

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 9:45 am
“The Miracles of Jesus” – “Parables in the Bible” Room 9

Youth Confirmation – Room 8

Children’s Sunday School –
Rooms 2 & 4

Senior High Youth – Youth Room

Tuesday 10:00 am
(first and third Tuesday)
Women’s Bible Study- Room 8

Wednesday 6:00 pm
Vespers Service-Small Chapel

6:30 pm – Study of Prophecy–
Room 8

Discovery Class – Room A

Announcements

60 Years of Chapel’s Ministries and Organizations – Recap. Over the past months as we celebrated Chapel’s 60th anniversary, we had the pleasure to share with you through the Ministry Minute the various ministries and organizations offered here. The hope of these presentations was to make you aware of the many opportunities available so that you might prayerfully consider serving the Lord in one of these areas. As we now conclude these presentations, we sincerely thank all the presenters for sharing their message with us and extending their invitations for involvement. Please find below a recap of all the Chapel groups presented along with the contact information. Thank you for your support.

Ministry or Organization	Contact Information
Altar Guild	Roberta Loesch, Nancy Swoboda
Children’s Programs	Mary Laesch
Crossroads	Ken Kreitner
First Friday Men’s Small Group Fellowship	Bill Rusnak
Friend of Moms	Lowanda Johnson, Marsha Geisz, Pam Mains
Funeral Lunch Volunteers	Sue Petersen, Sue Plack
Grief Share	Bill Rusnak
Helpings Hands Food Pantry	Julie Griffith
LAMP Mission Project	Ellen and Mike Kehe
Lectors (<i>Lay Readers</i>)	Pastor Laesch
Mary-Martha Guild	Judy Kooi, Joanne Witte
Music Ministry	Tim Mars
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry	Ellen and Mike Kehe
Property Committee and Grounds Crew	Jim Koch, Steve Geisz
Second Saturday Women’s Fellowship	Jennifer Krupp, Mary Laesch
Small Groups	Bill Rusnak
Stewardship Education Committee	Gary Timm
Stream Team (<i>formerly Broadcast Team</i>)	Matt Gahr
Usher Teams	Julie Seibert

Thanksgiving Boxes: The Helping Hands Food Pantry will be giving out Thanksgiving boxes to families in need. Chapel members are invited to donate food items to help give families a complete Thanksgiving dinner. Please take one or more food cards from the table in the narthex and bring in the food items by Sunday, November 8. You may donate cash in lieu of purchasing food. Make checks out to Helping Hands Food Pantry and place in the offering basket or bring to the church office. Thank you for helping to bring joy and Thanksgiving to families in need!

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:

David Applebaum (*family member of Bill and Marilyn Miller*)
James Cormier (*cousin of Jan Kloppenburg*)
Steve Becker (*friend of John Zvirgzdins*)
Tanjila Bolden
Norma Conley (*friend of Alderay Fields*)
Morgan Cunningham (*friend of Jon Rogers*)
Cassidy Dansbury (*niece of Alexis Cunningham*)
Matthew Dina (*relative of the Uttley family*)
Clyde Dempsey (*father of Julie Seibert*)
Shari Lou Eakins (*friend of Jon Rogers*)
Janelle Edwards (*friend of John Jordan*)
David Eggers
Allan Enstall
Aulderay Fields
Pauletta Fields (*Aulderay Fields sister-in-law*)
Darlene Franklin (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
John Gassner (*cousin of Gloria Uttley*)
Carolyn Hanneman
Rita Hayes (*sister of Jim Crosier*)
Donna Heinrich
Glenn Hill (*Cheryl Hill’s husband*)
Ashley Hochuli (*grand-daughter of Marilyn and Bill Miller*)
Lois Hoffmann
Virgil Hoffmann
Dr.James Hudson (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*)
Duane Jackson (*friend of Vernida Summers*)
Joyce Lackey
Camille Johnson (*friend of Aulderay Fields*)
Ali Kloppenburg
Matthew Lackey
Mel Lefkowitz (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Bill Madison (*son-in-law of Bill and Marilyn Miller*)

Joe Miano, Sr. (*father of Joe Miano*)
Patricia Miano (*mother of Joe Miano*)
Readus Miller (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Frank Mosley
Fred Palmer (*friend of Barbra Newton*)
Ellis Perry
Olivia Reichgert (*Stan Schwede’s nephew’s daughter*)
Rosilyn Cunningham Schmitt (*mother of Robert Cunningham*)
Diane Schwede
Connie Scott
Jill Seibert (*mother of Steve Seibert*)
Jim Seibert (*father of Steve Seibert*)
Joan Smith (*friend of Aulderay Fields*)
Johnnie Spears
Jean Thomas
George Tomazi
Gloria Uttley
Kathleen W. (*friend of Alice Holtgrewe*)
Robyn Walen (*friend of John Jordan*)
Mickie Wallerstein (*friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)
Lionel Ward (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
Eric Williams (*son of Betty and Les Williams*)

Those Who Celebrate: Jamie Zvirgzdins and Joe Sedlak as they were joined in marriage this past Saturday,
Mike Smythe as he celebrates his birthday on Oct. 24th.

