

# THE CHAPEL Weekly



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THE CROSS  
LUTHERAN

*Living in faith, hope, and love*

December 29, 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

**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. at Ferguson Brewing Company. All men are welcome to attend!

**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

**Lutheran Witness:** It's time for the renewal of your Lutheran Witness subscription for 2025-2026. If you would like to order or renew, please remit \$20.65 to the church office by Sunday, January 26.

**The flowers on the altar** are in celebration of a well-deserved retirement for Stan Schwede. The Schwede and Dunn family.

## 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*)

**Judy Kooi**

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*)

**Judith Perry**

Karen Rae (*relative of Maire Trelz*)

Valencia Robinson (*sister of Adrienne Burton*)

Rosalyn Cunninham 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*)

**Stephanie Wallace**

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

*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 under pads!

## 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

The Old Testament ritual of redeeming firstborns clearly declares that the Lord gives us our children, but they belong to Him. Little ones are gifts and privileges, not property, preferences, accessories, or right. The coming of Christ extends this designation to every neighbor, including those of advanced age. Let us not neglect to teach and admonish one another about it.

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:

Janey Neustadt – January 1

Joan Bohrer – January 7

## MAPP GOD'S WORD

**Hebrews 12:28-29-** “Therefore we receiving the kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: Be not carried about various and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with foods, which have not profited them that have been observing them.”

## Coming up at Chapel

**Tuesday, December 31**

**New Years Eve**

Office closed

6:30 PM Worship Service

**Wednesday, January 1**

Office closed

**Saturday, January 3**

5:00 PM Worship Service

**Sunday, January 4**

8:30 AM Worship Service

9:45 AM Youth and Adult Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship Service

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**Luke 2:38 – “A coming up that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.”** Notice here how giving thanks to God leads to good works (speaking about Jesus in this case). Thankfulness towards God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say and do?

## HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (12/22/2024):

- Worship 209 and 10 visitors

Last week's offering (12/22/2024):

- General Fund: \$8,131
- Building / Capital Fund: \$667
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$54

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$676,438
- Building / Capital Fund: \$63,768

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$724,659
- Building / Capital Fund: \$88,791

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