

THE CHAPEL Weekly



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Living in faith, hope, and love

February 23, 2025

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 9:45 am

The Epistle from the Weekly Readings – Room 9

Racism and the Church – Room A

Children's Sunday School – Rooms 2 & 4

Youth Confirmation – Room 8

Senior High – Youth Room

Tuesday (1st and 3rd) 10:00 am

Ladies' Bible Study – Room 8

Wednesday 6:30 pm

Psalms – Room 9

Announcements

Silent Auction and Trivia Night: Saturday, March 8, 2025. 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 a 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.

Our workers' orientation meeting is now on Sunday, March 2, after the 11:00 service in Room "A" next to the Nursery.

Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31: Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2025, to direct any remaining 2024 Choice Dollars. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to Chapel of the Cross. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Mary-Martha Guild: On Monday, March 10 at 6:30 pm, the Mary-Martha Guild will hold its regular meeting. Guild member Jennifer Krupp is scheduled to present "Christ is the Passover," an explanation of the elements in a Seder meal. Traditional Seder refreshments are included, and a business meeting will follow. All are welcome to attend.

Handmade Angel Ornaments Available at Crocus Books & Gifts. We are pleased to offer beautifully embroidered angel ornaments handmade by Chapel member Sandy Otto. These ornaments are available at \$10.00 each with all proceeds benefiting the funding of new altar paraments. These ornaments are wonderful not only for Christmas, but also as gifts for a new baby, wedding, anniversary or any other special occasion – or just to have in your home. Please visit Crocus and help support this important cause.

Chapel Men's next First Friday lunch will be Friday, March 7 at 11 a.m. at Uncle Linny's in Pontoon Beach, IL. All men are welcome to attend!

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
Mardell Brown (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
Cheryl Bush (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Ivy Rose Clark (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)
Morgan Cunningham (*friend of Jon Rogers*)
Robert Cunningham 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*)
Ashley Hochuli (*grand-daughter of Marilyn and Bill Miller*)
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*)
Joyce Lackey
Pam Mains

Arminius Matthews (*son of Alicia Harris*)
Alex Metz (*friend of Steve and Julie Seibert*)
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 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*)
Annette Rueckert
Rosilyn 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
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 (*stepdaughter of Keith Wetzel*)
Janet Goldsboro (*cousin of Marilyn Miller*)
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*)
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

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 call Mike or Ellen Kehe for more information. (314)607-3735, (314)607-3734.

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.

Lutheran Resale Shop is asking for volunteers for our semi-annual change-over to Spring clothing on Monday, March 3rd, 10 am - 3 pm. We are an all volunteer Shop with all our profits going to Lutheran Senior Services and Lutheran Family and Children's Services. Your volunteering that day will be either standing or sitting, hanging clothes, carrying boxes or cleaning. We need both ladies and gentlemen. We are at 6701 W. Florissant in St. Louis. Call the Shop for more details or to let us know you are coming.

Friend of Moms Boutique is asking for donations of baby wipes. Thank you for your support.

Sermons now available on podcast platforms for listening and sharing. Past sermon audio from January 2025 available under the title Walking Together in the Word on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and Amazon Podcasts. This is a great way to listen to sermons on the go and share the great sermons at Chapel of the Cross!

BIBLE STUDY

Chapel of the Cross Small Groups have begun – to bring people together around the Word of God – to live in community with others, and to enjoy meaningful relationships. Please find hand-outs on the Welcome Center. Sign up to join a small group!

Ladies Bible Study Join our 1st and 3rd Tuesday 10:00 a.m. study on “Mary, the Mother of Jesus.” Study guides are available at the Welcome Center!

Wednesday Evening Bible Study Join Vicar Samuel Wondemu for our study 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.

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

Surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis confront us with our own weakness. It even leads some to exclude embryos or incapacitated persons from humankind and execute them because of their weakness. Almighty God promises, “My power is made perfect precisely in your weaknesses.” His grace radiates in human frailty, and the blessings He brings in every life more than make up for what we cannot.

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 2025, 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:

Harold Noltensmeyer – February 27
Geraldine Renken – March 3

Herbert Barge – March 3

MAPP GOD'S WORD

James 2:5 - “Hearken, my beloved brethren, Has not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he has promised to them that love him?”

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Coming up at Chapel

Monday, February 24

7:00 PM Board of Directors

Tuesday, February 25

2:00 PM GriefShare

Wednesday, February 26

6:30 PM Bible Study

7:30 PM Chapel Handbells

Thursday, February 27

7:00 PM Choral Singers

Saturday, March 1

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, March 2

8:30 AM Worship Service

9:45 AM Youth and Adult Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Luke 6:30-21 – “Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.” Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty, that's for sure! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus – and every follower of Jesus knows that yes, indeed, it is better to give than to receive.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (2/16/2025):

- Worship 153 and 7 visitors

Last week's offering (2/16/2025):

- General Fund: \$9,509
- Building / Capital Fund: \$1,557
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$33

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$89,378
- Building / Capital Fund: \$20,030

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$101,598
- Building / Capital Fund: \$7,266