



# THE CHAPEL Weekly

September 22, 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

Youth Confirmation Room 8:45 am

Senior High Youth Room

## Announcements

**Chapel Travelers:** Our Fall trip to Day3 Seeds, The Lutheran Heritage sites, Lambert's Restaurant and more is on Monday, October 21, 2024, See Ken Kreitner or Bill Rusnak for details. Sign up at the Welcome Center!

**"CFNA Story" Bible Class:** Refugees and immigrants among us in the St. Louis area have been finding help, hope and the Gospel message through the work of Christian Friends of New Americans for more than 20 years. Hear about the work of CFNA at the Adult Bible Class [9:45 in the Lower Level] on October 20. Dr. Allan Buckman, Carol Buckman, and some refugee friends will present a part of the exciting CFNA story. You may discover a way you could help with this unique, local Lutheran service organization! Purchase some beautiful items handmade by Afghan ladies at the Sewing Table in the Lobby before or after services or at the Adult Bible Class. These lovely items might be a fine Thanksgiving or Christmas gift.

**The Mary-Martha Guild** preorders for Mixin Fixins last day is today, September 22. You can place your order at the Crocus Bookstore. The price is \$10.00 per item. You will be able to pick up your orders on Saturday October 26 and Sunday October 27.

**Friend of Moms Boutique** is asking for donations of baby wipes. Thank you for your support.

**Baptism:** Gavin Anthony Frasca will receive the gift of God through the waters of Holy Baptism on Sunday, September 29 at the 8:30 a.m. worship service. We rejoice to welcome Gavin into the family.

**The flowers** on the altar are in memory of family members gone to heaven, from Julie Griffith Also, in honor of Allison and Lucas Meyer's anniversary on September 27, from John and Jen Schmidt.

## In Our Prayers this week...

### Those with Health Concerns:

Curtis Balan (friend of Alexis Cunningham)

Terry Balke (brother of Cheryl Balke)

Steve Becker (friend of John Zvirgzdins)

Bill Bently (brother-in-law to Jon Rogers)

Tanjila Bolden

Lydia Brown (friend of Georgia Thomas)

Mardell Brown (friend of Georgia Thomas)

Cheryl Bush (friend of Jerri Bolden)

Ivy Rose Clark (relative of Alexis Cunningham)

Sharon Cole (friend of Bud & Gail Shultz)

Gary Crane (friend of Bud & Gail Shultz)

Robert Cunningham III

Steve Dalton (food pantry)

Clyde Dempsey (father of Julie Seibert)

Jane Downs (friend of Donna Stewart)

Linda Edgington

Aulderay Fields

Darlene Franklin (friend of Georgia Thomas)

**Joe Galkowski** (friend of Alexis Cunningham)

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)

Dawn Iborg

Marlo Johnson

Jordan Jones (friend of Ervin Wilson)

Frank Jones (friend of Alexis Cunningham)

Toni Jones (food pantry)

Paul Kelly (father of Rosalyn Cunningham)

Joyce Lackey

Bruce Lee (food pantry)

Maria Lenior (food pantry)

Milo Lombard

Betty Luecke (food pantry)

Audrey Luedtke

Bella Matakas (niece of Ken Gerler)

Arminius Matthews (son of Alicia Harris)

Kinley McEuen

Patricia Miano (mother of Joe Miano)

Jerry Mierkowski (friend of Nancy Swoboda)

Riley Milhulka (nephew of Cheri Mansfield)

Joan Milligan (friend of Alexis Cunningham)

Peggy Miller

Daryl Mitchell (friend of Alexis Cunningham)

Ashley Mosley (daughter-in-law of Frank & Bessie Mosley)

Brandie Mosley

Clara Mueller

Iris Outlaw (sister of Alexis Cunningham)

Deloitte Pace (food pantry)

Karen Rae (relative of Maire Trelz)

Keith Rogers (brother of Jon Rogers)

Annette Ruecket

Rosalyn Cunningham Schmitt (mother of Robert Cunningham)

Jill Seibert (mother of Steve Seibert)

Jim Seibert (father of Steve Seibert)

Bud Shultz

Gail Shultz

John Simon

Agnes Soll (friend of Jerri Bolden)

Johnnie Spears

**Vernida Summers**

Dale Ternaprovich (brother of Joyce Lackey)

Jean Thomas

Glenda Tubbs (Food Pantry)

Mickie Wallerstein (friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller)

Celita White (friend of John Jordan)

**Judy Wilga** (daughter of Julie Griffith)

### 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 & Jean Mueller)

Lisa Capehart (niece of Art Williams)

Bob Crecelius (brother of Roy Crecelius)

Jane Curran (friend of Karen Schaeffer)

Marge DeBray (food pantry)

Ayla Frushon (friend of Cheryl Balke)

Sue Gassner (cousin of Gloria Uttley)

Diane Goetz-Jordan (step-daughter of Keith Wetzel)

Janet Goldsboro (cousin of Marilyn Miller)

Karin Hornig (sister of Doris Truetken)

Bianca Jackson (friend of Vernida Summers)

Crystal Jackson (niece of Johnnie Spears)

Linda Jones (cousin of Marilyn Miller)

Tom Krauter, Jr. (son of Tom Krauter)

Jim Licata (co-worker of Robert Cunningham IV)

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)

Martin Rodgers (cousin of Jerri Bolden)

Ellen Saville (friend of Keith Neuber)

Christine Schwepker (friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra)

Arriion Soll (friend of Jerri Bolden)

Candy Summers (friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins)

Jon Summers (friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins)

### Those Who Celebrate:

**Riane Cleveland** who is celebrating a birthday on September 28 and **Jared Cleveland** whose birthday was on September 17.

