



CHAPEL OF
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Living in faith, hope, and love

THE CHAPEL

Weekly

December 20, 2020

BIBLE STUDY

Bible class for adults

Sundays at 9:45 am in Room #9.
Please register by calling the church or signing up at the Welcome Center.
Please note: There will be no Bible classes on December 27

Sunday school for children

Will continue to be posted weekly on-line at www.chapelofthecross.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Banners: Chapel's Fine Arts Committee is very excited to present nine new banners created for our chancel area during the Christmas season! Together, these individual banners create the Nativity scene. We want to say thank you to Sue Plack, Jayme Zvirgzdins, Kristi Marriott, Clara Mueller, Judy Kooi, Anne Meyer, Rachel Gahr, Diane Timm, Kathy Glenn, and Marla Ackermann for all their hard work on this collaborative project!

The Lutheran Resale Shop is still open with careful attention to the restrictions due to Covid. We are a very unique thrift shop. We have clothing for the whole family, furniture, craft supplies, including fabric, housewares, jewelry and lots of vintage collections. All of our profits go to Lutheran Family and Children's Service's and Lutheran Senior Services. We always welcome new volunteers and donations. We are at 6701 W. Florissant, phone 314-389-9970.

Crocus Books and Gifts will be selling their Christmas cards along with some gift ideas this weekend through December 20th. Our tables will be located in the Commons by the office. Available at the Saturday night and Sunday morning services (8-11 a.m.) and during the week. Remember to practice social distancing.

GriefShare Chapel of the Cross is once again offering GriefShare two times, Tuesdays from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., and Thursdays from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., starting January 5 and 7, 2021. 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. Call Bill Rusnak at 741-3737 for more information.

Radio Broadcast today is being sponsored by Nancy and Marilee Kuhrik, in memory of the wedding anniversary of their parents, John and Mary Kuhrik who were married on Christmas Day.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

The names in bold print are new to the prayer list this weekend.

Those with Health Concerns:

Jan Arban
Joan Arban
Scott Barber (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Marilyn Benoist
Tanjila Bolden
Stephanie Bollinger-Drennen (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
John Brown (son of Helga Brown)
Lonza Bufford (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)
Sadie Bufford (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Elizabeth Cash
Kamia Cleveland
Aniya Cleveland
Jared Cleveland
Doris Coffeit (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
Luxora Crawford (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Barbara Davis (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Kathy Doherty (*friend of Fred Schroeder*)
Linda Edgington
Cheryl Ehmke
Carolyn Faerber
Kymm Fehrs
Lloyd Flint (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Legend Freeman (*God grandson of Alexis Cunningham*)
Grace Green
Susanna Gregory (*daughter of Gale Damm*)
Audrey Helsley (*mother of Cathy Crosier*)
Megan Hereford
Diane Hurst (*Helping Hands Food Pantry*)
Dawn Iborg
Marilyn Krauter
Frank Lehner

Makenzie Lenox (*great-niece of Cindy Vogelsang*)
Alan Londe (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
Bella Matakas (*niece of Ken Gerler*)
Elsie Meyer
Louis McNeal (*brother-in-law of Alexis Cunningham*)
Patricia Hayes Mitchell (*sister-in-law of Robert Cunningham*)
Darold Pendleton (*nephew of Georgia Thomas*)
Michael Miguel Pohl (*friend of Rosilyn Cunningham Smith*)
Wandra Seward
Johnnie Spears
Jean Thomas
Rebecca Trump (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Ted Vogel
Charles Ward (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Lionel Ward (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Joyce Weidner
Earl Wendt
Carol Whiteaker (*former member and cousin of Mark Petersen*)

Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

Lisa Capehart (*niece of Art Williams*)
Tracey Cottrell (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Mike Datillo (*uncle of Jayme Zvirgzdins*)
Mike Dunn (*uncle of Rick Christian*)
Christy Elfrink (*friend of Mark Petersen*)
Betty Endsley (*mother of Marcy Oliver*)
Diane Goetz-Jordan (*step-daughter of Keith Wetzel*)
Agnes Gray (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Eddie Hester (*friend of Jay Zvirgzdins*)
Denise Hildebrand

