

BIBLE STUDY

Announcements

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
Youth Confirmation Room #8

Chapel of the Cross
Online Survey



www.tinyurl.com/cotcsurvey1

Paper copies are available at
the Welcome Center.

Christmas Holiday Worship Schedule: Come join together with your brothers and sisters in Christ as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!
Fourth Weekend of Advent:
December 23/24, 5:00 p.m., 8:30, 11:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship:
December 24, 5:00 and 10:30 p.m.
Christmas Day Worship:
December 25, 10:00 a.m.
New Years' Eve Worship:
December 30/31, 5:00 p.m., 8:30, 11:00 a.m.

The 12 Days of Christmas Event: Did you know that the season of Christmas is the shortest season in the Church Year? Come join us on Sunday, December 24 at 9:30 a.m. in room 9 in the lower level of Chapel to learn a little about the history of Christmas and how we can celebrate these twelve days (hint: it doesn't involve ten lords-a-leaping). We will also have snacks and a fun activity. This is an intergenerational event for the whole Chapel family!

Crocus Book Store has a new handmade angel ornament, and all proceeds will go towards new paraments for the church. The cost of each ornament is \$10.00.

GriefShare is a national faith-based organization that forms grief support groups for those who have lost loved ones to death to help them in the healing process. Chapel of the Cross continues to offer GriefShare on Tuesdays from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Our next 13 week cycle starts January 9, 2024. 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 has been. Contact Bill Rusnak (741-3737) for more information.

Lutheran Witness: It's time for the renewal of your Lutheran Witness subscription for 2024-2025. If you would like to order or renew, please remit \$20.65 to the church office by Monday, January 21, 2024.

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of my mother, Mary Evans, Ashley Evans and Michael Evans. Mary Evans

The Radio Broadcast is being sponsored in loving memory of our mother Mary Kuhrik on her birthday. Nancy and Marilee Kuhrik

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:
Willie Ball (friend of Aulderay Fields)
Tracy Ball (friend of Aulderay Fields)
Vivian Berry
Tanjila Bolden
Doris Boyd
Lydia Brown (friend of Georgia Thomas)
Mardell Brown (friend of Georgia Thomas)
Cheryl Bush (friend of Jerri Bolden)
Sharon Casey (friend of Julie Griffith)
Ivy Rose Clark (relative of Alexis Cunningham)
Sharon Cole (friend of Bud & Gail Shultz)
Gary Crane (friend of Bud & Gail Shultz)
Marlene Crawford
Ortez Crawford
Meagan Crump (friend of Jon Rogers)
Robert Cuningham III
Bea Daugherty
Linda Edgington
Doris Eggers
Edem Ekpo
Kymm Fehrs
Aulderay Fields
Darlene Franklin (friend of Georgia Thomas)
Vi Froelich (2nd mom to Julie Seibert)
John Gassner (cousin of Gloria Uttley)
Susanna Gregory (daughter of Gale Damm)
Carolyn Hanneman
Rita Hayes (sister of Jim Crosier)
Darryal Hughes (cousin of Aulderay Fields)
Dennis Iborg (brother-in-law of Dawn Iborg)
Jordan Jones (friend of Ervin Wilson)

Paul Kelly (father of Rosalyn Cunningham Schmitt)
Marilyn Koester (Diane Timm's cousin)
Joyce Lackey
John Linton (brother-in-law of Joe Miano)
Malu Martin (sister of Cathy Crosier)
Bella Matakas (niece of Ken Gerler)
Duane McCain (uncle of John & Jay Zvirgzdins)
Patricia Miano (mother of Joe Miano)
Joan Milligan (friend of Alexis Cunningham)
Marlo Milligan (friend of Alexis Cunningham)
Peggy Miller
Brandie Mosley
John Nichols (friend of Vernida Summers)
Darold Pendleton (nephew of Georgia Thomas)
Karen Rae (relative of Maire Trelz)
Annette Rueckert
Edna Shanklin (friend of Alexis Cunningham)
Bud Shultz
Gail Shultz
Mark Shultz (son of Bud & Gail Shultz)
John Simon
Agnes Soll (friend of Jerri Bolden)
Johnnie Spears
Dale Ternaprovich (brother of Joyce Lackey)
Jean Thomas
Joey Totra (grandson of Karen Totra)
Glenda Tubbs (Food Pantry)
Marcia Turvold
Mickie Wallerstein (friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller)
Charles Ward (friend of Alexis Cunningham)
Lionel Ward (friend of Alexis Cunningham)

