

BIBLE STUDY

Announcements

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

Christmas Holiday Worship Schedule: Come join together with your brothers and sisters in Christ as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!
Fourth Weekend of Advent:
 December 23/24, 5:00 p.m., 8:30, 11:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship:
 December 24, 5:00 and 10:30 p.m.
Christmas Day Worship:
 December 25, 10:00 a.m.
New Years' Eve Worship:
 December 30/31, 5:00 p.m., 8:30, 11:00 a.m.

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 receptable in the Commons Area. Thank you for supporting Friend of Moms this holiday season!

Crocus Book Store has a new handmade angel ornament, and all 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 Flowers on the altar are from Eunice Broome "For Blessings Received."

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:
 Willie Ball (friend of Aulderay Fields)
 Tracy Ball (friend of Aulderay Fields)
 Vivian Berry
 Tanjila Bolden
 Doris Boyd
 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 Cunningham III
 Bea Daugherty
 Linda Edgington
 Edem Ekpo
 Kymm Fehrs
 Aulderay Fields
 Darlene Franklin (friend of Georgia Thomas)
 Vi Froelich (2nd 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
 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)

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)
 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)
 Arrion Soll (friend of Jerri Bolden)
 Candy Summers (friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins)
Jon Summers (friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins)
For those who mourn: The family and loved ones of **Jan Arban** who died in the Lord on December 8.
For those celebrate: Fred and Joanne Fansin as they celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Lutheran Resale Shop: We just donated \$13,000 each to Lutheran Senior Services and Lutheran Family and Children's Services. A big thank you to all our volunteers and faithful customers! Now a request: Would you like to use your time to help us support Lutheran Family and Children's Services and the two Retirement Communities? We would love to have you volunteer to work with us for a day. We have many jobs here: hanging clothing, folding linens, arranging shelves, sorting clothing, etc. Some of the jobs are sit-down jobs. Bring a friend with you, try us once and see if it would be a fit. We are at 6701 W. Florissant; our hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm. Call us at 314-389-9970.

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 st & 3 rd 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!

Those who believe cannot help but speak. God's love for every human life has filled our mouths with shouts of joy. We have His permission to give voice to this Gospel in all circumstances and without ceasing. Our time has come to bear witness to the Light. Confess and do not deny the sanctity of life!

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:

Artie Sullivant – December 20
Evelyn Horkman – December 23
William Rueckert – December 24
Johnnie Spears – December 26

MAPP GOD'S WORD

Ephesians 2:13-19 - "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off are made near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; to make in himself of two one new man, so making peace; and that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God."

Coming up at Chapel

Tuesday, December 19
10:00 AM Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 20
5:00 PM Advent Dinner
6:30 PM Advent Service

Saturday, December 23
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, December 24
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:30 AM Season of Christmas Event
11:00 AM Worship Service
5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service
10:20 PM Christmas Eve Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

1 Thessalonians 5:18 – "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord's work, in acts of service to others, in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord's many gifts to us.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (12/10/2023):
• Worship 294 and 24 visitors

Last week's offering (12/10/2023):
• General Fund: \$16,519
• Building / Capital Fund: \$7,635
• 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$86

YTD Offerings:
• General Fund: \$635,901
• Building / Capital Fund: \$61,713

YTD Need:
• General Fund: \$713,700
• Building / Capital Fund: \$87,150