

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 9:45 am
The Epistle from the Weekly Readings – Room 9

Children’s Sunday School – Rooms 2 & 4

Senior High Youth – Youth Room
Confirmation – Room 8

Wednesday 6:30 pm
Study of David – Room 9
Discovery Class – Room A

First and Third Tuesday
Women’s Bible Study-Biblical Heroines of Faith. – Room 8

Announcements

Highlighting 60 Years of Chapel Ministries and Organizations – Chapel’s Children’s Program. 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 Chapel’s Children’s Program. Mary Laesch serves as Chapel’s Children and Family Ministry Coordinator and is instrumental in leading our Sunday School program, directing the Children’s Christmas Program, coordinating the Vacation Bible School with neighboring churches, along with a variety of other children-related activities. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry or if you would like to learn more about it, please contact the church office and they will put you in touch with Mary.

Crocus Gifts & Books are open for the holidays. Please visit and find Thanksgiving cards, Christmas cards, gift ideas for everyone. Check out the discount table also.

Advent Lessons and Carols As we prepare for Christ’s birth this Advent season, come to the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus at Concordia Seminary on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 7 p.m. and enjoy beautiful music performed by the Seminary Chamber Choir, Laudamus, St. Louis Lutheran Chorale, Concordia Seminary Children’s Choir, Concordia Seminary Youth Choir, and talented instrumentalists. A reception will follow in Koburg Hall.

From the Call Committee: As we seek to call our next Director of Music we are asking our congregation for candidates they know who may be available to fill this important position. Please contact Call Committee Chair, Patrice Skellett (prskellett@att.net) or 314-306-4540) or Pastor Laesch with the potential candidate’s name, phone number, and any other pertinent information, or if you have questions about the process. The deadline for submissions is November 23, 2025. The committee is looking forward to your participation and contributions in our process to call our next Director of Music

Voters’ Meeting The annual Voters Assembly meeting will be held on Monday, December 1, 2025. The meeting will start shortly after that evening’s Service of Confession and Absolution. We expect the meeting to start at approximately 7:00 pm. During this meeting we will hear from the staff ministry leads and conduct several important items of business including the ratification of next year’s Board of Directors and Board of Elders, acceptance of Chapel’s 2026 budget and voting on Chapel’s new endowment bylaws. Please plan to attend to hear about your church in action and to vote on these important congregational matters.

The Flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Bud Shultz and Mark Shultz from Gail Shultz.

In Our Prayers this week..

Those with Health Concerns:

Marty Albers
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)
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)
Aulderay Fields
Darlene Franklin (friend of Georgia Thomas))
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
Marlo Johnson
Shirley Johnson (friend of Jon Rogers)
Ali Kloppenburg
Joyce Lackey
Audrey Luedtke
Bill Madison (son-in-law of Bill and Marilyn Miller)
Arminius Matthews (son of Alicia Harris)
Alex Metz (friend of Steve and Julie Seibert)
Peggy Miller

Joe Miano, Sr. (father of Joe Miano)
Patricia Miano (mother of Joe Miano)
James Rogers (brother of Jon Rogers)
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
Anne Walkenhorst (friend of Steve and Julie Seibert)
Mickie Wallerstein (friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller)
Eric Williams (son of Betty and Les Williams)

Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

Jay Bentzinger (friend of Nancy Swoboda)
Lisa Capehart (niece of Art Williams)
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)
Wayne Haas (former member)
Cheryl Hogan (daughter of Lois Hoffman)
Adrian Hughes (cousin of Aulderay 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

Those who celebrate:

Glenn and Joyce Lackey as they celebrate their 58th anniversary on November 16.

Those who mourn: Mel Neustadt and family on the death of his sister, **Marlene Haarmann** who died in the Lord November 10

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

Mary-Martha Guild: Our meeting on December 8 at 6:30 p.m. will be a Christmas Celebration Dinner. It will be catered by Catering to You. All ladies are invited to attend. Reservation forms are located at the Bookstore. Paid reservations in the amount of \$25.00 must be received no later than Wednesday, November 26. Please place your reservation form in the Mary-Martha Guild mailbox in the church office or contact Roberta Loesch at 314-741-3737 or 314-910-8749. If you attend, please bring a wrapped white elephant gift to exchange at the party game. ****CHRISTMAS COOKIES**** Please bring your baked cookies to the gym by 9:00 on December 6. We will be packaging them for sale on December 6 & 7. Thank you for your support.

