

BIBLE STUDY

Announcements

Sunday 9:45 am Bible classes:
Lower Level
Weekly Readings 9:45 am Room #9
Children's Sunday School Room #2 & #4
Senior High Youth Room
Youth Confirmation Room #8
Upper Level
Luther's Large Catechism Room A,

Sunday School Teachers Needed! Do you enjoy spending time with children and talking about Jesus? Please consider teaching Sunday School at Chapel! The teaching schedule is flexible, and crafts, snacks, and activities are prepped and ready to go so that teachers can concentrate on the most important part—sharing God's truth with His children! If you would like to know more, come to a meeting this Sunday at 9:45 am in the Sunday School room in the lower level, or talk with Mary Laesch (314-704-6906). Thank you!

Discovery Class: A new Discovery Class has begun meeting each Wednesday. 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!

Mixin Fixins: It's time for the Mary-Martha Guild Mixin Fixins fundraiser. We have started taking orders and will continue through Sunday, September 24 . Please visit the Crocus Books & Gifts store in the Fellowship Commons to see the list of available items and place your order. Orders will be available for pickup the weekend of October 28-29. Payment is due upon order pickup. Thank you for your support.

On Sunday, October 22, Chapel will hold a hymn festival – and the congregation is invited to submit your favorite hymns or songs (up to three)! We will then choose hymns from the top choices to use for the hymn festival. Please leave your submissions in the box at the back of the sanctuary (or return them to Ryan Meyer) **NO LATER than Sunday, September 24.** Please include the title and page number in the Lutheran Service Book (if applicable).

Fellowship Opportunities: Members and friends of Chapel of the Cross enjoy fellowship and appreciate monthly gatherings. Men are meeting at various restaurants at 11:00 a.m. on the first Fridays. Speak with John Zvirgzdins, or Jim Crosier regarding locations. Women gather on the second Saturdays at church at 9:00 a.m. Contact Mary Laesch or Jennifer Krupp for more information and details.

The rose is in loving memory of Vicki Francis. Jon Rogers

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:

Jan Arban
Willie Ball (friend of Aulderay Fields)
Tracy Ball (friend of Aulderay Fields)
Ellen Bauer (food pantry)
Vivian Berry
Tanjila Bolden
Doris Boyd
Sheri Briley
Mardell Brown (friend of Georgia Thomas)
Sharon Casey (friend of Julie Griffith)
Ivy Rose Clark (relative of Alexis Cunningham)
Sharon Cole (friend of Bud & Gail Shultz)
Ortez Crawford
Robert Cuningham III
Bea Daugherty
Linda Edgington
Kymm Fehrs
Connie Fielding
Aulderay Fields
David Funke
John Gasner (cousin of Gloria Uttley)
Susanna Gregory (daughter of Gale Damm)
Carolyn Hanneman
Rita Hayes (sister of Jim Crosier)
Darryal Hughes (cousin of Aulderay Fields)
Angela Jones (friend of Georgia Thomas)
Althea Jackson (sister-in-law to Vernida Summers)
LaVoe Jackson (friend of Vernida Summers)
Jordan Jones (friend of Ervin Wilson)
John Jordan

Paul Kelly (father of Rosalyn Cunningham Schmitt)
Marilyn Koester (Diane Timm's cousin)
Joyce Lackey
Malu Martin (sister of Cathy Crosier)
Bella Matakas (niece of Ken Gerler)
Duane McCain (uncle of John & Jay Zvirgzdins)
Peggy Miller
Katy Moran (friend of Jon Rogers)
Billy Nelson (food pantry)
Darold Pendleton (nephew of Georgia Thomas)
Karen Rae (relative of Maire Trelz)
B.J. Rohmann (friend of Mark Petersen)
Henry Scott (friend of Georgia Thomas)
Bud Shultz
Gail Shultz
Mark Shultz (son of Bud & Gail Shultz)
Agnes Soll (friend of Jerri Bolden)
Johnnie Spears
Donna Stewart
Dale Ternaprovich (brother of Joyce Lackey)
Jean Thomas
Diane Timm
Joey Totra (grandson of Karen Totra)
Charles Ward (friend of Alexis Cunningham)
Michael Wiegand (food pantry)
Stacy Wiegand (food pantry)
Terri Zvirgzdins

Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

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)
Diane Goetz-Jordan (step-daughter of Keith Wetzel)
Agnes Gray (friend of Jerri Bolden)
Tom Hetrick (nephew of Audrey Luedtke)
Justin Hodge (friend of Jon Rogers)
Karin Hornig (sister of Doris Truetken)
Bianca Jackson (friend of Vernida Summers)
Stan Jones (cousin of Marilyn Miller)
Bob Krauter
Tom Krauter, Jr. (son of Tom Krauter)
Cheryl Linton (sister-in-law of Joseph Miano)
Mary Jo Loberg
Gary Mantei
Amy Marler (friend of Caroline Moss)
Mary Oberman (friend of Lisa Hager)
Marc Openlander (grandson of Art Williams)
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)
Bob Woodward (uncle of Jerry Bowen)

Those Who Celebrate: Trevor Timm as he is installed as principal at Our Redeemer Lutheran School, Wauwatosa, WI.

