

THE CHAPEL Weekly



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LUTHERAN

Living in faith, hope, and love

July 11, 2021

BIBLE STUDY

Bible class for adults

Sundays at 9:45 am in Room #9.

Sunday school for children

Sundays at 9:45 am in the lower level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Return to "Normal"

Following the recommendations from the CDC, Chapel lifted the mask mandate for those who are fully vaccinated. Per CDC guidelines, those who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear masks. For those wishing to continue to wear masks, even if vaccinated, you certainly are welcome to do so.

The Board of Elders are also looking forward to implementing a plan over time to return to "normal" in our worship and fellowship. Already the Bibles and hymnals have been returned to the pews, we are singing all hymns once again, and ushers are distributing bulletins and passing the offering plate and we have begun continuous communion.

- The weekend of July 25, lay readers will begin serving.
- The weekend of August 8, we will begin to receive communion at the altar and return the Greeting of Peace in the worship service.

Thank you for your patience and your flexibility as we navigate these changes.

Weekend Vacation Bible School, August 6-8, 2021: Families and children of all ages are invited to Chapel's 2021 Weekend Vacation Bible School Adventure; *Passport to Peru!*

Passport to Peru will immerse kids and families in the vibrant culture of Peru through Bible adventures, games, food, songs, and video visits with Peruvian kids as they discover God's good gifts for all! *Passport to Peru Weekend Bible School* will be held:

Friday, August 6 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 7 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (lunch will be provided)

Sunday August 8 from 9:45 a.m.-12:00 (includes worship at 11:00 a.m. and a light reception after the service).

Parents and caregivers are invited to join their kids for this fun-filled weekend! All children who are not accompanied by an adult need to be at least six years old. Register at Chapel of the Cross in the commons area, or call the church office at 314-741-3737.

If you have any questions, please call the church office and leave a message for Mary Laesch.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

The names in bold print are new to the prayer list this weekend.

Those with Health Concerns:

Marla Ackerman
Jan Arban
Joan Arban
Scott Barber (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Tanjila Bolden
Katelyn Bracher
Betty Brooks (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Lonza Bufford (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)
Sadie Bufford (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Elizabeth Cash
Luxora Crawford (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Bea Daugherty
Kathy Doherty (*friend of Fred Schroeder*)
Marge Dubray (*Food Pantry*)
Linda Edgington
Kymm Fehrs
Lloyd Flint (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Rev. Micah Glenn
Susanna Gregory (*daughter of Gale Damm*)
Carolyn Hanneman
Vickie Holmes (*sister in law of Alexis Cunningham*)
Dr. James Hudson (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)
Steve Jones (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)
Jamie Kirkpatrick (*Audrey Luedtke's grandson*)
Jennifer Krotz (*daughter of David Stahlhut*)
Joyce Lackey
Cheryl Lacy (*Food Pantry client*)
Makenzie Lenox (*great-niece of Cindy Vogelsang*)
Bella Matakas (*niece of Ken Gerler*)
Elsie Meyer
Louis McNeal (*brother-in-law of Alexis Cunningham*)

Patricia Hayes Mitchell (*sister-in-law of Robert Cunningham*)
Mel Neustadt
Paula Pavia
Darold Pendleton (*nephew of Georgia Thomas*)
Karen Rae (*relative of Maire Trelz*)
Ron Rammaha (*friend of Robert Cunningham*)
Mary Jo Reimann (*Audrey Luedtke's daughter*)
Jean Thomas
Rebecca Trump (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Ola's Ugobo (*friend of Robert Cunningham*)
Abby VanArsedale (*friend of Jayme Z.*)
Ted Vogel
Dorothy Walker (*Aunt of Jerri Bolden*)
Charles Ward (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Lionel Ward (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Hsea Wells (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Carol Whiteaker (*former member and cousin of Mark Petersen*)

Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

Cheryl Boehmer (*mother-in-law of Christy Boehmer*)
Lisa Capehart (*niece of Art Williams*)
Tracey Cottrell (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Mike Datillo (*uncle of Jayme Zvirgzdins*)
Mike Dunn (*uncle of Rick Christian*)
Christy Elfrink (*friend of Mark Petersen*)
Betty Endsley (*mother of Marcy Oliver*)
Kenneth Fuchs (*former LHSN band director*)
Diane Goetz-Jordan (*step-daughter of Keith Wetzel*)
Agnes Gray (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Denise Hildebrand
Tom Krauter, Jr. (*son of Tom Krauter*)

