CHAPEL OF THE CROSS LUTHERAN
Living in faith, hope, and love

THE CHAPEL Weekly

November 8, 2026

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

Voters' Meeting Chapel of the Cross will be hosting our annual voters' assembly meeting on Monday, November 30 at 6:30 pm. As always, we will be approving the budget and ratifying the new Board of Directors and Board of Elders candidates. Interspersed with our business actions, we will hear from each of our staff ministry leaders. This year, we will also be having a discussion about the recent trends in our congregation's finances. Please try to attend this important meeting as we plan for the future of our church.

Christmas Box for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry: We packed 185 boxes!!! You can still donate to the cost of shipping, place in an envelope in indicating that it is for Shoebox ministry. The suggested donation for shipping is $10 per box. Thank you for all your generous donations over the year and to all the volunteers that helped pack and wrap as we continue to be a blessing to children around the world.

Stewardship Weekend - November 14/15! Where is your heart? "And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"' Do not let the stuff of life crowd out your Heavenly Father.

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!

Director of the Week: Earl Wendt is a charter member of Chapel. He is married to Sandy and they have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. He is retired from financial and IT Consulting. He was president, vice-president and currently secretary on the board of directors; served on board of elders, personnel committee chairperson; stewardship committee chairperson, finance committee; head usher, Men's Club President, 50th Anniversary Chairperson; Gift Development team and Lutheran Senior Services Board Chairperson.

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 Aulderay Fields)*
Morgan Cunningham *(friend of Jon Rogers)*
Cassidy Dansbury *(niece of Alexis Cunningham)*
Virginia Daugherty
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
Edam Ekpo
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
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)*
Ali Kloppenburg
Joyce Lackey
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)*
Erna Schroeder
Diane Schwede
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 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

Band Concert: On Friday, November 13th, the Lutheran Northwest Band from Lutheran High School Northwest in Rochester Hills, MI will be having a concert here at Chapel at 7:00 PM. A free will offering will be taken. Join us as we celebrate, "We Are His" Psalm 100:3. Both students and staff will be needing host homes after the concert! Please contact Timothy Mars if you are interested. The students must be hosted in groups of three.

Mary-Martha Guild will hold its next meeting on Monday November 9 at 6:30 in room 8. Vicar Justin Goodrich will be our guest speaker. We will have a Soup Supper and refreshments that evening. This will be followed by a business meeting. We will also have a monetary Ingathering for Concordia food pantry. Please join us for good food and fellowship.

Join us for Second Saturday's Women's Fellowship! All women are invited for a time of food, faith, and fellowship on Saturday, November 14. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. in Room 8 in the lower level of Chapel. You can bring a light brunch item to share or just bring yourself! Please join us! Contact Mary Laesch (314-704-6906) or Jennifer Krupp (314- 662-0517) for more information.

Lutheran North's 3rd Annual Trivia Night: Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition as we support Lutheran North's Band & Choir! Saturday, November 14, 2026 Lutheran North Cafeteria Doors open at 6:30 p.m. | Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m.Gather a team of eight and put your trivia knowledge to the test! Enjoy games, prizes, a silent auction, and plenty of fun while supporting our music students and their upcoming February 2027 tour. Ticket Prices: $20 per person, $140 for a table of eight, $25 at the door. Each ticket includes two complimentary beverages. Pizza and mulligans will be available for purchase. Guests are welcome to bring their own food and beverages; however, alcohol is not permitted. Purchase tickets online: https://events.hometownticketing.com/boxoffice/lncrusaders/L2VtYmVkL2V2ZW50LzI3Nz9zaW5nbGU9MQ%3D%3D

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.

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

"And so, there's a stage for every age, a place to use the talents we're given and to see faith grow. Blessings to you all as you serve in the many ways God has prepared, as you see that we function together in one blessed Body. We will never tell Hil that there's nothing for us to do." Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola, Guest Speaker on the "The Lutheran Hour".

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:

Linda Guccione – November 16
Stan Schwede – November 16
Alice Holtgrewe – November 17

MAPP GOD'S WORD

2 Peter 1:2 – "Grace and peace be multiplies unto

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Coming up at Chapel

Monday, November 9
6:30 PM Mary-Martha Meeting
7:00 PM Elders meeting

Tuesday, November 10
2:00 PM Grief Share

Wednesday, November 11
6:00 PM Vespers Service
6:30 PM Bible class

Thursday, November 12
7:00 PM Choral Singers

Saturday, November 14
9:30 AM Women's Fellowship
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, November 15
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Youth & Adult Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Matthew 25:4 – "But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed what He said. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of stewardship say about what you believe?

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance 11/1/2026):
- Worship 227 including 23 visitors.

Last week's offering (11/1/2026):
- General Fund: $11,449
- Building / Capital Fund: $1,922
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: $48

YTD Offerings:
- General Fund: $554,350
- Building / Capital Fund: $133,698

YTD Need:
- General Fund: $652,740
- Building / Capital Fund: $46,508