed. After a comprehensive look at the options, the Personnel Committee believes that a Seminary Call is the best approach. The Seminary's process requires applications be submitted by February 1, 2023, with interviews of potential candidates occurring in January and February. If God leads the Call Committee to a potential candidate, a meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be held to discuss the candidate and vote on whether to extend a Call. This is a short timeline and we trust that you appreciate the need for swift action.

The Call Committee wants to be as inclusive as possible and so we invite the congregation to contribute suggestions, concerns, potential interview questions for the candidates, and possible names of qualified pastoral candidates. This is very time-sensitive so your feedback needs to be submitted by Sunday, December 18. You may respond by email at [office@chapelofthecross.org](mailto:office@chapelofthecross.org) or via a handwritten note to the church office.

Copies of the Job Description developed by the Personnel Committee are available at the Welcome Center with contact information for the Call Committee. We encourage you to reach out to discuss this exciting and important process for our congregation. Most importantly, we ask you to pray for God's direction and guiding hand to the Call Committee and for our congregation as we chart the future. We will be providing regular updates on the process as it unfolds.

## LIFE TEAM:

Abortion and assisted suicide attempt to acquire one's salvation by. But God's kingdom comes as He mercifully preserves at our weakest. We need not seize happiness at the expense of others. Rather, we advocate endurance in sufferings such as surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis, and with our support for them we strengthen instead of extinguish.

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 2022, 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

## M\*A\*P\*P GOD'S WORD

### Memorize \* Apply \* Pray \* Ponder

**Romans 1:16** – "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

## Coming up at Chapel

### Monday, December 12

6:30 PM Mary-Martha Christmas Party

### Wednesday, December 14

5:00 PM Advent midweek dinner  
5:30 PM Children's Handbells  
6:30 PM Advent Service

### Saturday, December 17

9:30 AM Children's Rehearsal  
5:00 PM Worship service

### Sunday, December 18

8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:45 AM Youth & Adult Bible Study  
11:00 AM Children's Christmas Program

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**Isaiah 35:4** – "Say to those who have an anxious heart, 'Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.'" The return of our Lord at the Last Day is a cause of joy and anticipation for us believers. We know our Lord and His love, and we look forward to His Second Advent. Indeed, how we live our lives here and now flows from our certain hope of resurrection and eternal life.

## HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (12/4/2022):

- Worship: 228 and 7 visitors

Last week's offering (12/4/2022):

- General Fund: \$15,223
- Building / Capital Fund: \$2,496
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$68

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$623,669
- Building / Capital Fund: \$49,195

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$699,426
- Building / Capital Fund: \$85,309

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