

BIBLE STUDY

- Sunday 9:45 am
- “The Miracles of Jesus” –
Room 9
- Children’s Sunday School –
Rooms 2 & 4
- Senior High Youth – Youth Room

Announcements

Highlighting 60 Years of Chapel Ministries and Organizations – Mary-Martha Guild: As part of Chapel’s 60th anniversary celebration, we 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 the Mary-Martha Guild which is a long-standing strong women’s organization that meets from September through June. While they support the programs and objectives of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, they also foster Christian fellowship, promote growth in Christian knowledge, and support Chapel and various outside charities through their annual fundraisers. If you are interested in learning more about this organization, please contact Joanne Witte, Judy Kooi, or the church office.

Update on Parking Lot Project: The repair of the Parking Lot has been scheduled for Friday, August 21. The building will need to be closed that day. Though the work will be completed in one day, there may be some parking/driving restrictions on Saturday, August 22. But we will be open for services that evening.

The cost of the project has nosed up with the massive increase in oil prices this summer. The latest bid is up about 4% to just over \$171,000. Though it is possible that the price will drop a bit with the peace agreement, we are assuming that this is our final price.

And there is great news regarding our fund raising efforts. As of the end of June, we have received \$87,872 for the parking lot project, which is more than half of the total cost. As of June 30, the capital fund, not counting the parking lot contributions, stands at \$105k. This means that though we will significantly drain our capital funds for this project, we won't need to reach into our other funds. Thanks to all who were moved to help with this project! The Board of Directors thanks God for your generosity.

And there is still time to give. As we discussed, we want to keep the capital fund as healthy as possible so that we are better able to absorb those future repairs that we all know will come. We plan to keep the parking lot fund open through the summer; let the office know if you have misplaced your envelope. And if you are interested in giving to this fund with year-end distributions, please contact Pastor or anyone on the Board to let us know your intentions and we'll ear-mark that future gift.

Thanks again for all who have supported the project!

In Our Prayers this week.

Those with Health Concerns:
David Applebaum (*family member of Bill and Marilyn Miller*)
Steve Becker (*friend of John Zvirgzdins*)
Tanjila Bolden
Kim Bruce (*friend of Dawn Iborg*)
Norma Conley (*friend of Alderay Fields*)
Morgan Cunningham (*friend of Jon Rogers*)
Bob & Carolyn Delohi
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
Aulderay Fields
Pauletta Fields (*Aulderay Fields sister-in-law*)
Darlene Franklin (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
John Gassner (*cousin of Gloria Uttley*)
Jan Hahn
Carolyn Hanneman
Rita Hayes (*sister of Jim Crosier*)
Donna Heinrich
Ashley Hochuli (*grand-daughter of Marilyn and Bill Miller*)
Lois Hoffmann
Virgil Hoffmann
Alice Holtgrewe
Camille Johnson (*friend of Aulderay Fields*)
Ali Kloppenburg
Joyce Lackey
Mel Lefkowitz (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Bill Madison (*son-in-law of Bill and Marilyn Miller*)
Pam Mains
Alex Metz (*friend of Steve and Julie Seibert*)
Peggy Miller

Joe Miano, Sr. (*father of Joe Miano*)
Patricia Miano (*mother of Joe Miano*)
Bessie Mosley
Frank Mosley
Fred Palmer (*friend of Barbra Newton*)
Ellis Perry
Olivia Reichert (*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
Sister Mary Lou (*friend of Julie Griffith*)
Joan Smith (*friend of Aulderay Fields*)
Johnnie Spears
Anthony Starks (*brother of (Antoinette Ray)*)
Pam Taylor
Jean Thomas
George Tomazi
Gloria Uttley
Ariel Wagner (*daughter of Keith & Sandy Otto*)
Robyn Walen (*friend of John Jordan*)
Stephanie Wallace
Mickie Wallerstein (*friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)
Eric Williams (*son of Betty and Les Williams*)

Those who celebrate: Ben and Ally Kehe and their family upon the baptism of their son Luca Ernest Kehe.
Sarah Brulag and Aaron Hartts who were united in marriage on July 10.

Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:
Jay Bentzinger (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Terry Balke (*Cheryl Balke's brother*)
David Charak (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Bob Crecelius (*brother of Roy Crecelius*)
Sue Gassner (*cousin of Gloria Uttley*)
Damien Gregory (*great-grandson of Gale Damm*)
Cheryl Hogan (*daughter of Lois Hoffman*)
Adrian Hughes (*cousin of Alderay Fields*)
Bianca Jackson (*friend of Vernida Summers*)
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*)
Peggy Meisch (*friend of Julie and Steve Seibert*)
Bob Novak (*friend of Joe Miano*)
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
Lindsay Wagoner (*friend of Julie Seibert*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Director of the Week: Keith Otto became a member of Chapel of the Cross in March, 2020 along with his wife Sandy. He grew up in Pine Lawn, attending Bethesda Lutheran Church and School. He graduated Lutheran High Central/North. While attending Bethesda, Keith and Sandy were married by Pastor Bischoff. They have 2 children and 5 grandchildren. He retired in 2019 from an Airline IT career. They host one of the of small groups Bible studies.

Friends, thank you for the love, kindness, and encouragement you have shown Katrina and me throughout this past year. Serving as your vicar has been an amazing privilege. Thank you for allowing me to walk alongside you, learn from you, and witness the many ways God is at work through this congregation. It has truly been a joy to be part of this church family. We are excited to see how God continues to bless this congregation, and we thank Him for the opportunity to have been a small part of the story, Vicar Chuck.

Youth Group Join us today at 5 p.m. This is for all High School students, recently graduated seniors, and those starting High School this fall. Dinner will be provided. Contact Vicar Chuck with any questions.

Share An Appreciation Message with Vicar Chuck Wallace: Our time with Vicar Chuck will soon be coming to an end as he completes his Chapel vicarage. We invite you to share your best wishes or favorite memory of Vicar Chuck and Katrina by completing one of the cards on the table in the Fellowship Commons and placing it in the Memory Box. Personal greeting cards and/or monetary gifts are also acceptable for placement in the box. This opportunity will be available from June 13-14 through July 11-12. We invite you to be a part of this special gift and share your thanks and appreciation

Operation Christmas Child: “In an effort to spread out our collection of items for Operation Christmas child shoeboxes throughout the year, we will focus on collecting the following items during July and August: CLOTHING t-shirts, shorts, flip flops, skirts. undergarments, socks, simple dresses. SCHOOL SUPPLIES small notebooks, paper, pencils, crayons, markers, colored pencils, scissors, pencil sharpener. Of course we would continue to collect all items from previous months all year long. You can place your donations in the big Christmas box in the welcome center. Thank you for supporting this mission

Celebrate Pro-Life Heroes with Coalition Life Join us for an inspiring and informative evening to support Coalition Life's professional pro-life sidewalk counseling and pregnancy center ministries. Attend our Benefit Gala - Thursday, July 16 at Greensfelder Recreation Complex in Queeny Park. Be inspired by internationally-acclaimed guitarist Tony Melendez, who was born without arms but learned to play guitar and other instruments using his feet. His witness shows the power and potential in every life. Discover how you can become involved in our mission to ensure that every woman seeking an abortion first meets a loving and effective advocate for life. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30p with dinner at 6:30p. Tickets are \$25 and sponsorships are available. Register at www.CoalitionLife.com/Benefit.

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Morning 9:45 Study - “Miracles in the Bible”

“Realistically, most of us will never be more than ordinary, but that doesn't mean we're useless. God works through the ordinary, the mundane, and the commonplace. He worked through Esther, and He works through you to bless others in ways you may never know.” *Grace McPherson – A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life.*

LIFE TEAM

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:

Richard Gronemeyer – July 16 Donna Heinrich – July 18 Carole Lehner – July 21

MAPP GOD’S WORD

James 1:12 – “Blessed is the man that endures trial: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to them that love him.”

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Coming up at Chapel

Saturday, July 18
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, July 19
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45AM Youth & Adult Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service
5:30 PM Youth Group

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT
Romans 8:12 – “So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.” We owe the flesh, the world and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies; we are freed by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ's kingdom – servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord's plan and purposes, and this gives direction and purpose to our lives.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (7/5/2026):
• Worship 152 and 6 visitors.

Last week's offering (7/5/2026):
• General Fund: \$11,687
• Building / Capital Fund: \$2,897
• 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$29
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YTD Offerings:
• General Fund: \$351,363
• Building / Capital Fund: \$108,189

YTD Need:
• General Fund: \$400,140
• Building / Capital Fund: \$28,539