

# THE CHAPEL Weekly



May 17, 2020

## BIBLE STUDY

### Sunday Education Hour (9:45 AM) Children & Youth

Posted weekly on-line  
(see [www.chapelofthecross.org](http://www.chapelofthecross.org))

### Adult Bible Classes

*Enduring Faith, Bill Rusnak*  
(see [www.chapelofthecross.org](http://www.chapelofthecross.org))  
Recorded live at 6:30 p.m. each  
Wednesday.

*Life's Challenges, God's Provisions,  
Dave Funke*

(see [www.chapelofthecross.org](http://www.chapelofthecross.org))  
Recorded live on Sundays at  
9:45 a.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Pictorial Directory!** We need YOU to make our directory complete! To celebrate our church family and strengthen the bond within our congregation, we welcome you to be a part of our upcoming new directory.

We are partnering with Lifetouch for this important project. Lifetouch is providing the directory at no cost to our church. Each family photographed receives a **complimentary directory** and a **free 8x10 portrait**. You can sign up for photography by calling the church office at 314-741-3737

**Photography Dates:** 9/9-9/15 2:00 – 9:00  
9/12 10:00 – 5:00

**Bible Studies:** Until we can once be together in person, we will be having two online Bible studies during the week. On Wednesday evening at 6:30, Bill Rusnak will be having a study entitled, "Enduring Faith". And on Sunday Mornings at 9:45, Dave Funke will be leading a study called, "Life's Challenges, God's Provisions." If you are interested in being a part of one or both of these studies, send an email to Bill and/or Dave, and they will send you a link for each study you wish to join. We will also be recording them and putting them on our web site for you to watch at your convenience.

**The Lutheran Resale Shop** is pleased to let all our faithful customers know that we will reopen on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Just like many other shops we will require to wear a face covering. We will be sanitizing door handles, etc. throughout the day to keep us all safe. In these special times we rely on our Savior Jesus Christ for all our needs. We know He loves us because He died for us. No matter what happens we have a God who loves us. We hope to see you soon.

As always our profits to go Lutheran Family and Children's Services's and Lutheran Senior Services for Hidden Lake and Breeze Park Retirement Community. We are accepting donations. Our phone number is 314-389-9970

## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

The names in bold print are new to the prayer list this weekend. The Elder of the Week will lead a time of prayer, praying for each person on the prayer list by name every Sunday at 10:45 a.m. in the Prayer Chapel. You are invited to come and join him in prayer

### Those with Health Concerns:

Jan Arban  
Joan Arban  
Lois Boemer (*sister of Joann Steinbrueck*)  
Loretta Bolar (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Elizabeth Cash  
Doris Coffeit (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
Sharon Cox (*sister of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Luxora Crawford (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Kimberly Rice Cunningham (*wife of Robert Cunningham*)  
Barbara Davis (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Kathy Doherty (*friend of Fred Schroeder*)  
John Edgar (*brother-in-law of Kathy Glenn*)  
Linda Edgington  
Cheryl Ehmke  
Lloyd Flint (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Ann Frederick (*aunt of Jerri Bolden*)  
Legend Freeman (*God grandson of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Kevin Gibbs (*Gloria Uttley's nephew*)  
Sara Gibbs (*Gloria Uttley's neice*)  
Susanna Gregory (*daughter of Gale Damm*)  
Audrey Helsley (*mother of Cathy Crosier*)  
LaFrances Henry (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Ilse Hornig (*mother of Doris Truetken*)  
Barbara Kelly (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Frank Lehner  
Makenzie Lenox (*great-niece of Cindy Vogelsang*)

Alan Londe (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
Bella Matakas (*niece of Ken Gerler*)  
Carson McNeal (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Meghan Manilla (*grand-daughter of Audrey Luedtke*)  
Elsie Meyer  
Peggy Miller  
Patricia Hayes Mitchell (*sister-in-law of Robert Cunningham*)  
Leona Pellegrino (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Gregory Pellgrino (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Darold Pendleton (*nephew of Georgia Thomas*)  
Michael Miguel Pohl (*friend of Rosilyn Cunningham Smith*)  
Kayla Rainey  
Thuelfugar Rammaha (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
David Rubano  
Brad Segal (*grandson of Donna Stewart*)  
Wandra Seward  
Charlene Shanklin (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Geri Sittler  
Linda Smythe (*sister of Michael Smythe*)  
Jean Thomas  
Ted Vogel  
Stephanie Whalum (*niece of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Joyce Weidner  
Earl Wendt  
Annette Williams (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
LaVerne Zurheide