Those who mourn:
Steve and Marsha Geisz and family upon the death of Steve's father, Robert Geisz who died in the Lord on September 14.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Hymn Festival: Good Shepherd Lutheran (1300 Beltline Road, Collinsville, IL) will be celebrating St. Michael and All Angels with a hymn festival on Friday, September 29th at 7 pm. Titled *“With Angels and Archangels,”* it will be a celebration of the rich hymnody found in Lutheran Service Book that deals with these special messengers of God. Hymn commentary will be given by Pr. Will Weedon, host of the Lutheran Public Radio podcast *“The Word of the Lord Endures Forever”* along with organist Chris Loemker, orchestra, and choir. The choir will be comprised of singers from local LCMS congregations. For more information, or to register to sing with the choir, please visit the website www.withangelsandarchangels.org.

Salem Applebutter orders will be available for pick up beginning September 24. Call Judy (314-839-2157) or Kathy (314-839-0823) to place an order. You can also volunteer to help on Thursday, September 21, 6:00 PM to peel and core apples or Saturday, September 23, 6:00 AM to cook applebutter. All events are held across the street from Salem which is located at 5180 Parker Road in Black Jack.

The Lutheran Re-Sale Shop located at 6701 W. Florissant Rd. is desperately looking for volunteers. Please help us keep our doors open! If you can volunteer a few hours a week or even a few hours a month please call Marlene at 314-839-9970

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Our Ladies Study, on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, resumes at 10am on Tuesday, September 5. Join us in the lower level - Room 8.

Our **Wednesday Night** study of the Book of Hebrews resumes on September 6th at 6:30 pm in Room 8. We will pick up in the study guide with question #15 on page 76. Hebrews 10:19-39. Copies of Lesson 9 are available at the Welcome Center.

MUSIC

Music Ministry: Choirs and ensembles for the 2023-24 season will begin rehearsing the beginning of September! Whether you would like to “sing to the Lord a new song,” or come and “make a joyful noise to the Lord,” all are welcome to join Chapel’s music ministry. We hope to see you there!

Children’s Handbells	Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.	Begins September 6
Adult Handbells	Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.	Begins September 6
Joyful Noise	1 st /3 rd Thursdays at 6:15 p.m.	Begins September 7
Choral Singers	Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.	Begins September 7

LIFE TEAM

Surprise pregnancy often comes with complications and difficulties. Terminal diagnosis can involve suffering and sorrow. But our God brought Jesus back from the dead. He makes it His way to wring blessings out of burdens. Are we in the place of God, to let abortion or assisted suicide judge someone else’s life as hopeless?

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 2023, 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:

Marcia Turvold – September 20
Michael Kelly – September 21
Marquerite Barge – September 23
Joyce Jessen – September 25
Robert Snyder – September 26
Henry Austin – September 26
Dennis Underwood – September 26

MAPP GOD’S WORD

Galatians 3:18 - “For the inheritance is of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.”

Coming up at Chapel

- Tuesday, September 19**
2:00 PM GriefShare
- Wednesday, September 20**
6:30 PM Bible Class
6:30 PM Children’s Bells
7:30 PM Chapel Bells
- Thursday, September 21**
6:15 PM Joyful Noise
6:30 PM GriefShare
7:00 PM Choral Singers
- Saturday, September 23**
5:00 PM Worship Service
- Sunday, September 24**
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Youth & Adult Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Romans 14:7 – “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.” We just don’t belong to ourselves – we belong first of all to God, and through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society, and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

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HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

- Last week’s attendance (9/10/2023):
- Worship 175 and 15 visitors
- Last week’s offering (9/10/2023):
- General Fund: \$11,999
 - Building / Capital Fund: \$870
 - 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$57
- YTD Offerings:
- General Fund: \$451,763
 - Building / Capital Fund: \$40,081
- YTD Need:
- General Fund: \$528,138
 - Building / Capital Fund: \$64,517