



# THE CHAPEL Weekly

September 21, 2025

## BIBLE STUDY

### Sunday 9:45 am

The Epistle from the Weekly Readings – Room 9

Children’s Sunday School – Rooms 2 & 4

Junior and Senior High – Youth Room

### 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 Grief Share Program.** As part of Chapel’s 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, over the next months we will 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 Grief Share Program which is a support group for those in a grief situation. It provides help and guidance for anyone who needs help coping with life after the death of a loved one and is led by Session Facilitator, Vanessa Morris with assistance from Bill Rusnak. If you have any interest in joining or learning more about Chapel’s Grief Share program, please contact the church office and they will put you in touch with Bill or Vanessa.

**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](mailto: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.

**Save the Date for Chapel’s 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.** The weekend of October 18/19 we will celebrate Chapel’s 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in our church services where Pastor Mark Koschmann will be our guest preacher. Then on Sunday, October 19 the celebration will continue with a Potluck Luncheon in the gymnasium following the late service. Our guest speaker for the luncheon will be Dave Funke, Chapel’s retired Director of Adult Ministry. Signup sheets are now available in the Fellowship Commons. Please provide your name, telephone number, number attending, and whether you will bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. Signup deadline is October 4/5. We hope you will join us for this milestone occasion.

**Flower Valley Quilting Guild:** On behalf of the Flower Valley Quilting Guild, Judy Kooi and Sandy Otto would like to invite you to our Quilt Show 19 to be held here at Chapel. The show will feature the work of many talented local quilters. There will be full size quilts, wall hangings, miniature quilts, quilted clothing and more. The show will be Saturday Sept. 27 and Sunday Sept. 28 from 10 am – 4 pm each day. Admission is \$10 for ages 12 and up.

**The Flowers** on the altar are in celebration of Bill Westbrook’s 73<sup>th</sup> birthday. Bill and Lois Westbrook

## In Our Prayers this week...

### Those with Health Concerns:

Steve Becker (*friend of John Zvirgzdins*)  
Tanjila Bolden  
Mardell Brown (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
Ivy Rose Clark (*relative of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Ruthie Crawford (*friend of Julie Griffith*)  
Morgan Cunningham (*friend of Jon Rogers*)  
Hannah Diamond  
Matthew Dina (*relative of the Uttley family*)  
Clyde Dempsey (*father of Julie Seibert*)  
Shari Lou Eakins (*friend of Jon Rogers*)  
Stanley Elder (*food pantry*)  
Aulderay Fields  
Darlene Franklin (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)  
John Gassner (*cousin of Gloria Uttley*)  
Ruthanna Garrison (*friend of Joanne Fansin*)  
Carolyn Hanneman  
Rita Hayes (*sister of Jim Crosier*)  
Donna Heinrich  
Ashley Hochuli (*grand-daughter of Marilyn and Bill Miller*)  
Virgil Hoffmann  
Dennis Iborg (*brother-in-law of Dawn Iborg*)  
Marlo Johnson  
Shirley Johnson (*friend of Jon Rogers*)  
Jordan Jones (*friend of Ervin Wilson*)  
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*)  
Joan Milligan (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
Peggy Miller  
Joe Miano, Sr. (*father of Joe Miano*)  
Patricia Miano (*mother of Joe Miano*)  
Magnolia Morrow (*food pantry*)  
Karen Rae (*relative of Maire Trelz*)  
James Rogers (*brother of Jon Rogers*)  
Annette Rueckert  
Jill Seibert (*mother of Steve Seibert*)  
Jim Seibert (*father of Steve Seibert*)  
Edna Shanklin (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)  
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*)  
Erv Wilson  
Celita White (*co-worker of John Jordan*)

**Those Who Mourn:** Pastor Bischoff and Dorothy upon the death of his sister-in law Sandra Bischoff

**Those Who Celebrate:** Alfredo Tomás Angel and family as he was baptized on Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup>

### 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*)  
Helen Gioia (*cousin of Julie Griffith*)  
Janet Goldsboro (*cousin of Marilyn Miller*)  
Tenisha Hackett (*niece of Carla Rainey*)  
Wayne Haas (*former member*)  
Cheryl Hogan (*daughter of Lois Hoffman*)  
Adrian Hughes (*Aulderay Fields*)  
Sonja Hughes (*friend of Adrienne Burton*)  
Bianca Jackson (*friend of Vernida Summers*)  
Crystal Jackson (*niece of Johnnie Spears*)  
Linda Jones (*cousin of Marilyn Miller*)  
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*)  
Martin Rodgers (*cousin of Jerri Bolden*)  
Ellen Saville (*friend of Keith Neuber*)  
Christine Schwegker (*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

**Organ Vesper and Book Presentation:** Our Redeemer/Overland invites you to a special Vespers service at 3pm on Sunday, September 21. The Vespers service features organist Benjamin Kolodziej from Dallas, Texas. A frequent international organist, Mr. Kolodziej serves as Chapel Organist at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Following 3pm Vespers, Mr. Koldoziej will present his newest book, “Portraits in American Lutheran Sacred Music.” This book is a groundbreaking collection of biographies and historical records of important church figures, places, and instruments that carried the foundation of Lutheran church music. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Our Redeemer is located at 9135 Shelley Avenue in Overland, MO. A free will offering will be taken to assist in sponsoring this event.

