

THE CHAPEL Weekly



July 25, 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. Today, the 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.

The flowers on the altar are in celebration of the ordination of **Rev. Ellory Glenn** and in honor of the 67th wedding anniversary of **Arnie and Gerry Renken**

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

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

Those with Health Concerns:

Jan Arban
Joan Arban
Scott Barber (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Tanjila Bolden
Shirline Bower
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*)
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*)
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*)
Shirley Stroud (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
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*)
Arrión Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Eloise Srednicki (*cousin of Tim Brown*)
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 Celebrate:

Ellory Glenn, his family, and Chapel of the Cross congregation as Ellory is ordained this afternoon into the pastoral ministry.

Wilma Miller as she celebrates her 95th birthday.

Arnold and Gerry Renken as they celebrate 67 years of marriage this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Thank You for the prayer, thoughts and cards I received during my recovery. **Joyce Lackey**

GriefShare is a national faith-based organization that forms grief support groups for those who have lost loved to death to help them in the healing process. Chapel of the Cross is once again offering GriefShare two times, Tuesdays from 2:00-4:00 p.m., and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m., starting August 10 and 12, 2021. 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 at Chapel of the Cross (741-3737) for more information.

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.

August 4th and 18th

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://lmsgathering.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

Life Thought: Supporters of physician-assisted suicide might label the martyrdom of St. James as undignified. He did not choose the timing of his death. He had no control over the manner of his passing. But history and heaven celebrate both his life and his last breath. He met his demise with courage and purpose that allowed him to go gracefully with a Savior whose presence and promises to dignify and sanctify even lives death attempts to humiliate.

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:

Nancy Bruder – July 26
Fred Pflieger – July 30
Jack Plack – July 30

M*A*P*P GOD'S WORD

Memorize * Apply * Pray * Ponder

Romans 12:14-15 - "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep."

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COMING UP AT CHAPEL

Monday, July 26

7:00 PM Board of Directors meeting

Saturday, July 31

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, Aug. 1

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

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Ephesians 3:20 – "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think..." We often shortchange God by failing to remember what Paul says here: God can do far more than what we think or ask. His power, and His love, are without bound and without measure. So why do we fear to follow His word? Isn't it in fact fear that keeps us back from a life of joyous generosity and open-handedness? But God is able to do far more abundantly! So let us not be afraid to take the Lord at his Word and live according to it.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (7/18/2021):

- Worship: 145 and 10 visitors

Last week's offering (7/18/2021):

- General Fund: \$8,479
- Building / Capital Fund: \$1,055
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$40

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$359,885
- Building / Capital Fund: \$38,941

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$413,946
- Building / Capital Fund: \$50,219