

THE CHAPEL Weekly



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THE CROSS
LUTHERAN

Living in faith, hope, and love

March 16, 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

Mortgage Burning On January 27, 2025, Chapel officially paid off our mortgage. With God's great blessings and the faithful giving of our members, Chapel of the Cross is debt-free for the first time in our 60-year history! We will hold a special ceremony to publicly offer our thanks to God for His guidance in achieving this incredible milestone during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on March 30th. This will include a symbolic burning of our mortgage paperwork. A prayer of thanksgiving will be offered during the other services that weekend.

Paying off this mortgage does not represent an end of something as much as it marks a new era of opportunity and challenge. As President Schmidt mentioned in December, continued giving to the Capital or Building Funds will be essential to create a reserve to meet the challenge of future maintenance/repair projects. The first project of 2025 has already presented itself. Nearly \$40,000 is needed to repair or replace many of our most widely used doors, including those in the gym. This project will also add an automatic system to the main upstairs bathrooms for easier access. After an individual gift of \$8,000, we will cover the rest through the Capital Fund. Thanks be to God! We know we will take on other significant projects in order to maintain our exceptional facility. We also trust that God will continue to lead us to new and important ministry opportunities. With God's help, continued giving to the Capital Fund will allow us to maintain our debt-free status as we return to Him some of the bounty that He has first showered on us.

Highlighting 60 Years of Chapel Ministries and Organizations. As part of Chapel's 60th anniversary celebration, over the next months we will highlight the many ministries and organizations offered here. The purpose is to make you aware of the various opportunities to serve and be a part of Chapel. This month we feature the Helping Hands Food Pantry, located in St. Peter's Lutheran Church at 1120 Trampe Ave, which serves the 63136, 63137, 63138 and 63033 areas. The Pantry's purpose is "to show Christ's love to those in our community who are in need of nutritious food and clothing." Diane Timm is the director of this special ministry and if you are interested in helping or donating, or if you have any questions about the Helping Hands Food Pantry, please contact the church office and they will put you in touch with her.

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:

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*)
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*)
Marlo Johnson
Jordan Jones (*friend of Ervin Wilson*)
Ali Kloppenburg (*daughter-in-law of Denis and Jan Kloppenburg*)
Joyce Lackey
Milo Lombard
Pam Mains
Arminius Matthews (*son of Alicia Harris*)
Alex Metz (*friend of Steve and Julie Seibert*)
Jerry Mierkowski (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Joan Milligan (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)

Peggy Miller
Joe Miano, Sr. (*father of Joe Miano*)
Patricia Miano (*mother of Joe Miano*)
Jerry Mierkowski (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Ashley Mosley (*daughter-in-law of Frank & Bessie Mosley*)
Brandie Mosley
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
Johnnie Spears
Dale Ternaprovich (*brother of Joyce Lackey*)
Jean Thomas
Mickie Wallerstein (*friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)
Eric Williams (*son of Betty and Les Williams*)
Celita White (*co-worker of John Jordan*)

Those Who Mourn:

The family and loved ones of **George Zvirgzdins** who died in Lord on March 9.
The family and loved ones of **Melvina Hager** who died in Lord on March 12.

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*)
Helen Goia (*cousin of Julie Griffith*)
Diane Goetz-Jordan (*stepdaughter of Keith Wetzel*)
Janet Goldsboro (*cousin of Marilyn Miller*)
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*)
Shannell McCain (*cousin of John and Jay Zvirgzdins.*)
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

Those Who Celebrate:

The family and friends of **Leon Steinbrueck**, as he celebrates his 89th birthday on March 18

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

Color and “Bury” Alleluias: During the season of Lent, we “bury” our Alleluias and refrain from singing them, putting aside this joyful exclamation as we focus on repentance and our need for a Savior. Pick up an Alleluia butterfly in the Commons to color and then place it in the box on the table. On Easter morning, we will display the Alleluia butterflies as we sing our Alleluia praises to our victorious, risen Savior, Jesus!

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. Take 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.

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 March/April are Craft Kits: small craft kits, sewing kit with scraps of material, activity items, pipe cleaners, stickers, beads and string, small fishing kit. Small stuffed animals: any soft lovable item, squishy, TY beanie baby animals.

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 Wednesday night Bible Study will resume on April 23, 2025 with Vicar Samuel Wondemu..

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

The heart of Christianity is proclaiming Gospel promises courageously. Jeremiah follows the lead of Jesus Himself in speaking of God’s truth and Christ’s love when unpopular. They believe their lives-and everyone else’s – belong in the Heavenly Father’s hands above all. Gospel-motivated voices For Life, take note!

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:

Linda Edgington – March 21

MAPP GOD’S WORD

1 Peter 1:25 - “But the word of the Lord endures forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”

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Coming up at Chapel

Tuesday, March 18
10 AM Women’s Bible Study
2:00 PM GriefShare

Wednesday, March 19
11:00 AM & 6:30 PM Lenten Services
5:00 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Early Communion class
7:30 PM Chapel Handbells

Thursday, March 20
7:00 PM Choral Singers

Saturday, March 22
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, March 23
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Youth and Adult Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Philippians 3:19 – “Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.” St. Paul does not want us to set our minds on earthly things, for they are passing away. This is similar to what Jesus says about storing up treasures on earth rather than storing them in heaven. Our heart tends to go where we put our treasure. This is why God commands us to live generously: not to spoil our fun, but to help train us in keeping our priorities straight and our minds off earthly things.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week’s attendance (3/9/2025):
• Worship 202 and 12 visitors

Last week’s offering (3/9/2025):
• General Fund: \$12,406
• Building / Capital Fund: \$857
• 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$74

YTD Offerings:
• General Fund: \$131,594
• Building / Capital Fund: \$23,541

YTD Need:
• General Fund: \$145,140
• Building / Capital Fund: \$10,380