Those Who Mourn: Seminarian Matthew and Monica Laird upon the death of Matthew’s grandmother, Betty Hartline, this past Monday.
Bill Shepherd (friend of Barb Newton) upon the death of his wife.

Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

Jay Bentzinger (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Terry Balke (*Cheryl Balke’s brother*)
Nancy Bratcher(*Teri Zvirgzdins mother*)
Parker Calbreath (*nephew to Ken & Christi Leesmann*)
David Charak (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Liam Cody
Bob Crecelius (*brother of Roy Crecelius*)
Sue Gassner (*cousin of Gloria Uttley*)
Damien Gregory (*great-grandson of Gale Damm*)
Wayne Haas (*friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)
Cheryl Hogan (*daughter of Lois Hoffman*)
Adrian Hughes (*cousin of Aulderay Fields*)
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.*)
Rose McKay (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*)
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*)
Shelby Smith (*friend of Faith Cunningham*)
Arrion Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Vernida Summers
Gail Theide (*sister-in-law of Pauline McFall*)

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

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 1 after the Late Service in the Gym! A few volunteers are needed on Friday, October 30 from 10 am - 2 pm to help set up the gym for Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing day which is on Sunday, November 1 from 12-2pm. 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 1.

Trivia Night at Grace Chapel benefiting the Brayden Gordon Memorial Scholarship Fund. Friday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.). \$20.00 per person, table of eight. Soda, water and some snacks provided, or bring your own. Call 314-867-6564 or 314-868-3232 to register.

Happy 2 Give Trivia Night: Come test your knowledge in a friendly trivia competition. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Saturday, November 14, doors open at 6:30 PM, Trivia begins at 7:00 PM. St. Ann Parish Center, 7530 Natural Bridge Road. happytogivestl@gmail.com to register. All proceeds will benefit the Arya Foundation, a local nonprofit providing adaptive equipment to children with special needs throughout the St. Louis area.

LASE Specialized Education invites you to support our ministry to children with unique learning needs through your attendance at our upcoming **Merry Mingle** event on **November 7th, from 9:30am-12:30pm**. We would love for you to join us in celebrating 70 years of God's faithfulness through LASE, and look ahead with us to the next 70 years. Registration details can be found on our website: <https://lutheranspeciald.org/merry-mingle/>

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Evening Bible Study - We continue our Prophecy study at 6:30 pm in Room #8.

MUSIC

If you're interested in joining **Chapel's Choral Singers** but 7pm rehearsals on Thursday don't work for you, here's how you can join! This brief survey below allows you to tell me what time during the week you could come and learn the choir's music with me, either one-on-one or in a small group. Scan the QR code to complete the survey, or you can ask me to send it to you via email.
Sing boldly!
Timothy Mars



LIFE TEAM

"Today God continues to defend and aid His people, those who trust in His Son as their Savior. God is ever with us. He preserves His Word and Church despite the constant attack of the devil, the unbelieving world, and false teachers. God provides for all our needs of body and soul, even in times of great need and conflict. God is our refuge. His Word endures forever. His grace and power never fail." *From "Meditations on Favorite Scriptures: Devotions for a Year"*

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 2026, 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:

Beverly Buxton – October 29	Arnold Renken – October 30
Consuela Deason – November 1	Sandy Otto – November 1

MAPP GOD'S WORD

1 Peter 5:7 – "Casting all your care upon him; for he cares for you."

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Coming up at Chapel

Monday, October 26
7:00 PM Board of Directors

Tuesday, October 27
2:00 PM Grief Share

Wednesday, October 28
6:00 PM Vespers Service
6:30 PM Bible class

Thursday, October 29
7:00 PM Choral Singers

Saturday, October 31
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, November 1
(daylight saving)
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Youth & Adult Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service
12:00 PM Shoebox Assembly

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

John 8:36 – "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel – but he also called himself "the apostle of good works." For, only by being set free by the Gospel, can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers our sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (10/18/2026):
• Worship 180 including 9 visitors.

Last week's offering (10/18/2026):
• General Fund: \$16,248
• Building / Capital Fund: \$700
• 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$54

YTD Offerings:
• General Fund: \$532,547
• Building / Capital Fund: \$129,331

YTD Need:
• General Fund: \$623,100
• Building / Capital Fund: \$44,394