

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

Highlighting 60 Years of Chapel Ministries and Organizations – Lectors. 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 Lectors. While not an actual ministry or organization, the lectors have a significant role in every Sunday service. Each week this dedicated group of volunteers shares with the congregation both the Old Testament and Epistle readings. If you would like to become a lector or would like to learn more about this special way of serving Chapel, please see Pastor Laesch or contact the church office.

Vespers Service: Just before our 6:30 pm Prophecy Bible study and Discovery Class, join us for Vespers service starting at 6:00 pm in the Prayer Chapel.

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>.

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! While you can donate any listed item for the shoeboxes at any time, the emphasis for the month of September is small games (Cards, travel games, small Jenga, matching games, tic tac toe, dominoes, etc..). 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!

LWML Fall Rally will held on Saturday, October 3 at 9:30 am at Blessed Savior Lutheran Church, 2615 Shackelford Road, 63031. Lunch will be served. An ingathering of non-perishable food and personal care items for TEAM. RSVP to suejohnston7901@att.net.

Prayer Walk: In October there will be two opportunities to share the ministries of Chapel of the Cross with our neighbors. Sunday, October 11 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.

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
Helga Brown
Gena Burroughs
Norma Conley (*friend of Alderay 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*)
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*)
Duane Jackson (*friend of Vernida Summers*)
Camille Johnson (*friend of Alderay Fields*)
Ali Kloppenburg

Carol Laesch
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*)
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 Alderay Fields*)
Johnnie Spears
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*)
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 Alderay 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
Gary Timm

Those who celebrate: Joe and Caroline Mansfield (and grandma Cheri Mansfield) upon the birth of Jane Margaret Mansfield on September 18.

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.

Friend of Moms needs size 6 diapers and wipes. Thank you for your support!

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.

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

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

“Grief is not a sign of weak faith; it is the natural response to love and loss. But for those in Christ, grief is always shaped by hope. We do not mourn as those who have no future, no promise, no Savior. We mourn with the certainty that our loved ones in the faith are with the Lord and that we will see them again.” *Rev. M.L. Smith, Director of International Missions of Lutheran Church-Canada (LCC)*

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:

Roy Crecelius – October 1
Clara Mueller – October 4
Carolyn Nation – October 7

Marilyn Kreitner – October 1
Deborah Malkowski – October 6

MAPP GOD’S WORD

1 Peter 2:24-25 – Who his own self bore our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes you were healed. For you were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls”

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Coming up at Chapel

Monday, September 28
7:00 PM Board of Directors

Tuesday, September 29
2:00 PM Grief Share

Wednesday, September 30
6:00 PM Vespers Service
6:30 PM Bible class

Thursday, October 1
7:00 PM Choral Singers

Friday, October 2
10:00 AM Men’s Bible Study

Saturday, October 3
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, October 4
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45AM Youth & Adult Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Matthew 21:26 – “But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd...”
Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is! Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week’s attendance (9/20/2026):
• Worship 181 including 13 visitors.

Last week’s offering (9/20/2026):
• General Fund: \$12,726
• Building / Capital Fund: \$455
• 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$39

YTD Offerings:
• General Fund: \$475,751
• Building / Capital Fund: \$125,184

YTD Need:
• General Fund: \$563,160
• Building / Capital Fund: \$40,166