

Living in faith, hope, and love

April 2, 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,

Woman's Bible study

1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 10:00 am Unshakable Hope A study by Max Lucado – Room #8 March 21 Chapter #13 / Guide #12 April 18 Chapter #14 and pages 209-212

Wednesday 6:30 pm Hebrews Room #8. We resume on April 19.

M*A*P*P GOD'S WORD

Memorize * Apply * Pray * Ponder

1 Corinthians 3:16- "Know you not that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of god dwells in you?"."

Announcements

All Bible study classrooms will relocate the next two weeks as follows; Adult Bible study in the Sanctuary. Large Catechism will meet in the Parlor. Sunday School will meet in Room A and the nursery. High School and confirmation will meet in the conference room.

Easter Breakfast: COTC is serving fresh scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, and more on Sunday, April 9, 2023. We are serving from 7:30 am to 10:45 am in the gym at Chapel of the Cross! It is free - but donations will be accepted to send to our designated missions. We need some servers and help with the food preparations, too! See the Commons display table.

Chapel Easter Egg Hunt: Chapel of the Cross will host an Easter Egg Hunt for children of the congregation and the community on Saturday, April 8. Children and their families are invited to come for crafts and games from 10:00-10:45 a.m. The Egg Hunt will begin at 11:00 a.m. You are invited to help with this fun community outreach project! Please donate individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, take-down, crafts and games, and filling and hiding eggs. Sign up in the church narthex or contact Mary Laesch. Thank you!

Seniors and Homebound Holy Week Service and Luncheon: Join us on Monday, April 3, as we remember, honor, and celebrate the events of Holy Week. The service will begin at 11:00, followed by a luncheon in the gym. Sign up at Welcome Center.

Director of the Week: Earl Wendt is a charter member of Chapel. He is married to Sandy they have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. He is retired from Financial and IT Consulting. He was president, vice-president and currently secretary on the board of directors; served on board of elders, personnel committee, stewardship committee, finance committee, head usher, Men's Club President, 50th Anniversary, Gift Development team and Lutheran Senior Services Board.

Mary-Martha Guild will hold its next meeting on Monday April 10, at 6:30 in room 8. Angela Gatteys LWML North Zone President will be our guest speaker. We will serve refreshments followed by our business meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Radio Broadcast is being sponsored in memory of our aunt and uncle, Rosemary and Karol Dujka. Nancy and Marilee Kuhrik

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers after my recent surgery, Marty Albers.

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:

Marty Albers Jan Arban Joan Arban Willie Ball (friend of Aulderay Fields) Tracy Ball (friend of Aulderay Fields) Vivian Berry Loretta Bolar (cousin of Alexis Cunningham) Tanjila Bolden Mardell Brown (friend of Georgia Thomas) Sharon Casey (friend of Julie Griffith) Ivy Rose Clark (relative of Alexis Cunningham) Kim Cunningham (daughter-in-law to Alexis Cunningham) Robert Cunningham III Donna Dansberry (sister of Alexis *Cunningham)* Linda Edgington Kymm Fehrs Aulderay Fields David Funke John Gasner (cousin of Gloria Uttley) Jessica Glenn (wife of Zeb Glenn) Grace Green Susanna Gregory (daughter of Gale Damm) Carolyn Hanneman Rita Hayes (sister of Jim Crosier) Judy Hoelker (aunt of Christy Boehmer) Darryal Hughes (cousin of Aulderay 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)

Jimmie Jordan (brother of John Jordan) Paul Kelly (father of Rosalyn Cunningham Schmitt) Jamie Kirkpatrick (grandson of Audrey Luedtke) Marilyn Koester (Diane Timm's cousin) Joyce Lackey **Eleanor Langefeld** Audrey Luedtke Bella Matakas (*niece of Ken Gerler*) Elsie Meyer **Kirk Mueller** Katy Moran (friend of Jon Rogers) Ethel Moreau (friend of Audrey Luedtke) Brandie Mosley (daughter of Frank and Bessie Mosley) Leona Pellegrino (god-daughter of Alexis Cunningham) Darold Pendleton (nephew of Georgia Thomas) Karen Rae (relative of Maire Trelz) David Schlictmann (father of Craig Schlictmann) Henry Scott (friend of Georgia Thomas) Bud Shultz Gail Shultz Agnes Soll (friend of Jerri Bolden) Johnnie Spears Sandy Stephens (friend of Nancy Swoboda) Linda Taylor Dale Ternaprovich (brother of Joyce Lackey) Jean Thomas Lionel Ward (friend of Alexis Cunningham) Hsea Wells (friend of Alexis Cunningham)

Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

Eva Brown (food pantry) Tammy Bushman (daughter of Mike and Jean Mueller) Lisa Capehart (niece of Art Williams) Mike Datillo (uncle of Jayme Zvirgzdins) Janet Dickhudt (friend of the Luedtke family) 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) Bianca Jackson (friend of Vernida Summers) Ed Kamphoefner (brother to Kathy Mueller) Bob Krauter Tom Krauter, Jr, (son of Tom Krauter) Ken Leesman (husband of Christy Leesman) Cheryl Linton (sister-in-law of Joseph Miano) Mary Jo Loberg Gary Mantei Mary Oberman (friend of Lisa Hager) Marc Openlander (grandson of Art Williams) Martin Rodgers (cousin of Jerri Bolden) Ellen Saville (friend of Keith Neuber) Arrion Soll (friend of Jerri Bolden) Candy Summers (friend of Jayme Zvirgzdins) Vicki Williams (daughter of Bill & Grace Green) Bob Woodward (uncle of Jerry Bowen) Norma Young (friend of Alexis Cunningham)

Those Who Mourn:

Linda Moellering, upon the death of her brother, Stephen

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Discovery Class A new Discovery Class will begin **Wednesday, April 12 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!

Dear Chapel of the Cross Family: Because of your generosity we have 51 PERSONAL CARE KITS to send on to Lutheran World Relief for distributing to those in need. Thank you so much for your loving hearts.

Easter Lilies: We will decorate the church at Easter with Easter lilies *in honor of a person, your family, or in memory of a loved one.* If you would like to order a plant for (\$12.50), which may be picked up after April 9th, please use one of the envelopes which you will find in the pew racks or call the church office (741-3737). Make checks payable to "Chapel of the Cross-Lutheran." DEADLINE: Monday, April 3rd. ALSO: Please let the church office know how you want your memorial to read.

Property Beautification/Faith in Action Day: Please join us for about 2 hours on **Thursday, April 6, 2023,** for a property cleaning-up day. 18 Lutheran High students will need adult leaders to direct them. Please See Bill Rusnak for more information. Adult leaders should plan to be at Church for a short meeting beginning at 8:45 am. Students are planning to arrive at 9:00 am. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

Good Friday Tre Ore Service Blessed Savior Lutheran Church (2615 Shackelford Rd., Florissant, MO) will be hosting their annual Good Friday Tre Ore service focusing on the seven last words of Christ from the cross on Good Friday, April 7, 12 noon to 3 p.m. The Tre Ore service is comprised of 7 services which are approximately 20-25 minutes long. You may come and go as it fits your schedule. Various pastors will be preaching on the seven words. Pastor Glenn will be preaching on the 6th word: "It is finished" and Pastor Laesch will be preaching on the final word: "Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit."

Home School Art Show: Chapel is hosting the 27th Annual Family Covenant Ministries Homeschool Art Festival on April 27th from 4 to 7 p.m. If you would like more information or know of a homeschool family that would be interested, contact Jayme Zvirgzdins at 314-489-5607 or <u>fcmartfestival@outlook.com</u>.

Rummage Sale April 28 and 29, 2023: See the Commons display. Helpers needed to sort items on Wednesday 4/26. Please bring items to the Gym stage from Saturday, April 22, to Wednesday, April 26. Proceeds support our Summer Camp!

SUMMER CAMP

Summer Camp Counselors Needed: 2023 Chapel Summer Camp is May 30 through August 4. We are now accepting applications from those interested in being a counselor. Applicants must be at least graduating high school seniors. Please contact Summer Camp Interim Director, Bill Rusnak, to get your application.

Thrivent Members: In preparation for Summer Camp 2023, we are needing 8 to 10 more Thrivent Action Team gift cards for specific areas. If you are willing to help in this way speak with Bill Rusnak!

LIFE TEAM:

Every tongue must and shall confess Jesus and not ourselves as Lord over death and life. When offered gall to accelerate His own dying, the Savior declined, even in His terminal condition. We also may commend ourselves and our neighbors into the Heavenly Father's loving hands as days draw to their ends.

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:

Bill Kooi – April 9 Paulette Redwine – April 9

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Coming up at Chapel

Monday, April 3

11:00 AM Homebound and Senior Service and luncheon

Tuesday, April 4 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study

Thursday, April 6 Maundy Thursday 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:30 PM Worship Service

Friday, April 7 Good Friday 12:00 PM Worship Service 6:30 PM Worship Service

Saturday, April 8 Easter Vigil 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt 5:00 PM Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday 8:30 AM Worship Service 8:30-10:45 AM Easter Breakfast 11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Matthew 21:3 – "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Did Jesus really *need* the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey, would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! Likewise, with us-the Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His church.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (3/26/2023):

Worship 172 and 10 visitors

Last week's offering (3/26/2023):

- General Fund: \$11,338
- Building / Capital Fund: \$419
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$51

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$144,548
- Building / Capital Fund: \$13,063

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$185,562
- Building / Capital Fund: \$22,633