Don Kane (*father of Sheri Briley*)
Tom Krauter, Jr. (*son of Tom Krauter*)
Mike Lee (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Lyn Lodholz (*daughter of Bill and Annette Rueckert*)
Sherri Mansfield (*friend of Steve and Julie Seibert*)
Mary Moeller (*cousin of Audrey Luedtke*)
Marc Openlander (*grandson of Art Williams*)
Martin Rodgers (*cousin of Jerri Bolden*)
Ellen Saville (*friend of Keith Neuber*)
Nick Schmitt (*husband of Rosilyn Cunningham-Schmitt*)
Lincoln Scott (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)
Arrión Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Richard Steinbrueck (*brother of Leon Steinbrueck*)
Lisa Steinbrueck (*daughter-in-law of the Steinbruecks*)
Debbie Steinbrueck (*daughter of Joann & Leon Steinbrueck*)
Scott Whiteaker (*former member and cousin of Mark Petersen*)
Joan Wolf (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)
Bob Woodward (*uncle of Jerry Bowen*)

Those who celebrate: Fred and Joann Fansin on their 60th wedding anniversary on December 23.

Linda Moellering and **Gordon Elmeer** as they were joined together in marriage on Saturday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Confirmation classes have resumed. Current confirmation students should have heard from Pastor Marriott already, but we especially want to connect with any new confirmation students or families. For more information, please contact Pastor Marriott (james.marriott@chapelofthecross.org) or the church office.

Every Other Wed. Night Book Study: *Grace Upon Grace: Spirituality for Today*. We will resume in January. Join us in person or by Zoom at 6:30 pm every other Wednesday night. Contact Bill Rusnak to sign up, get your book and the discussion questions to guide our reading.

Wednesday	Lesson
1/13/21	The Mystery of Christ - Read pages 59-71 before class
1/27/21	The Mystery of Christ - Read pages 71-86 before class
2/11/21	The Mystery of Meditation - Read pages 87-95 before class
2/25/21	The Mystery of Meditation - Read pages 95-104 before class

WANTED: Broken or Used Jewelry and Silver Plated Utensils. Look for the treasure chest in the commons to donate your items! Monarch Jewelry will turn your pieces into hope for a trafficked girl. Monarch Jewelry is a Christian ministry in connection with **Crisis Aid International** that creates artistic jewelry and accessories as a unique way to engage in the fight against modern day slavery. Their mission is to increase awareness, raise funds and encourage others to fight against sex trafficking. All profits from the sale of Monarch Jewelry and accessories goes to Crisis Aid's St. Louis Refuge home. We are grateful to partner with and help support them as they work to rescue, restore and set captives free!

LIFE TEAM

Life Thought: Anyone who experiences surprise pregnancy understands Mary's "greatly troubled" (Luke 1:29). But since every conception comes about only by God's good and gracious will, we can rest assured that especially in such circumstances, "The Lord is with you (Luke 1:28) and "You have found favor with God" (Luke 1:30). Who needs "my body, my choice" when we declare, "Let it be according to your Word" (Luke 1:38)?

M*A*P*P GOD'S WORD

Memorize * Apply * Pray * Ponder

James 2:5-7 – "Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?"

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COMING UP AT CHAPEL

Thursday, Dec 24

3:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship
5:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship
10:30 PM Christmas Eve Worship

Friday, Dec 25

10:00 AM Christmas Worship

Saturday, Dec 26

5:00 PM Worship

Sunday, Dec. 27

8:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Worship

In-person worship will be limited in number, socially distanced services to comply with St. Louis County requirements.

Services can still be viewed online at chapelofthecross.org on Sunday morning.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Philippians 4:6 – "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Paul puts two things in opposition to each other: anxiety and prayer. So, trade your worries for prayers! You have a Father who loves you and desires to hear your prayers and bless you.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (12/13/2020):

- Worship: 105 and 6 visitors

Last week's offering (12/13/2020):

- General Fund: \$24,566
- Building / Capital Fund: \$485
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$36

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$623,417
- Building / Capital Fund: \$59,756

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$713,700
- Building / Capital Fund: \$87,050