

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

Those who celebrate: **Jerri Bolden** and her family as she celebrates her 80th birthday on August 30th.

Those who mourn: The family and loved ones of **Janet Gronemeyer** who died in the Lord on Tuesday August 19th.

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*)
Tracey Timm Evans
Aulderay Fields
Darlene Franklin (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
John Gassner (*cousin of Gloria Uttley*)
Ruthanna Garrison (*friend of Joanne Fansin*)
Susanna Gregory (*daughter of Gale Damm*)
Rev. Lee Hagan
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

Announcements

Greetings from the Call Committee! As we begin the call process for our next Director of Music, we are asking you, our congregation, for candidates whom you might know that may be available to fill this important position. Please contact me with the potential candidate's name, phone number, and any other pertinent information (prskellett@att.net or 314-306-4540). The deadline for submissions is September 13, 2025. Please contact me if you have any questions. The committee is looking forward to your participation and contributions in our process to call our next Director of Music. God's Peace. -Patrice Skellett

Welcome Pianist Ruth Stith: Ruth is the accompanist for the St. Louis Women's Chorale and serves on the faculty at Saint Louis University, where she teaches piano and directs the SLU Piano Ensemble. Outside of her musical work, she homeschools her three teenage children and spends a good deal of time chauffeuring them around the area. She and her husband, also a musician, have been married for over twenty years. Originally from Phoenix, Arizona, Ruth has called St. Louis home for the past two decades. In the rare moments she is not at the piano or behind the wheel, you can usually find her out on a run.

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 or 985-852-7958.

Save the Date for Chapel’s 60th Anniversary Celebration. The weekend of October 18/19 we will celebrate Chapel’s 60th 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.

The Flowers on the altar are in celebration of Jim and Cathy Crosier’s 58th wedding anniversary on August 26th.

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*)
Rich Ellington (*friend of Ken Kreithner*)
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*)
Pat Offutt-Miller
Martin Rodgers (*cousin of Jerri Bolden*)
Ellen Saville (*friend of Keith Neuber*)
Christine Schwepker (*friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra*)
Arrión Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Medical Mission to Kenya Chapel member, Kristine Geisz, will soon be traveling to Kenya on a medical mission trip with Family Hope Charity. FHC shares health promotion and disease prevention activities and will deliver services to over 2000 patients of all backgrounds and with all types of illnesses. You can help Kristine with your prayers as she travels and serves, and with your monetary donations which will help to purchase medications, supplies, tests, surgeries, transportation to appointments, blankets, and the like. Donation checks can be made out to "Family Hope Charity" and be mailed to: Family Hope Charity; P.O. Box 2838; Palatine, IL 60078

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.

The Mary-Martha Guild will hold its annual Salad Supper on Monday September 8, in room 8 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a salad to share. This year we are going to make bible markers to be given out at church on LWML Sunday. We will announce the agenda for the coming months at a short business meeting. All ladies are invited to attend.

Love, laughter, and happily ever after! Join newlyweds, Alex and Rachel Uttley, for a casual, open house style, celebration as they start their new life together in St. Louis. Saturday, September 6th, from 2-5pm at Chapel of the Cross St. Peters (907 Jungermann Rd, St. Peters, MO 63376). Gifts not necessary, your presence is present enough! Kindly RSVP to Christy by text or call 314-452-3464.

Our Church Sponsored Branson Fellowship Getaway on September 30th - Wednesday, October 1st, 2025, has been cancelled, refunds will be processed in the coming days. If you are open to *“Going on your Own”* with carpooling – sign up at the Welcome Center and see who else is interested to work with you to find hotels, tickets and options. See Ken and Karin Gerler for more information.

Crossroads contributions for the fall issue of Crossroads are due by Sunday, Sept. 7.

Men’s Fellowship Breakfast: Our next meeting will be held at Elicious, 500 S. Florissant Road on Friday, September 5.

BIBLE STUDY

Grief Share will resume on Tuesday, August 19 at 2:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Small Groups: As an outgrowth of our 2024 strategic planning – our members told us that -among several things - communications and relationships are top priorities for Chapel of the Cross. Our Small Groups exist for these very purposes – because when people gather together communication increases and relationships are strengthened. This September – we resume with our third round of meetings this year. The display in the Commons lists 4 Host gathering dates and times and topics. Now that we have started the men’s group on Fridays – we are hoping to begin a fifth Home Small Group, with an additional host, location, study leaders and participants. Please See Bill Rusnak to discuss this exciting option to build relationships and increase communication.

MUSIC

Choral Singers’ first rehearsal will be Thursday, September 11 at 7pm. All are welcome to join us and sing to the Lord a new song!

LIFE TEAM

Abortion and euthanasia aim to avoid disabilities by eliminating the persons who have them. The Christian community, on the other hand, regards persons with disabilities as reason for rejoicing. Even the most fragile human bodies testify to the goodness of the God who created and sustains them. Let us declare and demonstrates how the life of Jesus manifest in every neighbor!

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:

Dorothy Oliver – August 28
Jerri Bolden – August 30
Faye Snyder – August 31
Glenn Lackey – September 2

Penny Carpenter – August 29
Annette Rueckert – August 30
Grace Green – September 2

MAPP GOD’S WORD

1 John 4:9-10 - "In this manifested the love of God toward us, because God sent His only begotten son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His son to be the propitiation for our sins."

Coming up at Chapel

Tuesday, August 26
2:00 PM Grief Share

Saturday, August 30
5:00 PM Worship Service

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

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Luke 13:26 – “Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our street.’” Proximity to Jesus and the things of faith is not faith itself. Many Pharisees heard His Word but ignored it and refused to believe in it. We want to be not only hearers but also doers of Jesus’ Word. We want not only proximity to Jesus, but true communion with Him. We want to hear Him, follow Him, praise Him and return thanks.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week’s attendance (8/17/2025):
• Worship 193 and 11 visitors

Last week’s offering (8/17/2025):
• General Fund: \$13,514
• Building / Capital Fund: \$1,497
• 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$57

YTD Offerings:
• General Fund: \$381,051
• Building / Capital Fund: \$49,379

YTD Need:
• General Fund: \$478,962
• Building / Capital Fund: \$34,254