

THE CHAPEL Weekly



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THE CROSS
LUTHERAN

Living in faith, hope, and love

December 4, 2022

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Bible classes for:

Sundays at 9:45 am Room #9 Lower level
Senior High Youth at 9:45 am in Room A,
Upper level.
Youth Confirmation at 9:45 am in Room
#8 Lower level

Sunday school for children:

Sundays at 9:45 am in the lower level

Woman's Bible study

1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 10:00 am
Unshakable Hope
A study by Max Lucado – Room #8

Wednesday Nights 6:30 – Hebrews
study resumes January 7, 2023, in Room
#8. Lesson #4 Chapter 4:14-5:10 is
available at the Commons Display.

Announcements

Annual Voters' Assembly Meeting: The annual meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be held today at 12:30. This year we will once again hear from our ministry leaders. We will also be conducting our usual business, including the approval of the 2023 budget and the ratification of the new Board of Directors and Board of Elders. That morning we will have a short reception for new confirmands/members after the 11:00 service, so get a cookie or two and join us downstairs after the reception.

Mary-Martha Guild: On Monday December 12th 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 gift (\$5:00 price limit) to exchange. Please join us for an enjoyable evening. Also remember to bring your "What's Your 80" items, baby socks and receiving blankets for Friend of Moms.

Advent Family Nights-Midweek Dinners: How great to gather for food and fellowship at Church each Wednesday in Advent before the 6:30 pm worship service! The dinner is free, all donations support missions! Come to fellowship and eat starting at 5:00 pm in the Gym. Helpers are needed. See Bill R. and sign up in the Commons.

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:** Sunday, December 18. Please let the church office know how you want your memorial to read.

Director of the Week: Brad Purcell has been a member over 30 years, Elder for 6 years. Board member 15 years. Also, served on finance committee and as a treasurer throughout the years. Served on Lutheran High school board for 9 years and finance committee 24 years. He is married to Linda and they have 3 children Jon, Steven, Megan and 2 grandchildren Logan and Kaitlyn.

Christmas Choir Concert: Please join us next Sunday, December 11, at 11:00 a.m. as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, with a special musical worship service, including Chapel's various choirs, handbells and orchestra! A cookie reception will follow in the commons.

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:

Jan Arban
Joan Arban
James Bartel
Maureen Bartel
Vivian Berry
Loretta Bolar (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)
Tanjila Bolden
Mardell Brown (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
Elizabeth Cash
Ivy Rose Clark (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)
Kim Cunningham (*daughter-in-law to Alexis Cunningham*)
Donna Dansberry (*sister of Alexis Cunningham*)
Linda Edgington
Cheryl Ehmke
Kymm Fehrs
Aulderay Fields
Brene Freeman (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)
David Funke
Susanna Gregory (*daughter of Gale Damm*)
James Haas (*grandson of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)
Carolyn Hanneman
Darryal Hughes (*cousin of Aulderay Fields*)
Diane Hurst (*friend of Diane Timm*)
Angela Jones (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
Jordan Jones (*friend of Ervin Wilson*)
Jimmie Jordan (*brother of John Jordan*)
Linda Keeney (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Jamie Kirkpatrick (*grandson of Audrey Luedtke*)
Marilyn Koester (*Diane Timm's cousin*)

Joyce Lackey
Alice Lombard
Bella Matakas (*niece of Ken Gerler*)
Elsie Meyer
Donna Miller
Katy Moran (*friend of Jon Rogers*)
Ethel Moreau (*friend of Audrey Luedtke*)
Greg Pellegrino (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Leona Pellegrino (*god-daughter of Alexis Cunningham*)
Darold Pendleton (*nephew of Georgia Thomas*)
Ethel Pierce (*food pantry*)
Karen Rae (*relative of Maire Trelz*)
Bill Rueckert
Kelly Schlautmann (*food pantry*)
Anna Scott
Henry Scott (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
Stef Sims (*friend of Diane Timm*)
Agnes Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Johnnie Spears
Sandy Stephens (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Dale Ternaprovich (*brother of Joyce Lackey*)
Jean Thomas
Jerome Tomlin (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)
Ola's Ugobo (*friend of Robert Cunningham*)
Gloria Uttley
Lionel Ward (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Hsea Wells (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Carol Whiteaker (*cousin of Mark Petersen*)

Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

Terry Balke (*Cheryl Balkes brother*)
Jay Bentzinger (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Tammy Bushman (*daughter of Mike and Jean Mueller*)
Lisa Capehart (*niece of Art Williams*)
Judy Christian (*Rick and Lynda Christian's sister-in-law*)
Jane Curran (*friend of Karen Schaeffer*)
Mike Datillo (*uncle of Jayme Zvirgzdins*)
Mike Dunn (*uncle of Rick Christian*)
Betty Endsley (*mother of Marcy Oliver*)
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*)
Tom Krauter, Jr. (*son of Tom Krauter*)
Cheryl Linton (*sister-in-law of Joseph Miano*)
Gary Mantei
Mary Oberman (*friend of Lisa Hager*)
Marc Openlander (*grandson of Art Williams*)
Martin Rodgers (*cousin of Jerri Bolden*)
Keith Rogers (*cousin of Anne Meyer*)
Ellen Saville (*friend of Keith Neuber*)
Arriion Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Candy Summers (*friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins*)
Marilyn-Madison Stinebaugh (*friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)
Vicki Williams (*daughter of Bill & Grace Green*)
Bob Woodward (*uncle of Jerry Bowen*)
Norma Young (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)

Those Who Celebrate:

Nicholas and Elizabeth Frasca on the baptism of their children, Isabella Denise and Tristan Nicholas.

Our confirmands and those being received into membership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

History of the Lutheran High Schools A perfect Christmas gift for a Lutheran High School, Lutheran South, or Lutheran North graduate! *Tidings of Great Joy: The History of Our Schools* celebrates the 75-year history of the Lutheran High School Association. The book is available for \$40. It begins with the creation of the Lutheran High School Association in 1945 and concludes with the 2019-2020 school year. It includes the histories of Lutheran High (later known as Lutheran Central), Lutheran South, and Lutheran North. Books can be purchased at LSlancers.org/alumni; or call 314-389-3100 (North); or 314-631-1400 (South). The 411-page soft-cover book may be picked up at either school office. For mail orders, include \$10 for shipping and handling.

Ebenezer Lutheran Church will again be selling candy and nuts this year! You can find the order forms in the Commons. Please place your orders by 12/15/2022.

Do You Shop at Amazon? If so, please consider designating Chapel of the Cross as your preferred charity through the "Amazon Smile" Program, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your total purchase amount to the church at no cost to you. You can do this by going to www.smile.amazon.com. Sign up for Amazon Smile and look for "Chapel of the Cross Luth Ch" on the list of eligible charities. Once you have designated Chapel as your preferred charity, you simply need to access Amazon through smile.amazon.com instead of simply amazon.com, and the church will automatically receive your contribution. It's a simple way to help support the ministries of our church at no cost to you! Contact the church office if you have questions.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Woman's Bible Study: On the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Lower Level Room #8. This study by Max Lucado comes with a book and a Study Guide. Participants read in advance of viewing the DVD followed by group discussion. Our final 2022 study is Tuesday, December 6th. We resume on January 3, 2023.

LIFE TEAM:

Our sinfulness once left us lifeless as stones, but God has taken us for His own beloved children by becoming a little one among us Himself. Now we get to welcome others as Christ has welcomed us. We proclaim the sanctity of every human life to defend the cause of the poor, and we put it into practice to give deliverance to the children of the needy.

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 2022, 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 – December 10

M*A*P*P GOD'S WORD

Memorize * Apply * Pray * Ponder

Acts 3:19 – "Repent therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

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Coming up at Chapel

Tuesday, December 6

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 7

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

Thursday, December 8

6:15 Joyful Noise
7:00 PM Choral Singers

Saturday, December 10

10:00 AM Concert Rehearsal
5:00 PM Worship service

Sunday, December 11

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

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Matthew 3:1-2 – "In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"

John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus' ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out His disciples to preach "repentance for the forgiveness of sins". We never outgrow the need for repentance – for examining our lives, turning away from our sins, and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive his forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (11/27/2022):

- Worship: 160 and 14 visitors

Last week's offering (11/27/2022):

- General Fund: \$22,522
- Building / Capital Fund: \$410
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$113
- 1-1-1 November total: \$304

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$608,446
- Building / Capital Fund: \$46,699

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$685,152
- Building / Capital Fund: \$83,568