

THE CHAPEL Weekly



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Living in faith, hope, and love

December 15, 2024

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

Children's Christmas Program: Please join us for this year's Children's Christmas program, *His Name Shall Be Called*, on Sunday December 22 at the 11:00 am worship service. In this Scripture and music-filled service, the children and youth of Chapel will share how the special names for Jesus in Isaiah 9:6 describe *who* Jesus is and *what* He did for our salvation.

Annual Christmas Concert: Today at the 11:00 am service A music festival of 9 Lessons and Carols. Please join us for this special musical service featuring Chapel's choir, handbells and orchestra as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Hear how ancient prophecies find their fulfillment through the coming of the Messiah in this service of nine readings with carols and anthems. A cookie reception will follow the program in the Commons.

Chapel Men's next First Friday lunch will be Friday, January 3 at 11 a.m. All men are welcome to attend! The location will be announced soon.

Flower and Radio Broadcast Chart: The 2025 flower and Radio Broadcast chart is posted in the hallway near the elevator. Those who wish to donate flowers or a Radio Broadcast (in honor or in memory of a loved one) are encouraged to sign up. Center arrangements are \$45 each. Roses are \$10 each. Radio Broadcast is \$75, Checks or cash can be placed in the offering plate in one of the pew envelopes

Poinsettias: We will decorate the church at Christmastime with poinsettia plants *in honor of or in memory of a loved one*. If you would like to order a 5-7 bloom plant (\$12.00), which may be picked up after the Jan. 6, please use one the pew envelopes or call the church office. Make checks payable to "Chapel of the Cross." **Deadline:** Friday, December 20. Please let the church office know how you want your memorial to read.

Baptism: Madelyn Claire Purcell will receive the gift of God through the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, November 22 at the 8:30 a.m. worship service. We rejoice to welcome Madelyn into the family.

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:

Marty Albers

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*)

Morgan Cunningham (*friend of Jon Rogers*)

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

Milo Lombard

Pam Mains

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*)

Rosalyn Cunninham Schmitt (*mother of Robert Cunningham*)

Jill Seibert (*mother of Steve Seibert*)

Jim Seibert (*father of Steve Seibert*)

Edna Shanklin (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)

Gail Shultz

John Simon

Agnes Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)

Johnnie Spears

Pam and Tim Taylor

Dale Ternaprovich (*brother of Joyce Lackey*)

Jean Thomas

Michael Tohl (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)

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*)

Jim Huntley (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)

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*)

Arrion Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)

Candy Summers (*friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins*)

Vernida Summers

Those Who Mourn:

Pastor Ellory, Kathy and family as they mourn the death of Kathy's brother, Terry Steen.

Carolyn Hanneman and family as they mourn the death of her grand-daughter, Meagan Gray, on November 27.

The family and friends of **Olive Middendorf** who died in the Lord on Dec. 11.

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

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday morning 9:45: We continue with the Epistle readings for the day. 12/8 Philippians 1:2-11, 12/15 Philippians 4:4-7, 12/22 Hebrews 10:5-10, 12/19 No Sunday school or Bible study.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Join our 1st and 3rd Tuesday 10:00 a.m. study on Abigail, based on 1 Samuel 25, will resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2025

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

We resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. See Bill Rusnak for details.

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) meet on Wednesdays 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

Gospel-motivated voices For Life bring reasonableness to the cultural conversation about life issues. It means a message of joy and hope instead of just another angry and fearful demeanor. The sanctity of life proclaims good news to neighbors made poor by pressures toward abortion and physician assisted suicide. God remains mighty to save, even in surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis.

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:

Norma Hillemann – December 19
Evelyn Horkman – December 23

Artie Sullivant – December 20
Bill Rueckert, Jr. – December 24

MAPP GOD'S WORD

Hebrews 1:11- "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

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Coming up at Chapel

Wednesday, December 18

5:00 PM Advent Dinner
6:30 PM Advent Service

Saturday, December 21

9:00 AM Christmas Decorating
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, December 22 (Advent 4)

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

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Philippians 4:5-6 – “The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Wouldn't you like to free from worry and anxiety? Isn't it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God had called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (12/8/2024):

- Worship 193 and 5 visitors

Last week's offering (12/8/2024):

- General Fund: \$28,384
- Building / Capital Fund: \$2,200
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$50

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$652,086
- Building / Capital Fund: \$61,959

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$696,241
- Building / Capital Fund: \$85,309