

THE CHAPEL Weekly



CHAPEL OF
THE CROSS
LUTHERAN

Living in faith, hope, and love

March 1, 2026

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 9:45 am

“Short Studies on tough topics” –
Room 9

Children’s Sunday School –
Rooms 2 & 4

Senior High Youth – Youth Room
Confirmation – Room 8

Wednesday 6:30 pm

Prophet Isaiah – Room 8

First and Third Tuesday 10:00 a.m.

Women’s Bible Study- Room 8
“When you’ve been wronged”

Announcements

Highlighting 60 Years of Chapel Ministries and Organizations – First Friday Men’s Fellowship. 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 First Friday Men’s Fellowship which offers the men of Chapel the opportunity to study the Word of God and discuss their faith all the while sharing a meal together at a local restaurant. Bill Rusnak is one of the leaders of this group so if you are interested in learning more about it or becoming a part of it, please contact Bill or the church office.

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 March and April: CRAFTS: small craft kits, sewing kits(dollar tree) stickers, pipecleaners, beads and string, small fishing kits. SMALL STUFFED ANIMALS: any new , soft and lovable item, squishy, TY beady animals. You can place your donations in the big Christmas box in the welcome center. Thank you for supporting this mission!”

LAMP Mission Trip: It is not too late to join a Lamp summer mission trip team. Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 8 at noon in room A. Come and learn more about this opportunity to share the good news of Jesus with His children in northern Canada. Trip dates are: July 22- August 3. Call Mike or Ellen Kehe with questions. 314-607-3734.

LAMP Fundraiser: “In March the LAMP teams are collecting orders for TJs pizza and desserts to help raise funds for the summer mission trip to northern Canada. Order forms are in the welcome center. Payment can be placed in the LAMP box at welcome center or dropped off in the church office. Make checks to “Chapel of the Cross” with “Lamp TJS “ in the memo line. Delivery is expected mid May. Thanks to Thrivent for sponsoring this event. Questions? Call Mike or Ellen Kehe. 314-607-3735/314-607-3734. Thank you for supporting this mission.”

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31 Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2026, to direct any remaining 2025 Choice Dollars. Don’t miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to Chapel of the Cross. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt.

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
Norma Conley (*friend of Alderay Fields*)
Ruthie Crawford (*friend of Julie Griffith*)
Pam Crecelius (*sister-in-law of Roy & Sharon Crecelius*)
Morgan Cunningham (*friend of Jon Rogers*)
Matthew Dina (*relative of the Uttley family*)
Clyde Dempsey (*father of Julie Seibert*)
Shari Lou Eakins (*friend of Jon Rogers*)
Cheryl Ehmke
Alderay Fields
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*)
Virgil Hoffmann
Alice Holtgrewe
Shirley Johnson (*friend of Jon Rogers*)
Ali Kloppenburg
Ken Kreitner
Marlene Kreitner (*sister of Cheryl Ehmke*)

Joyce Lackey
Mel Lefkowitz (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Bill Madison (*son-in-law of Bill and Marilyn Miller*)
Aminius Matthews (*son of Alicia Harrie*)
Rose McMurtery (*mother of Doris Eggers*)
Alex Metz (*friend of Steve and Julie Seibert*)
Peggy Miller
Joe Miano, Sr. (*father of Joe Miano*)
Patricia Miano (*mother of Joe Miano*)
Mel Neustadt
Ellis Perry
Pat Phipps
Sue Plack
Annette Rueckert
Rosilyn Cunningham Schmitt (*mother of Robert Cunningham*)
Diane Schwede
Jill Seibert (*mother of Steve Seibert*)
Jim Seibert (*father of Steve Seibert*)
Gail Shultz
John Simon
Johnnie Spears
Pam Taylor
Dale Ternaprovich (*brother of Joyce Lackey*)
Jean Thomas
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*)
Barb Carroll (*friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra*)
Bob Crecelius (*brother of Roy Crecelius*)
Sue Gassner (*cousin of Gloria Uttley*)
Damien Gregory (*great-grandson of Gale Damm*)
Tenisha Hackett (*niece of Carla Rainey*)
Cheryl Hogan (*daughter of Lois Hoffman*)
Adrian Hughes (*cousin of Alderay Fields*)
Sonja Hughes (*friend of Adrienne Burton*)
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.*)
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*)
Arrion Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)
Vernida Summers

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

Mary-Martha Guild: On Monday, March 9 at 6:30 pm, the Mary-Martha Guild will hold its regular meeting. Mary-Martha Guild member Kay Medlock will talk to us about OASIS tutoring. Refreshments and a business meeting will follow. All are welcome to attend.

