

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.

Service of Confession and Absolution On the first Monday of Advent, December 1, we will hold a Service of Confession and Absolution at 6:30 p.m. This is a brief service of prayer and Scripture with a time when you may, if you wish, come to the altar and receive the absolution shared with you individually. What a wonderful way to begin the season of Advent as we gather to confess our sins and receive God’s grace!

Youth Event: All youth 7th grade and above are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun on Saturday, December 14, from 1 to 3 pm at Edisons Entertainment Complex in Edwardsville, IL. We’ll enjoy pizza, bowling, and laser tag together. There are limited carpool spots available. Bring a friend and come hang out! Parents are encouraged to attend for any students not yet in high school. To save your spot, please contact Vicar Chuck.

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 today. 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. A draft copy of the endowment bylaws is available in the Fellowship Commons for your review ahead of the meeting. Please plan to attend to hear about your church in action and to vote on these important congregational matters.

The Flowers and the Radio Broadcast are being sponsored by Steve and Julie Seibert in celebration of their 8th wedding anniversary.

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*)
Alderay 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
Shirley Johnson (*friend of Jon Rogers*)
Ali Kloppenburg
Joyce Lackey
Matthew 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*)
James Rogers (*brother of Jon Rogers*)
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
Robyn Walen (*friend of John Jordan*)
Anne Walkenhorst (*friend of Steve and Julie Seibert*)
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*)
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 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

Those Who are Confirmed today:
Eugene Loche
Barbra Newton
Haley Rogers
Brody Vaughn

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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.

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.

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

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

Our Heavenly Father delights in surprises, and good things of God often arrive unanticipated. He does not hesitate to deliver blessings both at the outset and at the ending of human life. And He envisions His people rejoicing out loud about it. What implications and opportunities might this offer, especially for our encounters with surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses?

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:

Diana Fruend – November 27

Ken Kreitner – November 30

MAPP GOD’S WORD

Revelation 20:6 - "Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection: on such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with him a thousand years."

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Coming up at Chapel

Monday, November 24
7:00 PM Board of Directors

Tuesday, November 25
5:30 PM Family Night
7:00 PM Choral Singers

Wednesday November 26
Thanksgiving Eve
6:30 PM Worship Service

Thursday, November 27
Thanksgiving
9:30 AM Worship Service

Saturday, November 29
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, November 30
Advent 1
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Colossians 1:18a – “And he is the head of the body, the church.” We are part of the Body of Christ; He is our Head. Where He goes, we follow. His thoughts direct our actions. This is how the people of God learn how to give and why they give. Because Jesus gives, indeed He gives all He has.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week’s attendance (11/16/2025):
• Worship 165 and 8 visitors

Last week’s offering (11/16/2025):
• General Fund: \$15,112
• Building / Capital Fund: \$2,465
• 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$43

YTD Offerings:
• General Fund: \$550,315
• Building / Capital Fund: \$64,793

YTD Need:
• General Fund: \$682,158
• Building / Capital Fund: \$48,786