

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 9:45 am
“Short Studies on tough topics”
Resumes in January – Room 9

Children’s Sunday School –
Rooms 2 & 4

Senior High Youth – Youth Room
Confirmation – Room 8

Wednesday 6:30 pm
Resumes in January
Prophet Isaiah – Room 8

First and Third Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Women’s Bible Study
“When you’ve been wronged”
Resumes Tuesday, Jan. 6 – Room 8

Announcements

Highlighting 60 Years of Chapel Ministries and Organizations – Second Saturday Women’s Fellowship. As part of Chapel’s 60th anniversary celebration, we continue to highlight the many ministries and organizations offered here. The purpose is to make you aware of the various opportunities to serve and be a part of Chapel. This month we feature the Second Saturday Women’s Fellowship which offers a unique opportunity to build friendships, share the Word of God, and enjoy delicious treats too. Jennifer Krupp and Mary Laesch lead this special group so if you are interested in being a part of it or if you would like to learn more about the Second Saturday Women’s Fellowship group, please contact the church office and they will put you in touch with Jennifer or Mary.

Are you looking for something NEW for the New Year? Are you a special Education Teacher looking for a new calling and challenge? Are you a retired Special Education Teacher seeking to use your gifts and experiences in a ministry setting? Consider working for LASE Specialized Education. LASE (Lutheran Association for Special Education) has part-time and full-time Educational Specialist positions available working in our Lutheran Schools to share Jesus’ love and provide excellent services to children with unique learning needs. Contact Rev. John Jameson (LASE Executive Director) at 636-515-0501 (text/call) or Dr. BJ Wiemer (Program Administrator at 314-952-4251 (text/call) for more information.

Christmas Decorations: Thank you to all who helps to beautify our Sanctuary and Commons areas! Please join us for the annual removal scheduled for Saturday, January 10, 2026, beginning at 9:00 am. Refreshments will be provided.

Lutheran Witness: It’s time for the renewal of your Lutheran Witness subscription for 2026-2027. If you would like to order or renew, please remit \$20.65 to the church office by Sunday, January 25.

The Mary-Martha Guild would like to thank everyone who supported our annual Christmas Cookie Sale. On Monday January 12, Mary-Martha Guild 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:
David Applebaum (*family member of Bill and Marilyn Miller*)
Steve Becker (*friend of John Zvirgzdins*)
Tanjila Bolden
Norma Conley (*friend of Alderay Fields*)
Ruthie Crawford (*friend of Julie Griffith*)
Pam Crecelius (*sister-in-law of Roy & Sharon Crecelius*)
Morgan Cunningham (*friend of Jon Rogers*)
Matthew Dina (*relative of the Uttley family*)
Clyde Dempsey (*father of Julie Seibert*)
Shari Lou Eakins (*friend of Jon Rogers*)
Alderay Fields
Darlene Franklin (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
Eric Funke
John Gassner (*cousin of Gloria Uttley*)
Carolyn Hanneman
Rita Hayes (*sister of Jim Crosier*)
Donna Heinrich
Ashley Hochuli (*grand-daughter of Marilyn and Bill Miller*)
Virgil Hoffmann
Shirley Johnson (*friend of Jon Rogers*)
Ali Kloppenburg
Joyce Lackey
Matthew Lackey
Audrey Luedtke

Bill Madison (*son-in-law of Bill and Marilyn Miller*)
Aminius Matthews (*son of Alicia Harrie*)
Alex Metz (*friend of Steve and Julie Seibert*)
Peggy Miller
Joe Miano, Sr. (*father of Joe Miano*)
Patricia Miano (*mother of Joe Miano*)
Marie Niedringhaus
Annette Rueckert
Rosilyn Cunningham Schmitt (*mother of Robert Cunningham*)
Diane Schwede
Jill Seibert (*mother of Steve Seibert*)
Jim Seibert (*father of Steve Seibert*)
Gail Shultz
John Simon
Johnnie Spears
Dale Ternaprovich (*brother of Joyce Lackey*)
Jean Thomas
Robyn Walen (*friend of John Jordan*)
Anne Walkenhorst (*friend of Steve and Julie Seibert*)
Stephanie Wallace
Mickie Wallerstein (*friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)
Eric Williams (*son of Betty and Les Williams*)
Larry (*food pantry*)

Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:
Jay Bentzinger (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Barb Carroll (*friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra*)
Bob Crecelius (*brother of Roy Crecelius*)
Sue Gassner (*cousin of Gloria Uttley*)
Damien Gregory (*great-grandson of Gale Damm*)
Tenisha Hackett (*niece of Carla Rainey*)
Cheryl Hogan (*daughter of Lois Hoffman*)
Adrian Hughes (*cousin of Alderay Fields*)
Sonja Hughes (*friend of Adrienne Burton*)
Bianca Jackson (*friend of Vernida Summers*)
Crystal Jackson (*niece of Johnnie Spears*)
Debbie Jenkins (*niece of Vernida Summers*)
Tom Krauter, Jr. (*son of Tom Krauter*)
Cheryl Linton (*sister-in-law of Joseph Miano*)
Shannell McCain (*cousin of John and Jay Zvirgzdins.*)
Peggy Meisch (*friend of Julie and Steve Seibert*)
Bob Novak (*friend of Joe Miano*)
Rosilyn Oldham (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Martin Rodgers (*cousin of Jerri Bolden*)
Ellen Saville (*friend of Keith Neuber*)
Christine Schwepker (*friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra*)
Arrion Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Vernida Summers

The Elder of the Weekend leads prayer in the Prayer Chapel at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday for those on the prayer list. All are welcome to join him. Please also take the opportunity to pray for those on the prayer list during the week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

BIBLE STUDY

Griefshare: As we enter the new year – we look forward to the hope found through the 13 weeks of GrlefShare. Join us in the Parlor, Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. starting January 6, 2026

Ladies Bible Study/Fellowship resumes with our new study on the book “When You’ve Been Wronged” on Tuesday January 6, 2026. See Bill Rusnak during December to get your book and study guide as we look forward to insights for our Christian walk.

Sunday Morning 9:45 Study Starting in January we are beginning a new course of study – an 8 week series titled: SHORT STUDIES ON TOUGH TOPICS. See the Welcome Center desk for more information.

Wednesday Evenings 6:30 pm Bible Study, Join Vicar Chuck Wallace in room #8 on our new study covering the Prophet Isaiah.

LIFE TEAM

God used Joseph, who adopted Jesus as his own son, to care for our Lord as He (Jesus) mysteriously lived a perfectly human life as our substitute. Through Jesus, God has now adopted us as His own children and has promised us an ternal inheritance in His kingdom. Christians should be encourage to likewise consider and promote adoption as a godly way to preserve and care for the lives of God’s precious children and bring them into His kingdom.

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 2025, 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:

Ethel Keller – January 11

Don Albers – January 12

Vernice Jung – January 14

MAPP GOD’S WORD

II Timothy 2:11-13 – “It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him. If we suffer we shall also reign with him. If we deny him, he also will deny us. If we believe not, yet he abides faithful. He cannot deny himself.”

Coming up at Chapel

Tuesday, January 6
10:00 AM Women’s Bible Study
2:00 PM Grief Share
6:30 PM Epiphany Service

Wednesday, January 7
6:30 PM Bible Study

Thursday, January 8
7:00 Choral Singers

Saturday, January 10
9:00 AM Women’s Fellowship
10:00 AM Christmas take-down
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, December 11
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Luke 2:49 – “And he said to them, Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” What a privilege the Lord has given to us by calling us to come to His house! It is not a burden but rather an honor and a blessing for us to always be able to come to a place where we know God is present for us in His gifts of Word and Sacrament. Likewise, the Lord has honored us by allowing us to support the work of His house with our tithes and offerings.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week’s attendance (12/28/2025):

- Worship 180 and 25 visitors

Last week’s offering (12/28/2025):

- General Fund: \$37,985
- Building / Capital Fund: \$871
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$79

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$678,770
- Building / Capital Fund: \$75,610

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$769,242
- Building / Capital Fund: \$55,014