

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 9:45 am Bible classes:  
Lower Level

The Epistle from the Weekly  
Readings-Room 9

Children’s Sunday School- Room 2 & 4

Youth Confirmation- Room 8

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 donation solicitors are needed. Request letters, posters, Registration forms, and Worker’s Sign-up sheets are 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, February 7 at 11 a.m. at Fast Eddies. All men are welcome to attend!

**Mary-Martha Guild** will hold its next meeting on February 10. Vicar Samuel Wondemu will be our guest speaker. We will also have a Soup Supper and refreshments that evening. This will be followed by a business meeting. Please join us for good food and fellowship.

**Join Us for Second Saturdays Women’s Fellowship** All women are invited for a time of food, faith, and fellowship on Saturday February 8 beginning at 9:30 a.m. This monthly event provides Chapel members and friends the opportunity to strengthen connections and encourage one another in the faith. You may bring a light brunch item to share if you wish, but don’t feel you need to—we always have more than enough! We meet in the lower level of Chapel in Room 8. For any questions or further information, please reach out to Mary Laesch (314-704-6906; marylaesch@gmail.com or Jennifer Krupp (314-662-0517; amiablejak@gmail.com)

**Director of the Week:** Matt Gahr became a member of Chapel of the Cross in 2010 along with his wife Rachel. He has worked for Keurig Dr Pepper for over 40 years in various roles (currently in IT) and is looking to retire this year. At Chapel he has served as “Mr. King” (Kingdom Quest Sunday School), sang in the Choir, served on the Board of Elders, plays Bells, is a Lector, Communion Assistant, and a member of Chapel’s Stream Team. Matt and Rachel have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

**The Flowers** on the altar are in celebration of Manfred and Roberta Loesch’s 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on February 1.

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 Gail Shultz)  
Gary Crane (friend of Gail Shultz)  
Morgan Cunningham (friend of Jon Rogers)  
Robert Cuningham III  
Clyde Dempsey (father of Julie Seibert)  
Shari Lou Eakins (friend of Jon Rogers)  
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 Rosilyn Cunningham)  
Ali Kloppenburg (daughter-in-law of Denis and Jan Kloppenburg)  
**Linda Kreitner** (sister-in-law of Ken and Marilyn Kreitner)

Joyce Lackey  
Pam Mains  
Arminius Matthews (son of Alicia Harris)  
Joe Miano, Sr. (father of Joe Miano)  
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 Cuningham)  
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)  
Rosilyn 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  
Linda Taylor  
Dale Ternaprovich (brother of Joyce Lackey)  
Jean Thomas  
Michael Tohl (friend of Alexis Cunningham)  
Ariel Wagner (daughter of Keith and Sandy Otto)  
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:

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)  
Martin Rodgers (cousin of Jerri Bolden)  
Ellen Saville (friend of Keith Neuber)  
Christine Schwepker (friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra)  
Arrior 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

**LAMP Mission Trip:** Have you ever thought of participating in a short term mission trip? We need YOU. Teams are now forming for the summer LAMP mission trip. The dates of this summer's trip are: July 30- August 11. Please come to an informational meeting on Sunday, February 9 at noon to learn more. A light lunch will be served. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please call Mike or Ellen Kehe for more information . (314)607-3735, (314)607-3734. Thank you!

**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry:** We will be collecting items in the welcome center throughout the year for the Shoebox ministry You are welcome to bring any items at any time, however we will highlight some ideas throughout the year. The items for January and February are: Warm Items: hats, gloves, scarves, warm socks. Fashion Accessories: sunglasses, sun hat, baseball cap, bracelet, necklaces.

## 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 you're interested in learning more about Chapel small groups and to sign up.

**New Sunday Morning Bible Class** Beginning on Sunday, February 2, Pastor Glenn will lead a class based on the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relation's (CTCR) report: *Racism and the Church*. The class will provide a theological and historical perspective on the problem while offering guiding principles and Biblical answers for overcoming racism. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. If you would like an electronic copy of the CTCR document, include your email on the sign-up sheet.

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Join our 1st and 3rd Tuesday 10:00 a.m. study on Abigail, based on 1 Samuel 25,

## WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

We are concluding our study on Wednesday, January 22: *Provoking Proverbs*.

Our new Wednesday Evening Bible Class at 6:30 pm, in the Lower Level Room 8, begins *Wednesday, January 29, 2025*. Join Vicar Samuel Wondemu for our study in the *God's Word for Today* series providing an in-depth exploration of the Psalms. Each Session includes chapter context, exciting and challenging discussion, and application from God's Word for our daily lives. Sign up at the Welcome Center so that we can have sufficient materials on hand and ready to go!

## 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

Ever since sinfulness first afflicted creation, labor and delivery shed a mother's blood. The Law of the Lord laments that this echo and threat of death operates right where human life emerges from. So He intervenes with atonement to preserve that precious life. And Jesus embodies this opposition to abortion from the very beginning.

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:

Janet Gronemeyer – February 7

# MAPP GOD'S WORD

**James 1:13** - "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempts He any man."

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# Coming up at Chapel

**Tuesday, February 4**  
10:00 AM Women's Bible Study  
2:00 PM GriefShare

**Wednesday, February 5**  
6:30 PM Bible Study  
6:30 PM Children's Handbells  
7:30 PM Chapel Handbells

**Thursday, February 6**  
7:00 PM Choral Singers

**Saturday, February 8**  
5:00 PM Worship Service

**Sunday, February 9**  
8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:45 AM Youth and Adult Bible Study  
11:00 AM Worship Service  
12:15 PM Marriage Anniversary

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**  
**Luke 2:24 – They went to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.’”** Throughout the Old and New Testaments, God gives us the pattern of proportional giving. If you look at Leviticus 12, you'll see that the sacrifice for purification was either a lamb or a pair of birds if the family had no means to buy a lamb. God calls us to give in proportion to how He has blessed us – and of course Jesus sets the pattern by giving not only a portion, but His all.

# HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (1/26/2025):  
• Worship 196 and 22 visitors

Last week's offering (1/26/2025):  
• General Fund: \$12,720  
• Building / Capital Fund: \$3,400  
• 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$30  
• Total 1-1-1 for January: \$130

YTD Offerings:  
• General Fund: \$46,244  
• Building / Capital Fund: \$8,206

YTD Need:  
• General Fund: \$58,056  
• Building / Capital Fund: \$4,152