Mike Lee (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Mary Moeller (*cousin of Audrey Luedtke*)
Mary Oberman (*friend of Lisa Hager*)
Marc Openlander (*grandson of Art Williams*)
Martin Rodgers (*cousin of Jerri Bolden*)
Ellen Saville (*friend of Keith Neuber*)
Lincoln Scott (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)
Arrion Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Debbie Steinbrueck (*daughter of Joann & Leon Steinbrueck*)
Joann Steinbrueck
Chris Turmenstein (*friend of Glenn and Joyce Lackey*)
Gloria Uttley
Scott Whiteaker (*former member and cousin of Mark Petersen*)
Bob Woodward (*uncle of Jerry Bowen*)

Those Who Mourn:

The family and loved ones of **Eleanor Nauss** who died in the Lord on July 3.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Evening Prayer Services: Chapel will once again be offering Evening Prayer Services throughout the summer months. We will meet in the **Sanctuary** at 6:30 pm the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Please contact Ryan Meyer for any questions.

July 21st
August 4th and 18th

Choir Meeting: All singers are invited to attend an informal gathering where we can re-connect, discuss our thoughts and plans about the future, and hopefully meet some new faces! So whether you are a returning singer or have never sung with us before, please consider joining us on **Thursday, July 22, at 7:00 pm.** Please let me know in advance if you are able to attend. There will be a sign up sheet at the welcome center, or contact the church office. I hope to see you all there! In Christ, Ryan Meyer

National Youth Gathering: Next summer, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod will host the National Youth Gathering! This happens once every three years and is open to all incoming freshman (8th graders this next year) through seniors. This time the Gathering will be held in Houston, TX, July 9-14, 2022. Here is the website, <https://lcmmsgathering.com/>. We are starting to plan for this event and want to know if you are interested in having your child attend. There is a cost involved, but we will work to ensure that all expenses are reasonable for everyone. If you are interested, please let me know. At this point, we do not need adult chaperones to volunteer, as we should have all the adult leadership needed. If that changes, we will be sure to let you know.

LIFE TEAM

Wanted: Broken or Used Jewelry and Silver Plated Utensils. Now that more people are returning to church, the Life Team is once again placing a treasure chest in the foyer to collect broken or used jewelry. Monarch Jewelry is a Christian ministry in connection with *Crisis Aid International* that creates artistic jewelry and accessories as a unique way to engage in the fight against modern day slavery. Our mission is to increase awareness, raise funds and encourage others to fight against sex trafficking. All profits from the sale of Monarch Jewelry and accessories goes to Crisis Aid's St. Louis Refuge home. We are grateful to partner with and help them as they work to rescue, restore and set captives free!

Life Thought: Was John's Gospel proclamation about Herod's marriage a political issue (Mark 6:18)? Or was it the Word of the Lord warning a neighbor against danger and pledging a better way? We may feel like neither prophets nor prophets' sons (Amos 7:14-15), but we have heard the Word of truth and the Gospel of everyone's salvation (Ephesians 1:13). However politicized or unpopular the sanctity of life becomes, we have been predestined to proclaim and celebrate it (Ephesians 1:11-12).

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 2021, 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:

Judy Benton – July 11
Joan Mattmueller – July 11
Karen Scheffel – July 13
Alberta Offutt – July 15
Richard Gronemeyer – July 16
Loren West – July 17

M*A*P*P GOD'S WORD

Memorize * Apply * Pray * Ponder

Romans 12:9-10 - "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;"

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COMING UP AT CHAPEL

Saturday, July 17

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, July 18

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Worship Service

9:45 AM Youth and Adult Bible Study

9:45 AM Sunday School

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Amos 7:8 – “And the Lord said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb line.’ Then the Lord said, ‘Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them.’” In the book of Amos the Lord condemns the people for their lack of kindness, charity, and generosity toward the weak and lowly. God takes great offense at this because his activity toward us is built on kindness, charity, and generosity. He wants us to respond in kind.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (7/4/2021):

- Worship: 160 and 11 visitors

Last week's offering (7/4/2021):

- General Fund: \$13,500
- Building / Capital Fund: \$1,808
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$110

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$341,854
- Building / Capital Fund: \$37,211

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$385,398
- Building / Capital Fund: \$46,737