

THE CHAPEL Weekly



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Living in faith, hope, and love

September 3, 2023

BIBLE STUDY

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,

Announcements

Join Us for Second Saturdays Women's Fellowship! Ladies, mark your calendars for an uplifting and nourishing gathering on Saturday, September 9 from 9:30 a.m. – noon. We cordially invite all women to join us for a time of food and fellowship. This event serves as an opportunity for Chapel members and friends to strengthen connections, share stories, and encourage one another in the faith. We kindly request that each attendee brings a light brunch item to share. We will meet in the gym near the kitchen. For any questions or further information, please reach out to Mary Laesch (314-704-6906; marylaesch@gmail.com) or Jennifer Krupp (314- 662-0517; amiablejak@gmail.com).

Scholarship Fund You may have noticed the "Scholarship Fund" envelope in your box of offering envelopes. The gifts received for the Scholarship Fund support Chapel's commitment to help our families with children in Lutheran grade schools and high schools, and men and women in Lutheran colleges or seminaries pursuing church work careers. If you are able, please support Chapel's Scholarship Fund.

GriefShare Chapel of the Cross is offering GriefShare two times, Tuesdays from 2:00-4:00 p.m., and Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m., starting August 8 and 10. 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 a grief situation, tell them about this. It doesn't matter how long ago the loss was. Contact Bill Rusnak for more information.

Discovery Class: A new Discovery Class will begin **Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m.** meeting each week thereafter for 10 weeks. 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!

Mary-Martha Guild will hold their annual Salad Supper on Monday, September 11 in room 8 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a salad to share. All ladies are invited to join us as we announce the agenda for the coming months at a short business meeting.

Board Member of the Month: John Jordan has been a member of Chapel for 16 years. He was on the board of directors in the past and served as treasurer. He also served on the mission outreach committee and is an usher. He has worked for Metro for 17 Years and is currently employed by the Archdiocese. He has two brothers, Mitch and Jimmie and a sister Pat.

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:

Jan Arban
Willie Ball (friend of Alderay Fields)
Tracy Ball (friend of Alderay Fields)
Ellen Bauer (food pantry)
Vivian Berry
Tanjila Bolden
Doris Boyd
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 Cunningham III
Linda Edgington
Kymm Fehrs
Alderay 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 Alderay 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)
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
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:

Momma Boschert (mother of Julie Seibert's co-worker)
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:

Manuel Angel and Kelsey Mansfield as they were joined in marriage on September 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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.

Free PSA Screening: 1 in 6 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. Be proactive and get checked at this free event: Saturday, September 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Twillman House, 11840 Bellefontaine Road. 63138. PSA screenings done through blood test. Space is limited. Please call 314-747-9355 to reserve your spot.

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

Chapel Bells are in need of some new ringers for the Fall! If you've ever considered joining Chapel's handbell choir, now is the perfect time! Rehearsals won't start until September but will be each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you would like more information, or have any questions, please contact Jen Schmidt or Ryan Meyer. Hope to see you in the Fall!

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

Our bodies and lives are on loan from Almighty God. He creates us in His image, redeems us with His Son, and calls us by His name from fertilization to forever. So He does not abandon us in our frailties and mistakes. Shall we not extend this Gospel also to neighbors facing surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis?

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:

LeVina Reese – September 7
LeVeada Stevens – September 7
Marilyn Miller – September 8
Karen Schaeffer – September 10
Lila Wilhite – September 12

MAPP GOD'S WORD

Galatians 3:11 - "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith."

Coming up at Chapel

Monday, September 4
Labor Day-Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5
2:00 PM GriefShare

Wednesday, September 6
6:30 PM Bible Class
6:30 PM Children's Bells
7:30 PM Chapel Bells

Thursday, September 7
6:15 PM Joyful Noise
6:30 PM GriefShare
7:00 PM Joyful Noise

Saturday, September 9
9:30 AM Women's Fellowship
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, September 10
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Youth & Adult Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Matthew 16:26 – "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?" He who dies with the most toys...is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in home, church, and society as loving, generous people. Those who don't know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God's kingdom.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (8/27/2023):
• Worship 184 and 21 visitors

Last week's offering (8/27/2023):
• General Fund: \$8,410
• Building / Capital Fund: \$1,045
• 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$33

YTD Offerings:
• General Fund: \$421,188
• Building / Capital Fund: \$36,796

YTD Need:
• General Fund: \$499,590
• Building / Capital Fund: \$61,035

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