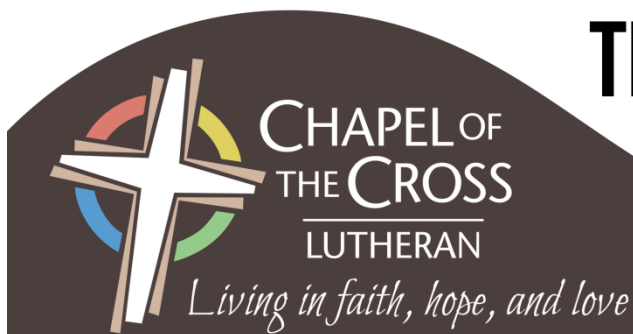


THE CHAPEL Weekly



March 15, 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

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 – Altar 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 Chapel’s Altar Guild. This special group of dedicated volunteers has the responsibility of preparation and cleanup of the communion ware and linens for all Chapel communion services. The volunteers work in teams of two or more and serve at least once per month. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry or if you would like to learn more about it, please contact Roberta Loesch, Nancy Swoboda, or the church office.

Chapel welcomes Rev. Andy Weden from Stevens Point, Wisconsin. He will be staying in Rooms #8 and Room #9 - which are our primary education rooms on Sunday mornings. Sunday Bible Class will meet in Room A - next to the nursery and Confirmation class will take place in the Conference room. Rev. Weden and about 15 College students will use those two classrooms sleeping on air mattresses. They are in town to serve Immanuel Lutheran St. Charles and Bethlehem with various service projects. They will join us for worship on Wednesday, March 18 and attend our Lenten Dinner. Their plan is to arrive on Friday, March 13 about 8:00 p.m. and depart on Thursday, March 19, 2026.

Easter Lilies: We will decorate the church at Easter with Easter lilies *in honor of a person, your family, or in memory of a loved one.* If you would like to order a plant for (\$13.50), which may be picked up after April 5th, please use one of the envelopes which you will find in the pew racks or call the church office (741-3737). Make checks payable to “Chapel of the Cross-Lutheran.” DEADLINE: Monday, March 30th. ALSO: Please let the church office know how you want your memorial to read.

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-April. 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*)
Janelle Edwards (*friend of John Jordan*)
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
Camille Johnson (*friend of Alderay Fields*)
Shirley Johnson (*friend of Jon Rogers*)
Ali Kloppenburg
Ken Kreitner
Marlene Kreitner (*sister of Cheryl Ehmke*)
Joyce Lackey

Mel Lefkowitz (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Scott Loesch (*son of Manfred and Roberta Loesch*)
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*)
Clara Mueller
Mel Neustadt
Ellis Perry
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
Joan Smith (*friend of Alderay Fields*)
Johnnie Spears
Pam Taylor
Dale Ternaprovich (*brother of Joyce Lackey*)
Jean Thomas
Gloria Uttley
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*)
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*)
Shelby Smith (*friend of Faith Cunningham*)
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

Youth Group All High School youth are invited to Youth Group on March 22nd at 5:30pm, in the youth room. Dinner is provided and invite your friends! Text Vicar Chuck with any questions.

CrossRoads Photographer Chapel is looking for someone to take photos of events at Chapel, such as Easter, Christmas, VBS and other events. If you are interested, please see Ken and Marilyn Kreitner or call 314-313-7909.

The 22nd Annual Lutheran Older Adult Retreat This annual event is April 15-16, 2026, at the Pere Marquette Lodge in Grafton, Illinois. Sponsored by Southern Illinois District LCMS, this event offers fellowship, worship, and study for seniors in a scenic riverfront setting. The focus on Fellowship and rejuvenation through Speakers, Sessions, Bible Study and Entertainment. See the Welcome Center display.

The Lutheran Resale Shop needs your donations! Please think of us as you are doing your Spring cleaning. We accept everything for the home, except computers and TV's. If your church group is having a rummage sale, please contact us. We will try to pick up your "leftovers." The Shop is all-volunteer and our proceeds go to Lutheran Families and Children's Services and Evertrue (Lutheran Senior Services). Questions: Please call the Shop: 314-369-9970, or donate Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm., 6701 W. Florissant, St. Louis. We thank you in advance!

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, pipe cleaners, 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!

Griefshare has now ended our winter sessions and will begin a new set of sessions beginning on August 17

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.

BIBLE STUDY

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

Sin makes us blind to the things of God. Not only do we often fail to recognize our neighbors and the many needs they have, but we also have a hard time seeing our own lack of love and need for salvation. Thankfully, Jesus has come to open our eyes and turn our darkness into light. The Lord not only grants us faith to see Him and know His salvation, He also empowers us to "walk as children of light" to better see and serve our neighbors in need, from the least of them to the greatest.

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:

Milo Lombard – March 19

Cheryl Buffington – March 25

MAPP GOD'S WORD

Hebrews 3:14 – "For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end."

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Coming up at Chapel

Tuesday, March 17

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 18

11:00 AM Lenten Service

5:00 PM Dinner

6:30 PM Lenten service

7:30 PM Early Communion class

Thursday, March 19

7:00 Choral Singers

Saturday, March 21

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, March 22

8:30 AM Worship Service

9:45 AM Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Psalm 142:5 – "I cry to you, O Lord; I say, 'You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.'"

The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves us through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, He is in control, so we can follow His Word in confidence.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (3/8/2026):

- Worship 167 and 5 visitors.

Last week's offering (3/8/2026):

- General Fund: \$11,900
- Building / Capital Fund: \$445
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$52

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$116,763
- Building / Capital Fund: \$11,779

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$148,200
- Building / Capital Fund: \$10,570