### 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*)  
Jane Goetz-Jordan (*step-daughter of Keith Wetzel*)  
Agnes Gray (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)  
Eddie Hester (*friend of Jay Zvirgzdins*)  
Tom Hetrick (*nephew of Audrey Luedtke*)  
Denise Hildebrand  
Don Kane (*father of Sheri Briley*)  
Lyn Lodholz (*daughter of Bill and Annette Rueckert*)  
Sherri Mansfield (*friend of Steve and Julie Seibert*)  
Mary Moeller (*cousin of Audrey Luedtke*)  
Marc Openlander (*grandson of Art Williams*)  
Martin Rodgers (*cousin of Jerri Bolden*)  
Ellen Saville (*friend of Keith Neuber*)  
Nick Schmitt (*husband of Rosilyn Cunningham-Schmitt*)  
Debra Schoolcraft (*sister of Kathy Glenn*)  
Lincoln Scott (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)  
John Seward  
Arrion Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)  
Richard Steinbrueck (*brother of Leon Steinbrueck*)  
Lisa Steinbrueck (*daughter-in-law of the Steinbruecks*)  
Joan Wolf (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Bob Woodward (*uncle of Jerry Bowen*)

**Those who celebrate:** **Ted Vogel** as we praise and thank the Lord for his 92 years of life and 54 years at Chapel of the Cross on May 21.  
**Tony and Rachel Alcozer** as they celebrate their 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**Helping Hands Food Pantry:** During the COVID-19 pandemic we are still serving our neighbors with drive through food pick up on Thursday.

We received a \$550 grant from St. Louis Area Foodbank to purchase a pop-up canopy and 3 8 foot tables to use during food distribution and butter, cheese and milk.

We are purchasing some items from St. Louis Area Food Bank at a greatly reduced rate. Operation Food Search supplies us with food from area grocery stores; meat, bread, fresh produce, soft drinks and sports drinks. We are still purchasing, with monetary donations, some dry and canned goods; side dishes, pasta, tuna, jelly, from local grocery stores that we can't get from the food banks.

The Girl Scout April Showers was postponed this spring so we are running low on shampoo, conditioners, body wash, lotion, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shaving cream and razors.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, send it to the church with Food Pantry on the memo line. Food items (no glass) and health and beauty supplies can be dropped off at the church and placed in the grocery cart. We could also use volunteers, call Diane Timm for more information.

**Thank you for your continued support of the food pantry.**

### FAMILY MINISTRY

**Confirmation:** We are officially postponing our May 3<sup>rd</sup> Rite of Confirmation. Students and parents are completing their course of study online through chapelofthecross.org. Mr. Rusnak has provided the Faith Testimony Project information to our students. While we have not set the new date for our Confirmation weekend – this project should be in progress and completed and submitted by May 15. Please contact Mr. Rusnak with any questions.

### LIFE TEAM

**Life Thought:** What best prepares us to defend the sanctity of life? Political strategy? Graphic imagery? Rhetorical formulas? Scientific citations? How about the hope we have in Christ our Holy One (1 Peter 3:15) – that our Lord is at work in every circumstance, even those life-and-death moments that seem most dark and desperate, bringing about not just survival but everlasting salvation, and always with His signature gentleness.

### Helping Individuals with Mental Health Problems:

**Myth 8:** I can't do anything for a person with a mental health problem.

**Fact:** Friends and loved ones can make a big difference. Only 44% of adults with diagnosable mental health problems and less than 20% of children and adolescents receive needed treatment. Friends and family can be important influences to help someone get the treatment and services they need by:

Reaching out and letting them know you are available to help. Helping them access mental health services. Learning and sharing the facts about mental health, especially if you hear something that isn't true. Treating them with respect, just as you would anyone else. Refusing to define them by their diagnosis or using labels such as "crazy."

**COTC Thoughts:** During His ministry Jesus spent time with those who were sick, touched them, and ate with them. In Matthew 11:28-29, Jesus encourages those who are weary and burdened to come to Him for rest. James 5:13-14 exhorts us to pray for the sick. Prayer is a tremendously strong way of bringing our concerns for each other to God.

## M\*A\*P\*P GOD'S WORD

### Memorize \* Apply \* Pray \* Ponder

This week we will combine the previous three weeks' passages from Psalm 62, which remind us where our strength and hope lies as we live in the craziness of these days.

<sup>1</sup> My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. <sup>2</sup> He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken. <sup>3</sup> How long will you assault a man? Would all of you throw him down-- this leaning wall, this tottering fence? <sup>4</sup> They fully intend to topple him from his lofty place; they take delight in lies. With their mouths they bless, but in their hearts they curse. <sup>5</sup> Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. <sup>6</sup> He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. <sup>7</sup> My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. <sup>8</sup> Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge."

## COMING UP AT CHAPEL

All worship services have been moved on-line. All scheduled activities have been postponed. Check [www.chapelofthecross.org](http://www.chapelofthecross.org) for links to worship services and updates on rescheduled events.

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**James 1:22 – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”** The Word of God is not merely to be heard, but to be received and believed. Our faith is implanted and strengthened by the Word of God. And as Luther said “Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. And so, it is impossible for it not to do good incessantly.” James reminds us of this – and encourages us to examine our lives and come to repentance where we can see that we are not living out our faith in sincerity.

## HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's offering (5/10/2020):

- General Fund: \$9,159
- Building / Capital Fund: \$360
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$30

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$250,410
- Building / Capital Fund: \$27,027

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$271,206
- Building / Capital Fund: \$33,079

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