



THE CHAPEL Weekly

December 26, 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:

New Year's Eve – Dec. 31, 6:30 p.m.

Announcements

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>

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 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.

The Flowers on the altar are in honor of **John and Mary Simon's** 30th wedding anniversary and from **Gary and Diane Timm** as they celebrate the baptism of their grandson, Maverick Robert Evans.

The Radio broadcast is sponsored by **Nancy and Marilee Kuhrik**, in loving memory of their mother Mary Kuhrik.

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:

Jan Arban
Joan Arban
Christy Boehmer
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*)
Jimmie Jordan (*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*)
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 Diekgraefe (*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:

John and Mary Simon as they celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary
Gary and Diane Timm as they celebrate the baptism of their grandson, Maverick Robert Evans

Those Who Mourn:

The family and loved ones of **Mary Luecke** (sister-in-law of Karen Totra) who died in the Lord on December 21

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:

Any message that only placates the culture cannot lay claim to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The power of His Word will have consequences for us and stir up reactions in those who hear it. But our insistence that they know of His grace and forgiveness- especially applied to life issues- will capture attention to how He loves and saves every human being.

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:

Johnnie Spears – December 26
Gail Shultz – December 27
George Tomazi – December 27
Barbara Gray – December 31
Maire Trelz – December 31

M*A*P*P GOD'S WORD

Memorize * Apply * Pray * Ponder

Ephesians 4:1-3 "I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Coming up at Chapel

Monday, December 27

Office Closed

Friday, December 31

Office Closed

6:30 PM New Year's Eve Service

Saturday, January 1

5:00 PM Worship service

Sunday, January 2

8:30 AM Worship Service

9:45 AM Adult Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

John 1:12 – "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." In the beginning, we were made in God's image. Then Adam and Eve sinned, and the image was tarnished. In some ways, it was even lost. But Christ has come to restore us to make us God's children again, and to restore the image of God within us. The Christian life is a life of growing into that image, of struggling against sin, and striving to imitate our Lord in His mercy, generosity, love, faithfulness, and kindness.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (12/19/2021):

- Worship: 145 and 6 visitors

Last week's offering (12/19/2021):

- General Fund: \$10,016
- Building / Capital Fund: \$805
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$59

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$640,477
- Building / Capital Fund: \$65,853

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$727,974
- Building / Capital Fund: \$88,521

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