**Scholarship Fund:** You may have noticed the “Scholarship Fund” envelope in your box of offering envelopes. The gifts received for the Scholarship Fund support Chapel’s commitment to help our families with children in Lutheran grade schools and high schools, and men and women in Lutheran colleges or seminaries pursuing church work careers. If you are able, please support Chapel’s Scholarship Fund.

**Crossroads Submissions:** Please submit both a paper copy to the CrossRoads box as well as a digital copy if possible (e.g. PDF, pictures, etc.) emailed to [news@chapelofthecross.org](mailto:news@chapelofthecross.org).

**The Start of Family Night!** Our first Family Night (a partnership between Chapel of the Cross and Bethlehem) is Tuesday, September 30, from 5:30–7:30pm. Families from Bethlehem’s after-school and childcare programs will gather for food, worship, learning, and fun. We need you to make this possible! Roles are available to help cook and serve meals, assist with children’s activities, or lead a practical adult workshop. Sign up to volunteer at the Welcome Center or by contacting Vicar Chuck at [vicarchuck@chapelofthecross.org](mailto:vicarchuck@chapelofthecross.org) or 985-852-7958

**Thank you** for continuing to fill the Christmas Box for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry! We are fast approaching our Packing Date of Sunday November 2 after the Late Service in the Gym! While you can donate any listed item for the shoeboxes at any time, the emphasis for the month of September is small games (Cards, travel games, small Jenga, matching games, tic tac toe, dominoes, etc..). October’s emphasis will be focused on donations for the shipping of the boxes. They can be placed in an envelope indicating that it is for Shoebox ministry. Thank you again for blessing children around the world, and we look forward to Packing Day, November 2!

**The Friend of Moms** closet is need of NB-size 4 socks. Thank you for your support.

**The Mary-Martha Guild** will again this year be taking preorders for Mixin Fixins. Starting on August 24, through September 28, you can place your order at the Crocus Bookstore. A list of Mixin Fixin products we are making this year will be available. The price is the same as last year, \$10.00. You will be able to pick up your orders on Saturday November 1 and Sunday November 2. Fundraiser recipients will be announced later in the Chapel Weekly. Thank you for your support.

## BIBLE STUDY

**GriefShare:** We meet on Tuesdays from 2:00 pm. Join Vanessa Morris and Bill Rusnak in the Parlor as we walk together through the journey from mourning to joy.

**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.

**Men’s Small Group Study:** Friday, October 3, 17, 31, November 7, 21 10:00 a.m. in the parlor. Men, please bring a photo or two of your father.

## LIFE TEAM

Abortion and euthanasia require twisting words and redefining terms with craftiness and deceit. Yet our God and Father would have even the most despised human life called into His kingdom. Jeus on earth and in the flesh confirms this sanctity already and not just eventually. Let us bring not the hard language of using death as a solution but the sweet words of the sanctity of life.

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:

Carolyn Harris – September 30                      Roy Crecelius – October 1  
Marilyn Kreitner – October 1

## MAPP GOD’S WORD

**1 John 5:4** - "For whoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith."

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# Coming up at Chapel

- Monday, September 22**  
7:00 PM Board of Directors
- Tuesday, September 23**  
2:00 PM Grief Share
- Wednesday, September 24**  
6:30 PM Bible Class
- Thursday, September 25**  
7:00 PM Choral Singers
- Saturday, September 27**  
10 AM Quilt Show  
5:00 PM Worship Service
- Sunday, September 28**  
8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:45 AM Bible Study  
11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**Luke 16:8b – “For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.:** The sons of this world know that they should use their wealth wisely to provide for their future. Shouldn’t we, as “sons of light,” know that the wealth God has allowed us to mangle should be managed for God’s purposes in roles He has given us to play in church, home and society?

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week’s attendance (9/14/2025):

- Worship 179 and 6 visitors

Last week’s offering (9/14/2025):

- General Fund: \$16,127
- Building / Capital Fund: \$1,122
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$41

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$428,755
- Building / Capital Fund: \$54,400

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$537,018
- Building / Capital Fund: \$38,406