

THE CHAPEL Weekly



CHAPEL OF
THE CROSS
LUTHERAN

Living in faith, hope, and love

March 3, 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

Senior High Youth Room

Youth Confirmation Room #8

Announcements

Second Saturday Women's Fellowship: All women are invited for a time of food, faith, and fellowship on Saturday, March 9 beginning at 9:30 a.m. This monthly event provides Chapel member 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).

Mary-Martha Guild: On Monday, March 11 at 6:30 pm, Mary-Martha Guild will hold its regular meeting. Our guest speaker will be Ned Koprowski from Wings of Hope. He is the husband of former Mary-Martha member Judy Koprowski. Refreshments and a business meeting will follow. All are welcome to attend.

Easter Lilies: We will decorate the church at Easter with Easter lilies *in honor of a person, your family, or in memory of a loved one*. If you would like to order a plant for (\$12.50), which may be picked up after March 31, please use one of the envelopes which you will find in the pew racks or call the church office (741-3737). Make checks payable to "Chapel of the Cross-Lutheran." DEADLINE: Monday, March 25. ALSO: Please let the church office know how you want your memorial to read.

Shoebbox Ministry: Thank you to all who have already filled the Christmas box in the Commons Area with items for shoeboxes! That Christmas box will be there through the year to collect items for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebbox ministry. Each month there will be a special emphasis for us to collect for shoebox packing day, but all items are welcome at any time. Looking forward to March and April's emphases, we will be collecting various craft and activities items, along with new stuffed animals. Craft and activities can include small puzzles, chalk, watercolors, playdough, stickers, etc.... All items will be collected for a special Congregation-wide packing event in November. There is also a more detailed list of items for you to take home located at the welcome center desk. A simple shoebox gift and God's love can change a life!

Director of the week: John Schmidt and his wife Jen have been members of Chapel of the Cross since 1991. John sings in the Choral Singers and plays in the Bell Choir. Over the years, John has been involved in many Chapel organizations including the Youth Steering Committee and Chapel Players. John lives in St. Charles and works at The Boeing Company. John's daughters Meagan Purcell and Alison Meyer are also Chapel members.

Lenten Worship Schedule

Midweek Worship

March 6, 13 and 20

11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Dinners served at 5:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday

March 23 5:00 p.m.

March 24 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution

Wednesday, March 27 6:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

March 28 11:00 am. & 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday

March 29 12:00 noon & 6:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil

March 30 5:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

March 31 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:

Tanjila Bolden

Doris Boyd

Nancy Brachter (mom of Terri Zvirgzdins)

Lydia Brown (friend of Georgia Thomas)

Mardell Brown (friend of Georgia Thomas)

Cheryl Bush (friend of Jerri Bolden)

Jasmine Butler-Williams (food pantry)

Ivy Rose Clark (relative of Alexis

Cunningham)

Sharon Cole (friend of Bud & Gail Shultz)

Gary Crane (friend of Bud & Gail Shultz)

Marlene Crawford

Meagan Crump (friend of Jon Rogers)

Robert Cunningham III

Bea Daugherty

Clyde Dempsey (father of Julie Seibert)

Linda Edgington

Fred Fansin

Kymm Fehrs

Aulderay Fields

Darlene Franklin (friend of Georgia Thomas)

Re Froelich (2nd mom to Julie Seibert)

Patrick Garrison (friend of Fred & Joanne

Fansin)

John Gassner (cousin of Gloria Uttley)

Susanna Gregory (daughter of Gale Damm)

Carolyn Hanneman

Rita Hayes (sister of Jim Crosier)

Virgil Hoffmann

Dennis Iborg (brother-in-law of Dawn Iborg)

Jordan Jones (friend of Ervin Wilson)

Paul Kelly (father of Rosalyn Cunningham

Schmitt)

Joyce Lackey

Pamela Leonard (daughter of Julie Griffith)

John Linton (brother-in-law of Joe Miano)

Audrey Luedtke

Malu Martin (sister of Cathy Crosier)

Bella Matakas (niece of Ken Gerler)

Arminius Matthews (son of Alicia Harris)

Duane McCain (uncle of John & Jay Zvirgzdins)

Patricia Miano (mother of Joe Miano)

Joan Milligan (friend of Alexis Cunningham)

Peggy Miller

Rev. Eddie Morris (Vanessa Morris' brother-in-law)

Ashley Mosley (daughter-in-law of Frank & Bessie

Mosley)

Brandie Mosley

John Nichols (friend of Vernida Summers)

Delvitt Pace (food pantry)

Darold Pendleton (nephew of Georgia Thomas)

Karen Rae (relative of Maire Trelz)

Mackenzie Ruebel

Annette Rueckert

Jill Seibert (mother of Steve Seibert)

Jim Seibert (father of Steve Seibert)

Bud Shultz

Gail Shultz

Mark Shultz (son of Bud & Gail Shultz)

John Simon

Agnes Soll (friend of Jerri Bolden)

