



THE CHAPEL

Weekly

December 8, 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

Mary-Martha Guild: We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you on Monday, December 9 at 6:30 PM when we will enjoy the meal prepared for us by Catering To You. Our thanks to those of you who made reservations. Also, a reminder to bring a wrapped white elephant gift to exchange. Vicar Samuel Wondemu will be joining us and will narrate the Right-Left game. We look forward to an enjoyable evening. **CHRISTMAS COOKIES:** Our Christmas Cookie Fundraiser begins Saturday, December 7 at 9 AM in the gym. Please bring the basic cookies from the cookie kit(s) you selected at our November meeting along with six to eight dozen of your favorite fancy cookies. The Christmas Cookie sale will take place Saturday and Sunday, December 7 & 8. Thank you for your support.

Children's Christmas Program: Please join us for this year's Children's Christmas program, *His Name Shall Be Called*, on Sunday, December 22 at the 11:00am 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.

Annual Christmas Concert: Sunday December 15 at 11:00 a.m. A musical festival of 9 Lessons and Carols. Please join us for this special musical service featuring Chapel's choir, handbells and orchestra as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Hear how ancient prophecies find their fulfillment through the coming of the Messiah in this service of nine readings with carols and anthems. A cookie reception will follow the program in the Commons.

Celebrating Olive Middendorf: Join the family on Saturday, December 14th, from **12:30 to 3:00 pm**, in the lower level, Room #8, for an Open House for Olive Middendorf, who will be celebrating her 100th birthday! Sign up at the Welcome Center to ensure sufficient supplies. Thank you for celebrating our church family!

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.

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:

Marty Albers

Curtis Balan (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)

Regina Banks (*friend of Adrienne Burton*)

Steve Becker (*friend of John Zvirgzdins*)

Joan Bohrer

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*)

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

Pam Mains

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

Vernida Summers

Pam and Tim Taylor

Dale Ternaprovich (*brother of Joyce Lackey*)

Jean Thomas

Michael Tohl (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)

Mickie Wallerstein (*friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)

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*)

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*)

Terry Steen (*brother of Kathy Glenn*)

Candy Summers (*friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins*)

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

BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAY MORNING 9:45

We continue with the assigned Epistle readings for the day. 12/8 Philippians 1:2-11, 12/15 Philippians 4:4-7, 12/22 Hebrews 10:5-10, 12/29 No Sunday School or 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

This study will 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) will begin meeting for this season next Wednesday, October 2, 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 people of Christ do not sit still or stay silent. We shout, sing, praise, and bless. We get to testify after the fashion of the Baptist and loud like the Lord who has opened our lips. May we raise our Gospel-motivated voice For Life to encourage and advocate for those vulnerable to the decision of using death as a solution.

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:

Earl Wendt – December 11	David Miller – December 13
Marilyn Noltensmeyer – December 14	Carol Whiteaker – December 15
Arthur Williams – December 15	Olive Middendorf – December 16

MAPP GOD'S WORD

Hebrews 10:16-17 - "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more."

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Coming up at Chapel

Monday, December 9

6:30 PM Mary-Martha Christmas

Wednesday, December 11

5:00 PM Advent Dinner

6:30 PM Advent Service

7:30 PM Chapel Bells

Thursday, December 12

7:00 PM Choral Singers

Saturday, December 14

10:00 Concert Rehearsal

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, December 15 (Advent 3)

8:30 AM Worship Service

9:45 AM Youth and Adult Bible Study

11:00 AM Christmas Concert

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Luke 3:4 – "As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than seven hundred years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do! That's yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives: He knows what's coming and we don't.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (12/1/2024):

- Worship 149 and 11 visitors

Last week's offering (12/1/2024):

- General Fund: \$33,372
- Building / Capital Fund: \$1,977
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$93

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$623,702
- Building / Capital Fund: \$59,759

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$682,032
- Building / Capital Fund: \$83,568