

THE CHAPEL Weekly



February 7, 2021

BIBLE STUDY

Bible class for adults

Sundays at 9:45 am in Room #9.

Wed. Night Book study every other
Wednesday at 6:30 PM in person.

Sunday school for children

Sundays at 9:45 am in the lower level
Virtual lessons are also offered online at
www.chapelofthecross.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marriage Anniversary Sunday – Chapel is offering a special opportunity for couples to renew their wedding vows. Join us Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 12 noon for the brief service. All married couples and their family are invited to celebrate. Couples are invited to bring a wedding picture to be displayed.

Sunday School – Chapel of the Cross will offer in-person Sunday School for elementary-aged students beginning this Sunday, February 7! Students and teachers will follow similar protocols as are followed in worship at Chapel and in our local schools and public places: masks will be worn at all times and everyone will practice social distancing. We look forward to studying God's Word together again! If you have any questions, you can email Mary Laesch at tmlaesch@sbcglobal.net. We will continue to offer virtual Sunday School lessons. These can be found on Chapel's website at www.chapelofthecross.org/enduring-faith-sunday-school.

Valentine bags – Chapel families with children are invited to pick up a "We love because He first loved us" Valentine bag to help them share the love of Jesus with others! The bag includes Christian valentines and bookmarks to color and give to people who could use a little extra reminder of God's love this Valentine's Day. Christian stickers and a sweet treat are also included. Bags will be distributed to families with children this Sunday, or you can stop by the church office the following week to pick one up. Email Mary Laesch at tmlaesch@sbcglobal.net with any questions. Extra valentines and bookmarks to color will be available at the welcome center for kids and adults alike!

Thank You for your generosity, Chapel family! After 3 weeks of our diaper drive we have collected over 100 packs of diapers and 81 packs of wipes. The community we serve is grateful. And so are the Friend of Moms volunteers. We will continue to collect diapers through February.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

The names in bold print are new to the prayer list this weekend.

Those with Health Concerns:

Jan Arban
Joan Arban
Scott Barber (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Tanjila Bolden
Pastor Clifford Bischoff
John Brown (*son of Helga Brown*)
Lonza Bufford (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)
Sadie Bufford (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Elizabeth Cash
Luxora Crawford (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Barbara Davis (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Kathy Doherty (*friend of Fred Schroeder*)
Linda Edgington
Cheryl Ehmke
Carolyn Faerber
Kymm Fehrs
Lloyd Flint (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Legend Freeman (*God grandson of Alexis Cunningham*)
Carl Gray, Jr. (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)
Grace Green
Susanna Gregory (*daughter of Gale Damm*)
Melvina Hager
Kathy Hinkle (*aunt of Alexis Cunningham*)
Vickie Holmes (*sister in law of Alexis Cunningham*)
Diane Hurst (*Helping Hands Food Pantry*)
Dawn Iborg
Marilyn Krauter
Makenzie Lenox (*great-niece of Cindy Vogelsang*)
Bella Matakas (*niece of Ken Gerler*)
Elsie Meyer
Louis McNeal (*brother-in-law of Alexis Cunningham*)

Patricia Hayes Mitchell (*sister-in-law of Robert Cunningham*)
Darold Pendleton (*nephew of Georgia Thomas*)
Michael Miguel Pohl (*friend of Rosilyn Cunningham Smith*)
Karen Rae (*relative of Maire Trelz*)
Wandra Seward
Johnnie Spears
Jean Thomas
Rebecca Trump (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Abby VanArsedale (*friend of Jayme Z.*)
Ted Vogel
Cindy Vogelsang
Charles Ward (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Lionel Ward (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Joyce Weidner
Carol Whiteaker (*former member and cousin of Mark Petersen*)

Don Kane (*father of Sheri Briley*)
Tom Krauter, Jr. (*son of Tom Krauter*)
Mike Lee (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Mary Moeller (*cousin of Audrey Luedtke*)
Marc Openlander (*grandson of Art Williams*)
Martin Rodgers (*cousin of Jerri Bolden*)
Ellen Saville (*friend of Keith Neuber*)
Lincoln Scott (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)
Arrión Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Richard Steinbrueck (*brother of Leon Steinbrueck*)
Lisa Steinbrueck (*daughter-in-law of the Steinbruecks*)
Debbie Steinbrueck (*daughter of Joann & Leon Steinbrueck*)
Scott Whiteaker (*former member and cousin of Mark Petersen*)
Bob Woodward (*uncle of Jerry Bowen*)

Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

Lisa Capehart (*niece of Art Williams*)
Tracey Cottrell (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Mike Datillo (*uncle of Jayme Zvirgzdins*)
Mike Dunn (*uncle of Rick Christian*)
Christy Elfrink (*friend of Mark Petersen*)
Betty Endsley (*mother of Marcy Oliver*)
Diane Goetz-Jordan (*step-daughter of Keith Wetzel*)
Agnes Gray (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Eddie Hester (*friend of Jay Zvirgzdins*)
Denise Hildebrand

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Crocus Books & Gifts: Starting February 6 we will have tables set up in the Commons with Valentine, Easter, Mother's Day, confirmation, and graduation cards. They are available individually for 50 cents or sold by the box (price marked on back of box).

Confirmation classes have resumed. Current confirmation students should have heard from Pastor Marriott already, but we especially want to connect with any new confirmation students or families. For more information, please contact Pastor Marriott (james.marriott@chapelofthecross.org) or the church office.

Every Other Wed. Night Book Study: *Grace Upon Grace: Spirituality for Today.* We resume after Lent in May. Join us in person at 6:30 pm every other Wednesday night. Contact Bill Rusnak to sign up, get your book and the discussion questions to guide our reading. Discussion Questions will be available at the Welcome Center.

Wednesday	Lesson
5/12/21	The Mystery of Prayer - Read pages 151-181 before class
5/26/21	The Mystery of Prayer - Read pages 182-217 before class

GriefShare Chapel of the Cross is once again offering GriefShare two times, Tuesdays from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., and Thursdays from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., starting January 5 and 7, 2021. If you have lost a loved one, we hope you will consider exploring the hope and healing that GriefShare has offered to so many others. If you know of someone in a grief situation, tell them about this. It doesn't matter how long ago the loss has been. Call Bill Rusnak at 741-3737 for more information.

Tax Preparation Help – Free tax return preparation and electronic filing is available from Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) at Twillman House (11840 Bellefontaine Rd.) every Tuesday, February 2 through March 30, 2021, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Appointment is required. Register at www.MCTCfreetax.org, or email slvavita@gmail.com, or call 314-441-6893 for help with scheduling.

LIFE TEAM

Life Thought: "The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3). Didn't Jesus atone for the sins of abortion and assisted suicide? Doesn't the Heavenly Father love those who promote or participate in them just as much as the lives they have taken? For their sake, let us not hesitate to directly apply both the diagnosis of sinfulness and the medicine of forgiveness in our congregations and our conversations.

Birthdays: 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 2021, 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
Ervin Wilson – February 13

M*A*P*P GOD'S WORD

Memorize * Apply * Pray * Ponder

James 4:7, 10 – Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

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COMING UP AT CHAPEL

Monday February 8
7:00 PM Elders Meeting

Tuesday, February 9
2:00 PM Grief Share
6:30 PM Joyful Noise

Wednesday, February 10
7:30 PM Chapel Bells

Thursday, February 11
6:30 PM Grief Share

Saturday, February 13
5:00 PM Worship

Sunday, February 14
8:30 AM Worship
9:45 AM Youth & Adult Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship
12:00 PM Marriage Anniversary
Sunday

In-person worship will be limited in number, socially distanced services to comply with St. Louis County requirements.

Services can still be viewed online at chapelofthecross.org on Sunday morning.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

1 Corinthians 9:25 – "Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable."
"Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit-for the desires of the flesh are at war with the desires of the Spirit. Having received the new life in Christ by his grace, he now calls us to follow him deliberately, with self-control, with intention.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (1/31/2021):
• Worship: 114 and 6 visitors

Last week's offering (1/31/2021):
• General Fund: \$10,915
• Building / Capital Fund: \$1,383
• 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$62

YTD Offerings:
• General Fund: \$48,066
• Building / Capital Fund: \$3,953

YTD Need:
• General Fund: \$71,370
• Building / Capital Fund: \$8,705