Come share the hope we have in Jesus on Saturday, April 4, from 9:30–11:30 a.m., as we visit our Chapel neighbors, invite them to Easter services, and ask how we can lift them up in prayer. Sign-up in the commons (to ensure there are enough materials). Questions? Call Clara Mueller - 314-914-6030

Friend of Moms: We are looking for a few volunteers to take home clothing to wash and return to the closet. This can be done at your convenience. We are also in need of wipes, diapers and pull ups sizes 4, 5, and 6 and monetary gifts are always welcome. Thank you for your support.

CrossRoads: Contributions for the Spring issue of CrossRoads are due by Sunday, March 8.

Trivia Night and Silent Auction: Let's get ready for *Saturday, March 7, 2026*. There will be food, fun, and prizes – all supporting Missions.

6 ways you can help:

1. Reserve your table. Tickets are only \$15 each, tables of 8 are \$120. Please have your registration in by Monday, March 2.
 2. Thrivent Action Gift Cards are needed. See Bill Rusnak for details of areas of support.
 3. Donate to the Silent Auction. Donations are needed - include anything *you* would want to purchase yourself---sports tickets, gift cards, novelties, etc. Bring items to the church office by March 2.
- Letters to businesses are located on the Commons table!
4. Donate Attendance and game prizes by March 2 - winners can select their choice from a gift table.
 5. Join the Fun! Leadership Positions are still available to help, Youth table runners, child care, concessions, and more. See the Sign-Up at the Welcome Center.
 6. Tell others! Don't miss the first question promptly at 6:30! Doors open at 5:30.

BIBLE STUDY

Griefshare: As we enter the new year – we look forward to the hope found through the 13 weeks of GriefShare. Join us in the Parlor, Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. starting January 6, 2026

Ladies Bible Study/Fellowship - A study on the book "When You've Been Wronged" on the first and third Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m..

Sunday Morning 9:45 Study - "The Miracles of Jesus" - See the Welcome Center desk for more information.

Wednesday Evenings 6:30 pm Bible Study, Postponed in Lent. We will resume covering the Prophet Isaiah on April 8.

LIFE TEAM

Salvation comes only through faith in Christ, who was "lifted up" on the cross as the payment for the world's sins. Not even Abraham our forefather was saved by his works or inner worth. In choosing to redeem us by His own grace apart from our works, God shows us that our value is not found in a person's own qualities. Instead, every person is precious to God and worthy of dignity because "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son."

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:

Ted Dargan – March 6

Alexis Cunningham – March 10

MAPP GOD'S WORD

Hebrews 2:6-9 – "But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that you are mindful of him? Or the son of man, that you visit him? You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor, and did set him over the works of your hands: You have put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man."

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Coming up at Chapel

Tuesday, March 3

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study
2:00 PM Grief Share

Wednesday, March 4

11:00 AM Lenten Service
5:00 PM Dinner
6:30 PM Lenten service
7:30 PM Early Communion Class

Thursday, March 5

7:00 Choral Singers

Saturday, March 7

5:00 PM Worship Service
7:00 PM Trivia Night

Sunday, March 8

8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

This is perhaps the most well-known and beloved verse in the New Testament, for good reason. This simple Gospel message is the foundation for our new life in Christ. This new life is characterized by the thankfulness and devotion to our Father who has provided for us so lavishly in Christ.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (2/22/2025):

- Worship 163 and 4 visitors.

Last week's offering (2/22/2025):

- General Fund: \$21,588
- Building / Capital Fund: \$800
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$39
- Total 1-1-1 for March: \$158.00

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$90,938
- Building / Capital Fund: \$9,864

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$118,560
- Building / Capital Fund: \$8,456