

# THE CHAPEL Weekly



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THE CROSS  
LUTHERAN

*Living in faith, hope, and love*

December 22, 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*, today 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.

**Thank you!** The youth at Chapel of the Cross want to say "thanks!" Thank you to all who donated at the Advent dinners toward their upcoming trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. These donations help tremendously with hotel, travel, and food costs. If you'd like to help the youth but didn't have the opportunity at the Advent dinners, you can write a check to Chapel of the Cross, write "Youth" on the memo line and envelope, and drop it in the offering plate or at the church office. Thank you for your support of Chapel Youth!

**Silent Auction and Trivia Night:** Saturday March 8, 2025, we are supporting our Youth attending the National *Lutheran Youth Gathering!* Speak with Bill Rusnak as we still need various workers, players in tables of 8, and silent auction items as donations. Registration forms, and a Worker's Sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center. Sign up for your table, or as an individual! Cost \$15 per person or \$120 for a table of eight. Doors open at 5:30 pm the game starts at 6:30 pm

**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

**The Rose** on the baptismal font is in celebration of the baptism of Madelyn Claire Purcell.

## In Our Prayers this week...

### **Those with Health Concerns:**

Curtis Balan (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Regina Banks (*friend of Adrienne Burton*)  
Steve Becker (*friend of John Zvirgzdins*)  
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  
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 Cunningham 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  
Dale Ternaprovich (*brother of Joyce Lackey*)  
Jean Thomas  
Michael Tohl (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Mickie Wallerstein (*friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)  
**Eric Williams** (*son of Betty and Les Williams*)  
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*)  
**Phyllis Davidson** (*friend of Carole Lehner*)  
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:**

**Adrienne Burton** and **Carla Rainey** upon the death of their cousin, Debbie Williams last week Wednesday

### **Those Who Celebrate:**

**Jacob and Meagan Purcell** upon the baptism of their daughter, Madelyn Claire.

*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

**Friend of Moms:** Thank you, dear friends, for your donations to the Friend of Moms Giving Tree. We collected 141 Diapers, 14 Boys/Girls outfits, 27 Board Books, 5 caps, 2 toys, 7 pkg of underpads!

## BIBLE STUDY

**Chapel of the Cross Small Groups:** As an outgrowth of our 2024 strategic planning – members have told us that communication and relationship are top priorities. Small groups exists for these purposes – to bring people together around the Word of God – to live in community with others, and to enjoy meaningful relationships. Please find the hand-out on the Welcome Center if your interested in learning more about Chapel small groups and to sign up.

**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

Whether the hamlet of Bethlehem or gestating babies, the God of Christmas loves to elevate what seems insignificant. Indeed, the heart of the Gospel consists in exalting those of humble estate. Rejoicing in the Lord who creates, redeems, and calls regardless of size, skills, or circumstances, the sanctity of life delights to declare nothing less!

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:

Johnnie Spears – December 26  
George Tomazi – December 27  
Maire Trelz – December 31

Gail Shultz – December 27  
Connie Fielding – December 29

## MAPP GOD'S WORD

**Hebrews 11:6-** “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

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## Coming up at Chapel

### **Tuesday, December 24**

Office closed  
5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service  
10:30 PM Christmas Eve Service

### **Wednesday, December 25**

Office closed  
10:00 AM Christmas Day service

### **Saturday, December 28**

5:00 PM Worship Service

### **Sunday, December 29**

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

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**Luke 1:45 – And blesses is she who believed that there would be 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, just as it gave Mary the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.

## HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (12/15/2024):

- Worship 263 and 13 visitors

Last week's offering (12/15/2024):

- General Fund: \$16,221
- Building / Capital Fund: \$1,142
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$143

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$668,307
- Building / Capital Fund: \$63,101

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$710,450
- Building / Capital Fund: \$87,050