Johnnie Spears

Chris Tegtmeier

Dale Ternaprovich (brother of Joyce Lackey)

Jean Thomas

Glenda Tubbs (Food Pantry)

Mickie Wallerstein (friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller)

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 and Jean

Mueller)

Lisa Capehart (niece of Art Williams)

Bob Crecelius (brother of Roy Crecelius)

Jane Curran (friend of Karen Schaeffer)

Janet Dickhudt (friend of the Luedtke family)

Ayla Frushon (friend of Cheryl Balke)

Sue Gassner (cousin of Gloria Uttley)

Diane Goetz-Jordan (step-daughter of Keith Wetzel)

Tom Hetrick (nephew of Audrey Luedtke)

Karin Hornig (sister of Doris Truetken)

Bianca Jackson (friend of Vernida Summers)

Tom Krauter, Jr. (son of Tom Krauter)

Cheryl Linton (sister-in-law of Joseph Miano)

Gary Mantei

Amy Marler (friend of Caroline Moss)

Jewel McDaniel (friend of Nancy Swoboda)

Mary Oberman (friend of Lisa Hager)

Rick (friend of Jon Rogers)

Martin Rodgers (cousin of Jerri Bolden)

Ellen Saville (friend of Keith Neuber)

Arrion Soll (friend of Jerri Bolden)

Candy Summers (friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins)

Jon Summers (friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins)

Those who celebrate: Gerry Renken and her family as they celebrate her 90th birthday.

Those who mourn: Barry Truetken, brother of Rick & Doris Truetken who died in the Lord this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Food Pantry is in need of tuna and canned fruit and no egg cartons at this time.

Friend of Moms is in need of girl's clothing. Sizes NB to 4T. If you know of any family that may have these sizes please encourage them to donate their out-grown girl's clothing to our Friend of Moms Boutique. Thank you very much for your support!

Crossroads: Contributions for the Spring issue of Crossroads are due by today.

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31 Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2024 to direct any remaining 2023 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.

Egg-citing News! Chapel of the Cross will host an Easter Egg Hunt for children of the congregation and the community on Saturday, March 30. Children and their families are invited to come for crafts and games from 10:00-10:45 a.m. The Egg Hunt will begin at 11:00 a.m. We are asking for donations of small, wrapped candy (no nuts please) and plastic eggs. We also need youth and adult helpers for the day of the hunt! Look for more info in the Commons area. Contact Mary Laesch for more information.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Christian Response to Racism: Starting February 4, 2024 at 9:45 am in Room A. In the 1st four weeks, we will study the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's writings on racism. The final six weeks will be participation in the Concordia Pub. House, "One Nation Under God." This study aims to understand better the racial problem from a Christian perspective and how Christians should respond to the problem that plagues our nation. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. The moderator for this class will be Pastor Glenn.

Ladies Study: The 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the lower level in Room 8 is: *Biblical Heroines of Faith – Understanding God's Work in the lives of His people*. We are taking a break until we resume on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, when we study Deborah and Jael. Copies are available at the Welcome center.

GriefShare: Chapel of the Cross continues to offer GriefShare on Tuesdays from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. 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. Contact Bill Rusnak (741-3737) for more information.

MUSIC

Music Ministry: Have you ever considered being a part of Chapel's music ministry? Below is a list of our choirs and ensembles and when they rehearse. All are welcome to join us as we "make a joyful noise to the Lord!" Please contact director of music, Ryan Meyer, with any questions. We hope to see you there!

Children's Handbells	Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Chapel Bells (Adult handbells)	Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
Joyful Noise (contemporary)	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays at 6:15 p.m.
Choral Singers (choir)	Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

LIFE TEAM

The Lord God closely associates life and family. He stands commands about parenting and marriage on either side of prohibition against killing. He holds human life as highest priority and will not accept any other creatures as replacement. Body and sexuality serve to enrich life-our own as well as one another's-and not to eliminate it.

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:

Ted Dargan – March 6
Alexis Cunningham – March 10

MAPP GOD'S WORD

Colossians 1: 27 - "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

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Coming up at Chapel

Tuesday, March 5

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study
2:00 PM Grief Share

Wednesday, March 6

Lenten Services

11:00 AM Lenten Service
5:00 PM Dinner
5:30 PM Children's Bells
6:30 PM Lenten Service
7:30 PM Early Communion Class
7:30 PM Chapel Bells

Thursday, March 7

6:15 PM Joyful Noise
7:00 PM Choral Singers

Saturday, March 9

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, March 10

8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Youth and Adult Bible Study

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

John 2:16 – "And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.'" The Lord's house is not a place to sell, but a place to receive and a place to give. It's not a place for our schemes and plans. Instead, the church is a place for the Lord's gracious giving and our faithful sacrifices in response.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (2/25/2024):

- Worship 206 and 17 visitors

Last week's offering (2/25/2024):

- General Fund: \$12,384
- Building / Capital Fund: \$964
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$66

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$92,692
- Building / Capital Fund: \$9,791

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$113,672
- Building / Capital Fund: \$13,928