

# THE CHAPEL Weekly



CHAPEL OF  
THE CROSS  
LUTHERAN

*Living in faith, hope, and love*

December 3, 2023

## BIBLE STUDY

### Sunday 9:45 am Bible classes: Lower Level

Weekly Readings 9:45 am Room #9  
Children's Sunday School Room #2 & #4  
Senior High Youth Room  
Youth Confirmation Room #8

## Announcements

**Christmas Choir Concert:** Please join Chapel's choirs, handbells and orchestra on Sunday, December 10, during the 11:00 a.m. worship hour as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, through music and readings! The theme for this year is "Behold, the Lamb of God." A cookie reception will follow the service in the commons. Please mark your calendars to attend this special musical worship service!

**Thank you** to all who participated in the Christmas card project! 133 cards will be mailed to a church in Bloomington, IL which will then be distributed to New Americans. Thanks also to Mary Martha Guild for sending \$100 to help cover the cost. This is one way we've shared hope with New Americans. This project is sponsored by Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services.

**Mary-Martha Guild:** On Monday December 11 at 6:30, all ladies who made reservations are invited to our Christmas Party. It will be catered by Catering to You. Also, a reminder to bring a wrapped white elephant gift to exchange. Please join us for an enjoyable evening.

**Poinsettias:** We will decorate the church at Christmastime with poinsettia plants *in honor or in memory of a loved one*. If you would like to order a 5-7 bloom plant (\$10.00), which may be picked up after Jan. 6, you can use one of the pew envelopes or call the church office (741-3737). Make checks payable to "Chapel of the Cross-Lutheran." **Deadline:** Monday, December 18. Please let the church office know how you want your memorial to read.

**The Flowers and the Radio Broadcast** is being sponsored in loving memory of Orv Mueller from Clara.

**Director of the week: Riane Cleveland** has been a member of Chapel of the Cross since 1998. She was confirmed at Chapel in 2012, has served on Altar Guild, Mission and Outreach committee, video streaming team, summer camp counselor from 2016 to 2018, and was a greeter. Her current job is Social Media Coordinator for the St. Louis County Dept of Public Health. Her mother Tonja Cleveland, her grandmother Jerri Bolden and siblings Jalil, Jared, Aniya and Kamia Cleveland are members also.

## In Our Prayers this week...

### Those with Health Concerns:

Jan Arban  
John Baker (*friend of Glenn & Joyce Lackey*)  
Willie Ball (*friend of Aulderay Fields*)  
Tracy Ball (*friend of Aulderay Fields*)  
Ellen Bauer (*food pantry*)  
Vivian Berry  
Tanjila Bolden  
Lydia Brown (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
Mardell Brown (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
**Cheryl Bush** (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)  
Sharon Casey (*friend of Julie Griffith*)  
Ivy Rose Clark (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Sharon Cole (*friend of Bud & Gail Shultz*)  
**Gary Crane** (*friend of Bud & Gail Shultz*)  
Ortez Crawford  
Meagan Crump (*friend of Jon Rogers*)  
Robert Cunningham III  
Bea Daugherty  
Linda Edgington  
Edem Ekpo  
Stephanie Fansin (*daughter-in-law of Fred and Joanne Fansin*)  
Kymm Fehrs  
Aulderay Fields  
John Gassner (*cousin of Gloria Uttley*)  
Susanna Gregory (*daughter of Gale Damm*)  
Carolyn Hanneman  
Rita Hayes (*sister of Jim Crosier*)  
Darryal Hughes (*cousin of Aulderay Fields*)  
Diane Hurst (*food pantry*)  
Dennis Iborg (*brother-in-law of Dawn Iborg*)  
Tony Johnson (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
Angela Jones (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
Jordan Jones (*friend of Ervin Wilson*)  
Paul Kelly (*father of Rosalyn Cunningham Schmitt*)  
Marilyn Koester (*Diane Timm's cousin*)  
Joyce Lackey

**John Linton** (*brother-in-law of Joe Miano*)  
Malu Martin (*sister of Cathy Crosier*)  
Bella Matakas (*niece of Ken Gerler*)  
Duane McCain (*uncle of John & Jay Zvirgzdins*)  
**Patricia Miano** (*mother of Joe Miano*)  
Joan Milligan (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Marlo Milligan (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Peggy Miller  
Katy Moran (*friend of Jon Rogers*)  
Brandie Mosley  
Billy Nelson (*food pantry*)  
John Nichols (*friend of Vernida Summers*)  
Darold Pendleton (*nephew of Georgia Thomas*)  
Karen Rae (*relative of Maire Trelz*)  
B.J. Rohmann (*friend of Mark Petersen*)  
Patricia Rowland (*cousin of Jon Rogers*)  
Annette Rueckert  
Henry Scott (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
Steve Seibert  
Edna Shanklin (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Bud Shultz  
Gail Shultz  
Mark Shultz (*son of Bud & Gail Shultz*)  
John Simon  
Agnes Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)  
Johnnie Spears  
Dale Ternaprovich (*brother of Joyce Lackey*)  
Jean Thomas  
Joey Totra (*grandson of Karen Totra*)  
Glenda Tubbs (*Food Pantry*)  
Marcia Turvold  
Mickie Wallerstein (*friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)  
Charles Ward (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Sandy Wendt  
Michael Wiegand (*food pantry*)  
Stacy Wiegand (*food pantry*)  
Laura Wilson (*friend of Jon Rogers*)

### Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

Tammy Bushman (*daughter of Mike and Jean Mueller*)  
Lisa Capehart (*niece of Art Williams*)  
Bob Crecelius (*brother of Roy Crecelius*)  
Jane Curran (*friend of Karen Schaeffer*)  
Janet Dickhudt (*friend of the Luedtke family*)  
Ayla Frushon (*friend of Cheryl Balke*)  
Sue Gassner (*cousin of Gloria Uttley*)  
Diane Goetz-Jordan (*step-daughter of Keith Wetzel*)  
Agnes Gray (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)  
Tom Hetrick (*nephew of Audrey Luedtke*)  
Justin Hodge (*friend of Jon Rogers*)  
**Karin Hornig** (*sister of Doris Truetken*)  
Bianca Jackson (*friend of Vernida Summers*)  
Janet Keely (*friend of Vanessa Morris*)  
Bob Krauter  
Tom Krauter, Jr. (*son of Tom Krauter*)  
Cheryl Linton (*sister-in-law of Joseph Miano*)  
Gary Mantei  
Amy Marler (*friend of Caroline Moss*)  
Mary Oberman (*friend of Lisa Hager*)  
Marc Openlander (*grandson of Art Williams*)  
Rick (*friend of Jon Rogers*)  
Martin Rodgers (*cousin of Jerri Bolden*)  
Ellen Saville (*friend of Keith Neuber*)  
Arrion Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)  
Candy Summers (*friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins*)  
Bob Woodward (*uncle of Jerry Bowen*)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**CrossRoads** contributions for the Winter, 2024 issue are due by today..

**Ebenezer Lutheran Church** is selling nuts and candy again this year. The order forms are on the Welcome Center. Thank you.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

**Ladies Study:** The 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the lower level in Room 8 is: *Biblical Heroines of Faith – Understanding God's Work in the lives of His people.*

**Wednesday Nights:** The Book of Hebrews at 6:30 pm has been completed. Join us in January when we begin our new study in Room 8.

## MUSIC

**Music Ministry:** Have you ever considered being a part of Chapel's music ministry? Below is a list of our choirs and ensembles and when they rehearse. All are welcome to join us as we "make a joyful noise to the Lord!" Please contact director of music, Ryan Meyer, with any questions. We hope to see you there!

Children's Handbells	Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Chapel Bells (Adult handbells)	Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
Joyful Noise (contemporary)	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 6:15 p.m.
Choral Singers (choir)	Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

## LIFE TEAM

The Life Team is excited to announce an Art Fair with the theme "Choose Life...for God is your life and length of days." (Deut. 30:19-20) Submissions are open to all ages and we would love to see all different stages of life represented, from embryo to old age. Please consider submitting a drawing, painting, sculpture, etc. centered around our theme above and using your creativity to glorify God and His creation. If you would like to participate, we ask that you register by December 3rd. The deadline to turn artwork in will be Sunday, January 7th. We will then display all of the art in our Life Library on the weekend of Life Sunday, January 20th and 21st. We look forward to seeing the creativity of Chapel members!

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 2023, 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:

Emojean Johnson – December 10  
Terral Kirkbride – Decembe 10

## MAPP GOD'S WORD

**Galatians 2:1** - "And you has he made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins."

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## Coming up at Chapel

### Tuesday, December 5

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study

### Wednesday, December 6

5:00 PM Advent Dinner  
5:30 PM Children's Handbells  
6:30 PM Advent Service  
7:30 PM Chapel Bells

### Thursday, December 7

6:15 PM Joyful Noise  
7:00 PM Choral singers

### Saturday, December 9

10:00 AM Concert rehearsal  
5:00 PM Worship Service

### Sunday, December 10

8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:45 AM Youth & Adult Bible Study  
11:00 AM Christmas Concert

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**1 Corinthians 1:9** – "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." The faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us, and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us and will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. So, when it comes to following the Lord's commandments for our daily lives, we know His will is best for us because He is faithful.

## HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (11/26/2023):

- Worship 193 and 15 visitors

Last week's offering (11/26/2023):

- General Fund: \$15,716
- Building / Capital Fund: \$938
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$48

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$601,012
- Building / Capital Fund: \$52,393

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$685,152
- Building / Capital Fund: \$83,668