



CHAPEL OF
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Living in faith, hope, and love

THE CHAPEL

Weekly

September 8, 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

Senior High Youth Room

Announcements

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.

Youth Confirmation begins on this weekend! All 7th and 8th grade youth are invited to attend each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in Room 8. Youth Confirmation is taught by Pastor Laesch and Vicar Samuel. Please notify the church office if your child will be able to attend.

Crossroads: Contributions for the fall issue of are due by today.

The Mary-Martha Guild will hold their annual Salad Supper on Monday, September 9, 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.

Join Us for Second Saturdays Women's Fellowship! All women are invited for a time of food, faith, and fellowship on Saturday, September 14 beginning at 9:30 a.m. This monthly event provides Chapel members and friends the opportunity to strengthen connections and encourage one another in the faith. You may bring light brunch item to share if you wish, but don't feel you need to—we always have more than enough! We meet in the lower level of Chapel in Room 8. 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).

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)

Tanjila Bolden

Doris Boyd

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 Cuningham III

Clyde Dempsey (father of Julie Seibert)

Jane Downs (friend of Donna Stewart)

Linda Edgington

Aulderay Fields

Darlene Franklin (friend of Georgia Thomas)

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

Deloitte Pace (food pantry)

Karen Rae (relative of Maire Trelz)

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)

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)

Janet Dickhudt (friend of the Luedtke family)

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)

Arrión Soll (friend of Jerri Bolden)

Candy Summers (friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins)

Jon Summers (friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins)

Those Who Mourn:

The family and loved ones of **Mary Sinnett**, mother of Marsha Geisz, who died in the Lord on Thursday.

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

The Mary-Martha Guild will again this year be taking preorders for Mixin Fixins. Starting in August and thru September 22, you can place your order at the Crocus Bookstore. A list of Mixin Fixin products we are making this year will be available. The price is the same as last year, \$10.00 per item. You will be able to pick up your orders on Saturday October 26 and Sunday October 27. Fundraiser recipients will be announced later in the Chapel Weekly. Thank you for your support.

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!

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

We are in an eight-week succession of Epistle readings from Ephesians! Join us to dig deeply through the entire Epistle at 9:45 each Sunday morning. Consider preparing with your advanced reading and join together in the unity and faith.

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 resumes on Tuesday, September 17. If you would like to prepare, the study guides are printed and available at the Welcome Center - look for peach colored papers! The next Heroine is Hannah. Our readings are from 1 Samuel and the focus is on the theme of "Prayer." Tell your friends as we resume in the lower level in room #8. See you in September!

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Join us starting at 6:30 pm for our new 11 week study on Proverbs starting September 4. Please sign up at the Welcome center to ensure we have space a copies for everyone. 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!

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!

LIFE TEAM

Almighty God makes the Prophet Isaiah solemnly proclaim, "Behold, your God will come ... He will come and save." Jesus demonstrates its fulfillment when He does not cast aside but cares for the burdened body of a neighbor with impairments. So why should we hold our tongues any longer when we could be dispensing the same hope to those facing surprise pregnancy or 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 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:

Lila Wilhite – September 12

Gary Horkman – September 16

MAPP GOD'S WORD

2 Timothy 3:4-7 - "But after the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit; whom he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

Coming up at Chapel

Monday, September 9

6:30 PM Mary-Martha Guild
7:00 PM Elders

Tuesday, September 10

2:00 P.M. GriefShare

Wednesday, September 11

6:30 PM Bible Class
7:30 PM Chapel Bells

Thursday, September 12

7:00 PM Choral Singers

Saturday, September 14

9:30 PM Women's Fellowship
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, September 8

8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Youth and Adult Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

James 2:2 – "For id a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in..." God shows no partiality: rich and poor alike are called into the kingdom. And both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving – that is, giving a proportion of our income to the Lord's work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God's work.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (9/1/2024):

- Worship 208 and 15 visitors

Last week's offering (9/1/2024):

- General Fund: \$19,595
- Building / Capital Fund: \$2,151
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$71

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$448,106
- Building / Capital Fund: \$43,266

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$497,315
- Building / Capital Fund: \$60,935

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