

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.

A big Thank you to our church family for your wonderful generosity towards our Friend of Moms Giving Tree this holiday season. We received 84 blankets, 1,380 size 2-3 diapers, 1,316 size 4,5-6 diapers, 261 pairs of socks and 184 packs of wipes!! We also would like to acknowledge and thank our great group of volunteers, Clara Mueller, Candy Webb, Marsha Geisz, Georgia Thomas, Vanessa Morris, Cathy Allen, Joyce Orange, Amy Meister, Anita Johnson and Sandy Wendt.

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.

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. 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!

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 Epiphany Event: A brilliant star. Magi. Eureka! Find out what these have in common at the Epiphany Event on Sunday, January 7 at 9:30 a.m. in room 8 in the lower level of Chapel. We will also have snacks and a creative activity. This is an intergenerational event for adults and children alike!

The Mary-Martha Guild would like to thank everyone who supported our annual Christmas Cookie Sale. On Monday January 8, we will meet in room 8 at 6:30 pm. We will have a Social Night with no business meeting. Everyone is asked to bring games to play and snacks to share. This promises to be fun for everyone. All ladies are welcome to attend.

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)
Shannon 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
Edem Ekpo
Kymm Fehrs
Aulderay Fields
Jason Fink (friend of John Zvirgzdins)
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:

Eileen Backman (friend of Mark Petersen)
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

Christmas – and a new year-offers opportunity for the joys of looking forward. Simeon and Anna exemplify and inspire faith that finds strength and celebration in anticipating. The Heavenly Father who escorted us thus far will also usher us ever onward. Neighbors facing surprise pregnancies or suffering terminal diagnosis need to know. For their sake, please do not keep silent!

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 Hale – January 3
Joan Bohrer – January 7
Teri Underwood – January 8
Sharon Yount – January 8

MAPP GOD'S WORD

Ephesians 4:23-24 - "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that you put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

Coming up at Chapel

Monday, January 1
Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2
Office Closed

Wednesday, January 3
6:30 PM Bible Study

Thursday, January 4
6:00 PM Life Team
7:00 PM Choral Singers

Saturday, January 6 Epiphany
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, January 7
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:30 AM Epiphany Event
9:45 AM Youth and Adult Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship
Service/Elders/BOD installation

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Luke 2:21 – “And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.” The name Jesus means “the Lord saves.” There is no better way to end or begin a year than with the sweet comfort of the name of Jesus. He saves us. He loves us. He desires to bless us. That assurance is the basis for all we do in our Christian lives, including our stewardship of His financial blessings.

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HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week’s attendance (12/24/2023):

- Worship 473 and 55 visitors

Last week’s offering (12/24/2023):

- General Fund: \$32,774
- Building / Capital Fund: \$710
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$78

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$681,739
- Building / Capital Fund: \$63,568

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$742,248
- Building / Capital Fund: \$90,632