

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

The Flowers on the altar are in thanksgiving of birthdays. Clara Mueller
The Rose is in honor of Heather Broecker’s 30th birthday. Steve and Julie Seibert

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:

David Applebaum (*family member of Bill and Marilyn Miller*)
Nancy Bratcher (*Teri Zvirgzdins mother*)
James Cormier (*cousin of Jan Kloppenburg*)
Steve Becker (*friend of John Zvirgzdins*)
Tanjila Bolden
Gena Burroughs
Norma Conley (*friend of Aulderay Fields*)
Morgan Cunningham (*friend of Jon Rogers*)
Jocelyn Dampe
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
Alice Holtgrewe
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*)
Alice Lombard
Bill Madison (*son-in-law of Bill and Marilyn Miller*)
Peggy 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*)
Gail Shultz
John Simon
Joan Smith (*friend of Aulderay Fields*)
Johnnie Spears
Pam Taylor
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*)
Eric Williams (*son of Betty and Les Williams*)
Joanne Witte

Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

Jay Bentzinger (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Terry Balke (*Cheryl Balke’s brother*)
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*)
Arrión Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Vernida Summers
Gary Timm

Those Who Mourn: the family and loved ones of **Stephanie Wallace** who died in the Lord on September 28.

Those Who Celebrate: Keith and Sandy Otto as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

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

Director of the Week: Nancy Swoboda has been member of Chapel since August 1974. She has served on the Board of Directors as Secretary and President and currently serves as Vice-President of the congregation. Nancy is also currently Co-Director of the Crocus Book Store, Mary-Martha Guild Treasurer, and an Altar Guild helper. Previously, she served as the president of the Mary-Martha Guild, worked at the information desk, served as the Sunday School Secretary and Treasurer, served on the stewardship committee, and has helped with several anniversary and pictorial directory committees. Nancy is employed by Federal International as an Executive Assistant and has one stepdaughter.

Thank You to everyone for all my cards, well wishes and just for being there for me during this trying time. God’s blessing to everyone! Gloria Uttley

Prayer Walk: In October there will be two opportunities to share the ministries of Chapel of the Cross with our neighbors. Sunday, October 4 at 11:00 am and Saturday, October 24 at 9:30 am. Thank you for signing up on the flyer in the Commons. We will meet in the Conference Room.

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!

The Mary-Martha Guild will hold its next meeting on Monday October 12 at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in room 8. Our guest will give a presentation on My Life in a Bag. We will have an ingathering of essential items for foster children aged 1-18. Refreshments and a business meeting will follow. All ladies are invited to attend.

Come Celebrate with Salem Lutheran School as they celebrate their 165th anniversary! Saturday, October 10. 3:30-5:00 pm meet and greet, 5:00 pm Special church service, 6:00 PM dinner and 7:00 PM Program. Dinner tickets \$30.00 go to [https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/165th-anniversary-of-salem-school-all class-reunion](https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/165th-anniversary-of-salem-school-all-class-reunion).

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://lutheranspecialied.org/merry-mingle/>

BIBLE STUDY

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

MUSIC

Choral Singers: “Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts” (Psalm 33:3). Regular rehearsals for the Choral Singers began Thursday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m. This ensemble practices each week for an hour and a half and sings from September-May. If you are interested in joining us or have any questions, contact Timothy Mars (Director of Music Ministry). Knowing how to read music is *not* a prerequisite! Please come and help lead the people of God in worship and song. Hope to see you there!

LIFE TEAM

“Your life is valuable, and your life has purpose. It was not an accident; it was planned from the beginning. But that doesn’t mean it will be easy. You will experience hardship and suffering. As you age, your body will wear out. Your mind will dull. Your abilities will lessen. And yet, it is in your body with all of its brokenness that the Holy Spirit resides. It is this, your body, that God the Father formed by hand, and it is this, your body, that Jesus, God’s Son, redeemed. And your body, a unique and miraculous gift, will be raised from the dead and made new.” *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life*

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:

Catherine Allen – October 9

Gladys Washington – October 9

MAPP GOD’S WORD

1 Peter 3:12 – “For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.”

Coming up at Chapel

Tuesday, October 6
10:00 AM Women’s Bible Study
2:00 PM Grief Share

Wednesday, October 7
6:00 PM Vespers Service
6:30 PM Bible class

Thursday, October 8
7:00 PM Choral Singers

Saturday, October 10
9:30 AM Women’s Fellowship
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, October 11
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45AM Youth & Adult Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Matthew 21:43 – “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.” The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. Though they were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing and all the rest, they neglected the heart of God’s will. The grace of God belongs at the center Our giving and all our good works flow forth from receiving God’s grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week’s attendance 9/27/2026):
• Worship 163 including 12 visitors.

Last week’s offering (9/27/2026):
• General Fund: \$7,573
• Building / Capital Fund: \$860
• 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$50
• Total for September: \$189

YTD Offerings:
• General Fund: \$483,324
• Building / Capital Fund: \$126,044

YTD Need:
• General Fund: \$578,640
• Building / Capital Fund: \$41,223

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