



CHAPEL OF
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Living in faith, hope, and love

THE CHAPEL

Weekly

May 24, 2020

BIBLE STUDY

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

Posted weekly on-line
(see www.chapelofthecross.org)

Adult Bible Classes

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

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

(see 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 18th. 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
Loretta Bolar (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)
Tanjila Bolden
Stephanie Bollinger-Drennen (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
Lonza Bufford (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)
Sadie Bufford (*friend 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 niece*)
Susanna Gregory (*daughter of Gale Damm*)
Audrey Helsley (*mother of Cathy Crosier*)
LaFrances Henry (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)
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*)
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: Bill and Annette Rueckert as they celebrate their 56th anniversary on May 23. The flowers on the altar are from the Rueckert's
Fred and Erna Schroeder as they celebrate their 67th anniversary on May 23.

Those who mourn: The family and loved ones of **David Rubano** who died in the Lord on May 16. The family and loved ones of **Lois Boemer** (Joann Steinbrueck's sister) who died in the Lord this past week.

COMING UP AT CHAPEL

All worship services have been moved on-line. All scheduled activities have been postponed. Check www.chapelofthecross.org for links to worship services and updates on rescheduled events.

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 3rd 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

Please join the Life Team and David Eberle from Lutheran Family and Children's Services for a short video about Anxiety and Depression on Thursday, May 28th. These are important issues to learn about, especially as more people are experiencing symptoms during these trying times and may not even realize it. We will have a YouTube watch party at 6:30 pm. Also, please join us for questions, discussion, and community on Zoom at 7:30 pm. If you do not receive an email with more information and you would like to participate, please call the church office and give your email address.

Life Thought: "Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God." Who "settles the solitary in a home" (Psalm 68:5-6). He has not left us orphaned in our sins but has taken each of us for His own family. So we need not limit our enthusiasm for adoption only to addressing infertility. We can open not just our mouths but our hands, hearts, and homes, because children need them, and we have in abundance.

Mental Health Problems Affect Everyone

Myth 5: Personality weakness or character flaws cause mental health problems. People with mental health problems can snap out of it if they try hard enough.

Fact: Mental health problems have nothing to do with being lazy or weak and many people need help to get better. Many factors contribute to mental health problems, including: Biological factors, such as genes, physical illness, injury, or brain chemistry. Life experiences, such as trauma or a history of abuse. Family history of mental health problems. People with mental health problems can get better and many recover completely.

COTC Thoughts: Elijah's struggle with despair and his desire to die were brought on by the threats of the evil Queen Jezebel. His mental health concerns were not a result of personal weakness or a weak faith. Elijah had just demonstrated incredible courage and faith on Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18 and 19). Sustained by the angel of the LORD, Elijah travelled forty days and forty nights to reach Horeb.

M*A*P*P GOD'S WORD

Memorize * Apply * Pray * Ponder

Psalm 67 is a call for us as God's people, and for us as a nation, to turn our hearts to God, and how he can bless us because of this.

Monday-Tuesday- Psalm 67:1 "1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us."

Wednesday-Thursday – Psalm 67-2 "2 that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations."

Friday-Saturday-Combine the two previous passages

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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Acts 1:11 – Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended – and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus – and who know that He is coming back. This makes all the difference in how we approach the things of this world.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's offering (5/17/2020):

- General Fund: \$11,185
- Building / Capital Fund: \$610
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$10

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$262,999
- Building / Capital Fund: \$27,637

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$285,480
- Building / Capital Fund: \$1,741