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)
Sue Gassner (cousin of Gloria Uttley)
Diane Goetz-Jordan (step-daughter of Keith Wetzel)
Tom Hetrick (nephew of Audrey Luedtke)
Karin Hornig (sister of Doris Truetken)
Bianca Jackson (friend of Vernida Summers)
Bob Krauter
Tom Krauter, Jr. (son of Tom Krauter)
Cheryl Linton (sister-in-law of Joseph Miano)
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)
Jon Summers (friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins)

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Lutheran Resale Shop: We just donated \$13,000 each to Lutheran Senior Services and Lutheran Family and Children's Services. A big thank you to all our volunteers and faithful customers! Now a request: Would you like to use your time to help us support Lutheran Family and Children's Services and the two Retirement Communities? We would love to have you volunteer to work with us for a day. We have many jobs here: hanging clothing, folding linens, arranging shelves, sorting clothing, etc. Some of the jobs are sit-down jobs. Bring a friend with you, try us once and see if it would be a fit. We are at 6701 W. Florissant; our hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm. Call us at 314-389-9970.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Ladies Study: The 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the lower level in Room 8 is: *Biblical Heroines of Faith – Understanding God's Work in the lives of His people.* We are taking a break until we resume on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, when we study Deborah and Jael. Copies of this next study are printed and available at the Welcome center near the TV monitor.

Wednesday Nights: Join us in January when we begin our new study in Room 8 at 6:30 p.m., as we begin our Study of Daniel.

MUSIC

Music Ministry: Have you ever considered being a part of Chapel's music ministry? Below is a list of our choirs and ensembles and when they rehearse. All are welcome to join us as we "make a joyful noise to the Lord!" Please contact director of music, Ryan Meyer, with any questions. We hope to see you there!

Children's Handbells	Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Chapel Bells (Adult handbells)	Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
Joyful Noise (contemporary)	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays at 6:15 p.m.
Choral Singers (choir)	Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

LIFE TEAM

The Life Team is excited to announce an Art Fair with the theme "Choose Life...for God is your life and length of days." (Deut. 30:19-20) Submissions are open to all ages and we would love to see all different stages of life represented, from embryo to old age. Please consider submitting a drawing, painting, sculpture, etc. centered around our theme above and using your creativity to glorify God and His creation. If you would like to participate, we ask that you register by December 3rd. The deadline to turn artwork in will be Sunday, January 7th. We will then display all of the art in our Life Library on the weekend of Life Sunday, January 20th and 21st. We look forward to seeing the creativity of Chapel members!

Almighty God has profound interest and investment in childbearing and childrearing. He has made this relationship and vocation central to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Every mother and father, every son or daughter embodies the love of the Lord for humankind. While abortion attempts to conceal the realities, our sanctity-of-life advocacy gets to reveal this delightful mystery.

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:

Gail Shultz – December 27
George Tomazi – December 27
Connie Fielding – December 29
Maire Trelz – December 31

MAPP GOD'S WORD

Ephesians 3:20 - "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us."

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Coming up at Chapel

Monday, December 25 Christmas
Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26
Office Closed

Saturday, December 30
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, December 31
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Youth and Adult Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

2 Samuel 7:4-5 – “But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan. “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?’” Nathan thought David’s idea was great, so he blessed it with the Lord’s name. But later that night, the Word of the Lord set him straight. The Word of the Lord, not our own desires or whims, must be the basis for what we think, say and do in God’s kingdom.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week’s attendance (12/17/2023):

- Worship 225 and 18 visitors

Last week’s offering (12/17/2023):

- General Fund: \$13,064
- Building / Capital Fund: \$1,145
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$44

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$648,965
- Building / Capital Fund: \$62,858

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$727,974
- Building / Capital Fund: \$88,891