The Elder of the Weekend leads prayer in the Prayer Chapel at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday for those on the prayer list. All are welcome to join him. Please also take the opportunity to pray for those on the prayer list during the week.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**GriefShare:** Chapel of the Cross is offering GriefShare on Tuesdays from 2:00-4:00 p.m. If you have lost a loved one, we hope you will consider exploring the hope and healing that GriefShare has offered to so many others. If you know of someone in grief, tell them about this. Contact Bill Rusnak or Vanessa Morris for information.

**Operation Christmas Child:** The collection continues for Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing. Operation Christmas Child September collection items are: small games: ( that will fit in a shoebox) mini-jenga, deck of cards, matching game, simple card games like go fish, tic tac toe ( even homemade). Reminder, packing day is Sunday, November 3 after late service. Thank you for participating in this ministry!

**Bridge Card playing at COTC** began in the gym on Friday, September 6th. This fun group is open to all who wish to join - at any skill level. Among the 20+ players are Chapel members, and they would like the numbers to grow at this monthly first Friday event. The games begin at 11:00 am and conclude at about 3:30 pm. Casandra Wallace is the North County chairperson and her number is 314-283-4381. Call to get information or to sign up to play Bridge.

## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

We welcome Rev. Dr. Steven Hokana, LCMS Assistant Director, Ministry to the Armed Forces who is leading this Sunday's Study at 9:45 a.m. Join us in Room #9. We are eager to learn about our International Mission, Ministry to the Armed Forces, Operation Barnabas.

**We have witnessed it at one time or another.** With the divisive rhetoric, violence, riots, and racial tensions, confusion arises-how can Christians tear down the racial walls dividing our country and more importantly, our church? This division stems from a lack of communication, empathy, and understanding. Reverend B. Keith Haney, an African American Lutheran Church Missouri Synod pastor, encourages everyone to seek answers to racial tensions in the only place where truth and peace can be found-God's Word! Healing must always begin with Jesus. Join us in room A starting Sunday, September 15, at 9:45 a.m. This is a six-course study that will be augmented with our Synod CTCR and LCMS resolutions as statements on racism.

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Our 1st and 3rd Tuesday 10:00 a.m. study has resumed. on Tuesday, Our current readings are from 1 Samuel and the focus is on the theme of "Prayer" in room #8.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Join us at 6:30 pm for our weekly study on Proverbs. See Bill Rusnak for details.

## MUSIC

**Choral Singers:** Regular rehearsals for the Choral Singers will begin **Thursday, September 5, at 7:00 p.m.** This ensemble practices each week for an hour and a half and sings from September - May. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ryan Meyer (Director of Music Ministry). We hope to see you there!

## LIFE TEAM

In Mark 9:36-37, Jesus explicitly instructs us to receive children as His own precious treasures. Sometimes this does indeed involve difficulty, but our God enlist both the Prophet Jeremiah and the apostle James to encourage us in resisting selfish ambition and committing this cause to the Lord. He will sustain the Gospel-motivated voice For Life until it succeeds!

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:

Joyce Jessen – September 25  
Henry Austin - September 26  
Marge Buckner – September 28  
Roy Crecelius – October 1  
Shirley Vanesler – October 1

Robert Snyder – September 25  
Dennis Underwood – September 26  
Carolyn Harris – September 30  
Marilyn Kreitner – October 1

## MAPP GOD'S WORD

**Hebrews 1:9** - "You have loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows."

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## Coming up at Chapel

### Monday, September 23

7:00 PM Board of Directors

### Tuesday, September 24

2:00 P.M. GriefShare

### Wednesday, September 25

6:30 PM Children's Bells

6:30 PM Bible Class

7:30 PM Chapel Bells

### Thursday, September 26

7:00 PM Choral Singers

### Saturday, September 28

5:00 PM Worship Service

### Sunday, September 29

8:30 AM Worship Service

9:45 AM Youth and Adult Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship Service

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**Mark 9:32 – “But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him”** The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves: misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples' ears? The Gospels tell us time and again: they did not expect a suffering Christ, and so when Jesus spoke of suffering, they plugged their ears and didn't listen, so they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What's in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? What might just be exactly what we need to hear!

## HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (9/15/2024):

- Worship 223 and 9 visitors

Last week's offering (9/15/2024):

- General Fund: \$13,942
- Building / Capital Fund: \$1,139
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$46

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$469,090
- Building / Capital Fund: \$45,816

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$525,733
- Building / Capital Fund: \$64,417