

BIBLE STUDY

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

Children’s Sunday School –
Rooms 2 & 4

Senior High Youth – Youth Room

Announcements

Highlighting 60 Years of Chapel Ministries and Organizations – Friends of Mom Ministry. 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 Friends of Mom Ministry. Friends of Mom was birthed in early 2000, by a group of nurses who recognized that many young mothers were lacking necessities for their children. It has now come to fruition as a well-established Ministry here at COTC dedicated to serving the surrounding community by assisting mothers (and anyone assuming the role) with basic essentials needed for newborns to age 4. All items are donated. Anyone who is in need, pregnant, or raising young children have an opportunity to freely receive clothing, shoes, diapers, toys, blankets, books, foodstuffs from the Baby Boutique. Items such as strollers, tubs, walkers, and other baby gear are also given as they become available. In addition to the materials received, often clients are in need of spiritual counseling; and what better place to receive guidance than here at COC. FOM is a lighthouse here in North County that the clients truly appreciate.

Although FOM have several committed ladies who serve diligently, we can always use more volunteers to assist in other areas that make FOM flow efficiently and effectively. Prayerfully consider volunteering, at your convenience, to this wonderful ministry that helps so many that are in need. For detailed information, please contact Lowanda Johnson, Marsha Geisz, or the Church office. However, any of the ladies who serve in the Friends of Mom Ministry will be willing to assist you. Thank you much. Looking forward to hearing from some of you.

Prayer Walk: Now that the outdoors are more pleasant, we'd like to resume our Prayer Walk. We will meet on Sat. Sept. 19 at 9:30. The purpose of this activity is to let our neighbors know about Chapel of the Cross, that we care about them, and how we can be of service . We walk for about 30-45 minutes in pairs to give them flyers and offer to pray for any needs. Thank you for considering this opportunity to join with our church family.

Scholarship Fund: You may have noticed the “Scholarship Fund” envelope in your box of offering envelopes. The gifts received for the Scholarship Fund support Chapel’s commitment to help our families with children in Lutheran grade schools and high schools, and men and women in Lutheran colleges or seminaries pursuing church work careers. If you are able, please support Chapel’s Scholarship Fund.

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
Helga Brown
Gena Burroughs
Norma Conley (*friend of Alderay Fields*)
Morgan Cunningham (*friend of Jon Rogers*)
Jocelyn Damber
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*)
Jan Hahn
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*)
Camille Johnson (*friend of Aulderay Fields*)

Ali Kloppenburg
Joyce Lackey
Carol Laesch
Mel Lefkowitz (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
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*)
Frank Mosley
Fred Palmer (*friend of Barbra Newton*)
Ellis Perry
Olivia Reichgert (*Stan Schwede’s nephew’s daughter*)
Gerri Renken
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
Anthony Starks (*brother of Antoinette Ray*)
Pam Taylor
Jean Thomas
George Tomazi
Gloria Uttley
Kathleen W. (*friend of Alice Holtgrewe*)
Robyn Walen (*friend of John Jordan*)
Stephanie Wallace
Mickie Wallerstein (*friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)
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*)
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*)
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*)
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
Gary Timm

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

Chapel is looking to hire. The position of Porter has for years faithfully worked opening and closing the building, been helpful in setting up for events, stocking supplies and generally helping the staff and members when needed - especially around our church services on Saturdays and Sundays. If you or someone you know would like to apply to work at Chapel as a Porter, or have any questions, see Bill Rusnak.

The Mary-Martha Guild will hold its annual Salad Supper on Monday September 14, in room 8 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a salad to share. We will announce the agenda for the coming months at a short business meeting. All ladies are invited to attend.

The Mary-Martha Guild will again this year be taking preorders for Mixin Fixins. Starting on August 8, through September 13, 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 October 31 and Sunday November 1. Fundraiser recipients will be announced later in the Chapel Weekly. Thank you for your support.

CrossRoads: Contributions for the Fall issue of CrossRoads are due by Sunday, September 6.

Helping Hands Food Pantry is asking for the congregations' assistance in purchasing a conveyor belt for the Pantry. Cost will be approx. \$3,500. Currently, the volunteers move up to 150 boxes of food items up a flight of stairs from the church basement every week. Thank you for your continued support.

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

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study Update: On Sunday, September 13 during the Bible Class hour our LAMP Mission Teams will be sharing their experiences from their recent trip to Brochet and Lynn Lake, Manitoba. Please join us as we have much Good News to share, along with lots of pictures!

Fall Wednesday Evening Bible Study- . *Join us at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays, starting September 9, 2026. Pick up your Session #1 LifeLight Study at the Welcome Center. Prepare your answers in advance. Bring a friend and prepare to dive in together. Lower Level Room #8 - 6:30 pm.*

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 will begin 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

"Use the biological reality of the word 'abortion' to begin discussion to share that message with your unbelieving neighbor. Do so with boldness, but gentleness, please! Use the eternal reality of the word 'abortion' to share that message with your fellow believers. Speak the truth in love, please!" *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans for Life*

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:

Ellis Perry, Sr. – Sept. 4	Charles Scott – Sept. 4	Donna Hoffmann – Sept. 5
Jean Thomas – Sept. 5	David Eggers – Sept. 8	Marilyn Miller – Sept. 8

MAPP GOD’S WORD

1 Peter 1:3-4 – "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant mercy has begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fades not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Coming up at Chapel

Tuesday, September 1
2:00 PM Grief Share

Wednesday, September 2
6:30 PM Bible class

Thursday, September 3
7:00 PM Choral Singers

Friday, September 4
10:00 AM Men's Fellowship and lunch

Saturday, September 5
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, September 6
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45AM Youth & Adult Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT
Mattheew 16:26 – “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?” He who dies with the most toys...is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in home, church and society as loving, generous people. Those who don't know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God's kingdom.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance 8/23/2026):
• Worship 177 including 10 visitors.

Last week's offering (8/23/2026):
• General Fund: \$7,377
• Building / Capital Fund: \$1,175
• 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$63

YTD Offerings:
• General Fund: \$424,676
• Building / Capital Fund: \$120,715

YTD Need:
• General Fund: \$503,880
• Building / Capital Fund: \$35,938

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