

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

**Discovery Class** A new Discovery Class began **Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.** meeting each week thereafter for 10 weeks. The Discovery Class is for those seeking membership at Chapel of the Cross, but it is also a great review, even for those who have been life-long Lutherans. Please talk to Pastor Laesch or call the church office if you are interested in attending. All are invited!

**Gateway Bell Ringers** in concert at Chapel of the Cross on Sunday, April 28 at 4:00 p.m. The Gateway Ringers is an auditioned community choir comprised of handbell ringers from the St. Louis metropolitan area. Their mission is to inspire excellence in musicianship and heighten awareness of handbell music. The group was formed in 1995. The Gateway Ringers are members of the Handbell Musicians of America at the Area VIII and national levels Gateway performs using six octaves of Malmark handbells and six octaves of Malmark Choirchimes.

**Special Bible Class with Dr. Kent Bureson** Dr. Kent Bureson, Professor of Systematic Theology at Concordia Seminary, will be our special Bible class leader for four weeks starting Sunday, April 14. Class will meet in the sanctuary starting at 9:45 a.m. Class topic: Resurrection hope is the bedrock for our funeral and burial practices. We bury our baptized dead in the promise that like our Lord Jesus, God will raise them and us on the Last Day to enter God's new creation. We should care for our dying and our dead in ways that flow from this resurrection promise and what we believe and teach about the Triune God who created and redeemed our bodies. Yet, modern funerals often bear witness to things inconsistent with this Christian confession about death and resurrection. Renewing our funeral and burial practices means returning to the practices of natural burial as our Christian forebears buried their dead (think *Little House on the Prairie*). This four week study will introduce this approach to burial and serve as a foretaste of Dr. Beth Hoeltke's and my book, *Lay Me in God's Good Earth*, from InterVarsity Press, in print on August 20, 2024.

**The flowers in the chancel** are given by Bea Daugherty in thanksgiving to God for her loving son, Mark and granddaughter Ashley, and the many blessings received over 95 years.

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:

Terry Balke (brother of Cheryl Balke)  
Tanjila Bolden  
Doris Boyd  
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 Cuningham III  
Clyde Dempsey (father of Julie Seibert)  
Linda Edgington  
Fred Fansin  
Kymm Fehrs  
Aulderay Fields  
Darlene Franklin (friend of Georgia Thomas)  
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)  
**Donna Heinrich**  
Virgil Hoffmann  
Dennis Iborg (brother-in-law of Dawn Iborg)  
Marlo Johnson  
Jordan Jones (friend of Ervin Wilson)  
Frank Jones (friend of Alexis Cunningham)  
Paul Kelly (father of Rosalyn Cunningham Schmitt)

Joyce Lackey  
John Linton (brother-in-law of Joe Miano)  
Alice Lombard  
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 Ruecket  
Rosalyn Cunningham Schmitt (mother of Robert Cunningham III)  
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 Tegtmeyer  
Dale Ternaprovich (brother of Joyce Lackey)  
Jean Thomas  
Glenda Tubbs (Food Pantry)  
Mickie Wallerstein (friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller)  
**Kristin Wills** (sister of John & Jay Zvirgzdins)

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)  
Bianca Jackson (friend of Vernida Summers)  
Tom Krauter, Jr. (son of Tom Krauter)  
**Pamela Leonard** (daughter of Julie Griffith)  
Cheryl Linton (sister-in-law of Joseph Miano)  
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:

In celebration of **Carolyn Hanneman's** 99<sup>th</sup> birthday from her family Kurt, Keith, Kenin and Katherine.

Jay and Jayme Zvirgzdins upon the birth of a boy, **Samuel Francis**, born this past Thursday.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**The Food Pantry** could use canned fruit, tuna, canned pasta and cereal. Also if you didn't donate to Girl Scouts April Showers, we are a donation site. Thank you.

**Chapel Travelers:** Join us on our Branson Trip, Tuesday, May 21 and Wednesday, May 22. The itinerary is at the Welcome Center. The cost with a full bus of 55 – is \$235 for double occupancy and \$275 for single occupancy. Contact Ken Kreitner or Bill Rusnak for details. Register today.

**Concordia University Wisconsin Choir Concert** The Concordia University Wisconsin Kammerchor (German for "chamber choir") will sing in concert at Chapel of the Cross as part of their Spring tour on **Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m.** Kammerchor is an auditioned mixed voice ensemble which sings a wide variety of choral literature from the Renaissance to the present. Kammerchor has sung in worship and concert virtually all over the continental USA, several times in Canada, and overseas in locations as varied as Brazil, China, and several locations in Europe. Join us for this special choral concert!

**Sunday Donuts:** Please help us by joining our “Donut Crew” for Sunday Pickup. Kindly come to and write your name on the Welcome Center Sign-Up page.

**Shoebox Ministry:** The March and April's emphases 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!

**North St. Louis County Listening Tour** Great Rivers Greenway is exploring where pedestrian and bike connections can be improved in the areas of Black Jack, Bridgeton, Florissant, Hazelwood, Old Jamestown, Spanish Lake, and Unincorporated St. Louis County. Visit [www.greatriversgreenway.org/noco](http://www.greatriversgreenway.org/noco) to share your thoughts and opinions.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

### 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!

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

### LIFE TEAM

With St. Peter and the Pentecost apostles, we confess Jesus Christ alone as “Author of life”. This means no one else has right or responsibility to decide what kind of life a neighbor may have or when any human life ought to end. Rather, we rejoice to repeat the message of repentance and forgiveness for every sinner and every sin-abortion and assisted suicide included.

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:

- Carolyn Hanneman – April 17
- Clara Hampton – April 18
- Audrey Spears – April 18

## MAPP GOD’S WORD

**1 Thessalonians 5:9-** “For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.”

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# Coming up at Chapel

- Monday – April 15**  
7:00 PM Elders
- Tuesday, April 16**  
10:00 AM Women's Bible Study

- Wednesday, April 17**  
6:30 PM Bible Study  
6:30 PM Children's Handbells  
7:30 PM Chapel Bells

- Thursday, April 18**  
7:00 PM Choral Singers

- Saturday, April 20**  
5:00 PM Worship Service  
6:00 PM Youth Group

- Sunday, April 21**  
8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:45 AM Youth and Adult Bible Study  
11:00 AM Worship Service

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**1 John3:2 – “Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.”** This is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection, but in the meantime, we strive toward that goal because we want to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. By His grace we share His destiny in eternal life, and therefore we desire to share His life of service now.

## HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

- Last week’s attendance (4/7/2024):
- Worship 183 and 11 visitors

- Last week’s offering (4/7/2024):
- General Fund: \$25,094
  - Building / Capital Fund: \$1,980
  - 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$106

- YTD Offerings:
- General Fund: \$212,145
  - Building / Capital Fund: \$17,887

- YTD Need:
- General Fund: \$198,926
  - Building / Capital Fund: \$24,374