

THE CHAPEL Weekly



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Living in faith, hope, and love

April 28, 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

Those Who Celebrate:

Seminarians and their Families: As they have received their calls and vicarage placements this past week -- especially:

Jacob Anderson, vicarage at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Warner Robins, GA

Jed McClellan, associate pastor at Zion Lutheran Church, Wayside, WI

Adam Rouse, pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Springfield, IL

And **Samuel Wondemu** who will serve as vicar at Chapel of the Cross.

Announcements

Gateway Bell Ringers in concert at Chapel of the Cross is today 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 formed in 1995.

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.

LAMP Mission trip TJ's sale: This summer's LAMP Mission teams are selling TJs pizzas and desserts now through May 19. Delivery will be in early June. All proceeds will go toward supporting the mission trip July 24 – August 5. You can place your order on the forms in the Welcome Center. Payment can be made in the LAMP box at the Welcome Center or the church office. Thank you for your support!

Day3 Seeds is holding a Plant Sale fundraiser for the Widow's Seed Project in Uganda. Mike Mueller is offering three hanging baskets (10" mixed Petunia, 10" Boston Fern, or 10" Red Geranium with ivy) at \$25.00 each. We will be taking orders for these, and they will be available for pick-up on May 11 and 12. The order form is in the commons, or you can call the church office. The ordering deadline is Sunday May 6 and checks can be made out to Chapel of the Cross.

Come celebrate Alex Uttley's graduation from Concordia University and encourage him as he prepares to start at Concordia Seminary, May 11 in the gym at Chapel. Open House from 4-8pm.

The flowers on the altar are in honor of Jack and Sue Plack's 57th wedding anniversary on April 29th.

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 Cunningham III
Clyde Dempsey (*father of Julie Seibert*)
Linda Edgington
Kymm Fehrs
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
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*)
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*)

For those who celebrate: Evelyn Zvirgzdins for her 10th birthday on April 23.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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.

Mary-Martha Guild will hold its annual Installation Dinner on Monday June 10, 2024 at church. It will be catered by Catering to You. Information on the meal and reservation forms are located at the bookstore. Paid reservations in the amount of \$22.00 must be received by no later than Monday June 3, 2024. Please place your reservation form in the Mary-Martha Guild mailbox in the church office or contact Roberta Loesch at 314-910-8749 or 314-741-3737.

The Food Pantry could use canned fruit, tuna, canned pasta, and cereal. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!

Chapel Travelers: Our Branson Trip, for Tuesday, May 21 and Wednesday, May 22 has been cancelled. See Bill Rusnak to receive any payments and refunds.

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!

Volunteers Needed: Chapel will be preparing a dinner for the CUW Choir prior to their concert on May 7. We are looking for volunteers to prepare food, as well as help serve and clean up. If you would be interested in serving in this way, please sign up at the welcome center or see Ryan Meyer for more information. Thank you for your help!

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 to share your thoughts and opinions.

LIFE TEAM

It is anxiety and fright that drives folks to pursue abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and other measures that view death as a solution. Fear likewise bullies the sanctity of life into silence. But the Lord's perfect love puts all fear to flight. In surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis, we and our neighbors need not independence and empowerment but the presence, promises, and compassion of the Father Almighty.

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:

Jean Schrieber – May 2
George Zvirgzdins – May 5
June Henke – May 7

MAPP GOD'S WORD

2 Thessalonians 1:10- “When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in them that believe in that day.”

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Coming up at Chapel

Monday – April 29

7:00 PM Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 1

6:30 PM Bible Study

6:30 PM Children's Handbells

7:30 PM Chapel Bells

Thursday, May 2

6:00 PM Life Team

6:30 PM Joyful Noise

7:00 PM Choral Singers

Saturday, May 4

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, May 5 Confirmation

8:30 AM Worship Service

9:45 AM Youth and Adult Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship Service

4:00 PM Gateway Ringers Concert

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

John 15:2 – “Every branch of mine that does bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord's work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That's growth in fruit bearing-and it always comes with some pruning.

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HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (4/21/2024):

- Worship 214 and 25 visitors

Last week's offering (4/21/2024):

- General Fund: \$7,949
- Building / Capital Fund: \$1,091
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$48

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$231,217
- Building / Capital Fund: \$20,241

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$227,344
- Building / Capital Fund: \$27,856