

# THE CHAPEL Weekly



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*Living in faith, hope, and love*

December 19, 2021

## BIBLE Study

### Bible class for adults

Sundays at 9:45 am in Room #9.

### Sunday school for children

Sundays at 9:45 am in the lower level

### Special Holiday Services:

**Midweek Advent** – Dec. 22, 6:30 p.m.

**Children's Christmas Program** – Dec. 19, 11:00 a.m.

**Christmas Eve** – Dec. 24, 5:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

**Christmas Day** – Dec. 25, 10:00 a.m.

**New Year's Eve** – Dec. 31, 6:30 p.m.

## Announcements

**Children and Youth Christmas Program:** This Sunday at the 11:00 am worship service, the children and youth of Chapel will present the Christmas program *Symbols of Salvation*. Children and youth will share Bible readings, recitations, songs, and special music to show how the symbols we see at Christmastime point to the Savior of the world. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this special presentation. A cookie reception will follow the program.

**Disaster Relief:** Please keep in your prayers all who were affected by the December 10 tornadoes in Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, and other places. If you are able, please give to LCMS Disaster Response to help with the immediate and long-term needs of those affected. Go to: <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/disaster>

**Advent Dinners** are back! If you would like to help by volunteering, please sign up at the Welcome Center or by calling Jay Z. at 314-708-4089

### Funke Family Service Trip to Tanzania

Eric and Linda Funke and their children Michael and Julia may have moved back to the U.S., but Tanzania is still close to their hearts. They are planning to take a short trip back in 2022 for two reasons. 1) It has been almost two years since they moved back to the U.S. and several of their ministries would greatly benefit from follow-up. For example, the school has requested Eric's help in updating the computer lab and gradebook program. They also want Linda to help train up new guidance and counseling teachers when Cheryl Kruckemeyer returns to the U.S. We believe even a short visit will increase the sustainability of numerous ministries. 2) During their missionary debriefing retreat in summer 2020, the leaders highly recommended that families with children visit the place of their ministry within two years of moving back to the U.S. This type of visit allows children to reconnect with their previous home and to see it as an actual place-- with joys and challenges-- rather than a fantasy place set on a pedestal in their memories. It helps them better integrate their life experiences. We believe this trip would benefit their family greatly.

In order for this trip to happen, they will once again need partners in ministry, and we at Chapel have decided to gather donations towards this mission trip. Plane tickets will likely cost \$10,000 for their family of four. If you feel called to once again partner with their ministry, you can write a check to "Chapel of the Cross" with "Funke Family Ministry" in the memo line. If you would like to make an online donation with credit or debit card, go to <https://www.chapelofthecross.org/giving> and then email [give@chapelofthecross.org](mailto:give@chapelofthecross.org) to ensure that your donation is directed towards our ministry. Thank you for your continual support of all that God is doing in Tanzania, particularly through the Funke family.

## In Our Prayers this week...

### Those with Health Concerns:

Jan Arban  
**Joan Arban**  
Tanjila Bolden  
Shirlene Bower  
Sheri Briley  
Betty Brooks (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Mardell Brown (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
Elizabeth Cash  
Alexis Cunningham  
Linda Edgington  
Ara Ellis (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Kymm Fehrs  
Roland Fischer (*friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)  
Darlene Franklin (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
Susanna Gregory (*daughter of Gale Damm*)  
Tom Hetrick (*friend of Audrey Luedtke*)  
Dr. James Hudson (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Steve Jones (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Delois Mason (*brother of John Jordan*)  
**Jamie Kirkpatrick** (*grandson of Audrey Luedtke*)  
Marilyn Koester (*relative of Diane Timm*)  
Judy Kreider (*friend of Audrey Luedtke*)  
Joyce Lackey  
Makenzie Lenox (*great-niece of Cindy Vogelsang*)  
**Stephanie Littlejohn**  
Delois Mason (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Bella Matakas (*niece of Ken Gerler*)

Elsie Meyer  
Patricia Hayes Mitchell (*sister-in-law of Robert Cunningham*)  
Katy Moran (*friend of Jon Rogers*)  
Darold Pendleton (*nephew of Georgia Thomas*)  
Karen Rae (*relative of Maire Trelz*)  
Ron Rammaha (*friend of Robert Cunningham*)  
Jason Schmidt (*brother of John Schmidt*)  
Henry Scott (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
Brendan Stevenson (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Leona Tellegrino (*god-daughter of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Lou Terry (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Jean Thomas  
Ola's Ugobo (*friend of Robert Cunningham*)  
**Christy Uttley**  
Dorothy Walker (*Aunt of Jerri Bolden*)  
Lionel Ward (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Hsea Wells (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Carol Whiteaker (*former member and cousin of Mark Petersen*)  
**Jasmon Williams** (*food pantry*)

### Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

Tammy Bushman (*daughter of Mike and Jean Mueller*)  
Lisa Capehart (*niece of Art Williams*)  
Judy Christian (*Rick and Lynda Christian's sister-in-law*)  
Mike Datillo (*uncle of Jayme Zvirgzdins*)  
Brian Diekgraef (*friend of Mark Petersen*)

Mike Dunn (*uncle of Rick Christian*)  
Betty Endsley (*mother of Marcy Oliver*)  
Ayla Frushon (*friend of Cheryl Balke*)  
Kenneth Fuchs (*former LHSN band director*)  
Diane Goetz-Jordan (*step-daughter of Keith Wetzel*)  
Agnes Gray (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)  
Denise Hildebrand  
Tom Krauter, Jr. (*son of Tom Krauter*)  
Mary Kuntz (*friend of Julie Seibert*)  
Mary Moeller (*cousin of Audrey Luedtke*)  
Mary Oberman (*friend of Lisa Hager*)  
Marc Openlander (*grandson of Art Williams*)  
Martin Rodgers (*cousin of Jerri Bolden*)  
Ellen Saville (*friend of Keith Neuber*)  
Dana Segal (*daughter of Donna Stewart*)  
Arrion Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)  
Eloise Srednicki (*cousin of Tim Brown*)  
Marilyn-Madison Stinebaugh (*friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)  
Chris Turmenstein (*friend of Glenn and Joyce Lackey*)  
Scott Whiteaker (*former member and cousin of Mark Petersen*)  
Bob Woodward (*uncle of Jerry Bowen*)

### Those Who Celebrate:

Michael and Maureen Green upon the baptism of their son, Mackland Allen Green

**Fred and Joanne Fansin** as they celebrate their 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**Porter Position:** Chapel is looking to hire a Porter. This is a part-time position requiring a flexible but regular schedule involving light maintenance, event set-up and take down of tables and chairs. If you, or someone you know is interested, please contact Bill Rusnak 314-741-3737

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Sunday Mornings:** Join us in Room #9 each week at 9:45 am and enjoy the *Enduring Faith* series.

**Tuesday Mornings:** Our Women's Study on the first and third Tuesdays at 10:00 am is *Be Thou My Guide* - a Bible study on Trusting God. We gather in Room #8.

**Wednesday Evenings:** This 6:30 pm is an interactive study on *The Chosen* video Series – Season #2 resumes January 5, 2022, in person in Room #9.

## ADULT MINISTRY:

**GriefShare:** The next cycle of GriefShare starts Tuesday, January 4, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., and Thursday, January 6, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. 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 special ministry. It doesn't matter how long ago the loss has been. Contact Bill Rusnak for more information (741-3737).

## MISSION AND OUTREACH:

**Silent Auction and Trivia Night:** March 5, 2022 We are supporting *Day 3 Seeds*, *Christian Friends of New Americans* and *Food for the Poor*. Please speak to Bill Rusnak as we need various workers, players, and auction items as donation. All proceeds will support these three Mission and Outreach organizations.

## LIFE TEAM:

The Scripture clearly declare the liveliness our Lord brings even when unborn. Not only does he bestow this love explicitly upon every embryo, but He makes it a reason for rejoicing. Let the whole world think us fools-only let us still leap, delight, and speak loudly in celebration of 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 2021, 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:

Art Williams – December 15  
Norma Hillemann – December 19  
Artie Sullivant – December 20  
Earl Haake – December 21  
William Rueckert – December 24

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

Memorize \* Apply \* Pray \* Ponder

**1 John 4:20-21** - "If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also."

## Coming up at Chapel

### Tuesday, December 21

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study

### Wednesday, December 22

6:30 PM Advent Service

### Friday, December 24

5:00 and 10:30 PM Christmas Eve Services

### Saturday, December 25

10:00 AM Christmas Day Service  
No 5:00 PM service

### Sunday, December 26

8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:45 AM Adult Bible Study  
11:00 AM Worship Service

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**Luke 1:45** – "And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." The Lord always fulfills what He promises. We can be certain of that, and He has proven it over and over again. This faith in the Lord's own faithfulness is what gives us the courage to follow the Lord's commands in the face of the world's anger and resistance. Mary's faith also gave her the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.

## HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (12/12/2021):

- Worship: 244 and 23 visitors

Last week's offering (12/12/2021):

- General Fund: \$21,746
- Building / Capital Fund: \$2,532
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$38

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$630,461
- Building / Capital Fund: \$65,048

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$713,700
- Building / Capital Fund: \$86,780

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