Praise be to God-167 boxes packed! Thank you to all the volunteers that helped fill the boxes for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry! Please pray for the children who will receive these boxes-that they may know the love of God for them. We are still accepting donations toward the shipping of the boxes; a donation of \$10 covers the shipping of one box to its destination. We will learn of the destination of the boxes and share it in the coming months. Thank you for being a blessing to children around the world.

CrossRoads: The articles for the winter issue of CrossRoads is due Sunday, Dec. 7. 7

Family Night: Our next Family Night is coming up on Tuesday, November 25, from 5:30–7:30pm! This month’s gathering will look a little different - we'll be sharing a special Thanksgiving Dinner together! We’re looking for volunteers to help with cooking, serving, and clean-up. If you’d like to help or have any questions, please contact Vicar Chuck at vicarchuck@chapelofthecross.org or 985-852-7958. You can also sign up at the Welcome Center.

Immanuel Boar’s Head Christmas Festival: The 37th Boar’s Head Festival, will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles, December 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th. There will be a 7:30 performance each evening with afternoon performances at 4:00 pm both Saturday and Sunday. Tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis starting at 8:00 am on Monday, November 3 by calling the church office at 636-946-2656. There is no charge for the tickets, but there is a limit of 5 per person.

BIBLE STUDY

“Surviving the Holidays” from GriefShare: The holiday season can be a tough time for those who are grieving the death of a family member or friend, and which may be anticipated with a sense of dread. Thoughts of social gatherings, family traditions and obligations can leave you anxious and overwhelmed. Your sadness can seem unbearable. You may wish you could skip these next two months and go straight to the routine of the next year – but you can’t. What *can* you do to lessen your stress and loneliness? A special session of GriefShare titled, **“Surviving The Holidays”** will be offered on Tuesday, November 25, from 2:00 -4:00 p.m. Whether you have lost a loved one recently or if it’s been years and you can still struggle with the holidays, we encourage you to come to this special session. You will be supported by those who understand and will receive some tips to help you go through the holidays with more joy and peace. You do not need to have attended any of the previous GriefShare sessions to participate. Contact Bill Rusnak if you will be coming as it would be helpful to know ahead of time, or sign up at the Welcome Center.

Wednesday Bible Study: Join us on Wednesday evenings in Room #8 at 6:30pm. Our study of David focuses on the life and faith of this man “after God’s own heart” as one committed to God’s will and commands. Bring your Bible as we too, seek to align our desires and actions with God’s.

LIFE TEAM

The Lord our God has given His firstborn for our transgressions, so we don’t have to. We ought neither encourage nor invite expectant mothers and fathers to sacrifice the fruit of their bodies as if it could right a wrong, even in surprise pregnancy. Instead, let us wait upon the One who has begun this good work within to bring it to completion.

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:

Julie Griffith – November 20	Edith Koehler – November 21
Karen Totra – November 24	Edem Ekpo – November 26
Betty Leeker – November 26	

MAPP GOD’S WORD

Revelation 11:15 - "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever."

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Coming up at Chapel

- Tuesday, November 18**
10: AM Women’s Bible Study
2:00 PM Surviving the Holidays
- Wednesday, November 19**
6:30 PM Bible Class
- Thursday, November 20**
7:00 PM Choral Singers
- Saturday, November 22**
5:00 PM Worship Service
- Sunday, November 23**
Christ the King
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Luke 21:6 – “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” Everything in this world is headed for the graveyard, but some things are also destined to rise from the grave. On that Day of Resurrection – as we look back on our earthly life – what will we see? What will have really mattered? This is a good question to ask ourselves in this season of the church year that focuses on The Last Things.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

- Last week’s attendance (11/9/2025):
- Worship 165 and 12 visitors
- Last week’s offering (11/9/2025):
- General Fund: \$8,312
 - Building / Capital Fund: \$325
 - 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$39
- YTD Offerings:
- General Fund: \$535,204
 - Building / Capital Fund: \$62,328
- YTD Need:
- General Fund: \$667,644
 - Building / Capital Fund: \$47,748