

THE CHAPEL Weekly



CHAPEL OF
THE CROSS
LUTHERAN

Living in faith, hope, and love

March 22, 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”

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution

Wednesday, April 1 6:30 p.m

Maundy Thursday

April 2 11:00 am. & 6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Lunch 12:00 p.m.

Good Friday

April 3 12:00 noon & 6:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil

April 4 5:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

April 5 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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.

Call Extended: During a special meeting of the Voters’ Assembly on March 15, Chapel of the Cross voted to extend a Divine Call to Mr. Timothy Mars to serve as our next Director of Music. Mr. Mars is currently a graduating senior at Concordia University Nebraska, so there are several entities involved in this process. Please keep both Chapel and Mr. Mars in your prayers as this process continues.

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.

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.

Mary-Martha Guild will hold its Spring Bake sale on Palm Sunday weekend March 28-29. Members may bring their baked goods on Saturday March 28 after 4:00 pm or on Sunday March 29 after 7:30 am. The proceeds will be divided between the Dakota Boys and Girls Club and Wings of Hope. Thank you for your support.

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

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*)

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*)
Cheryl Ehmke
Aulderay 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*)

Lois Hoffmann

Virgil Hoffmann
Alice Holtgrewe
Camille Johnson (*friend of Alderay Fields*)
Shirley Johnson (*friend of Jon Rogers*)
Ali Kloppenburg
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*)
Clara Mueller
Mel Neustadt
Ellis Perry
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 Schwegker (*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*)

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

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.”

Gateway Ringers: The Gateway Ringers is an auditioned community handbell choir ringing sacred, pop, theme songs, and more. They will be performing at Chapel of the Cross on April 19 at 4:00 PM. All concerts are free and open to the public.

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!

Discovery Class A new Discovery Class will begin Wednesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. meeting each week thereafter for 10 weeks. The Discovery Class is for those seeking membership at Chapel of the Cross, but it is also a great review, even for those who have been life-long Lutherans. Please talk to Pastor Laesch or call the church office if you are interested in attending. All are invited!

Jubilee Hymn Fest and Concert St. Trinity Lutheran Church (7404 Vermont Ave., St. Louis, MO) invites all to the rededication of their historic, newly renovated 1903 Kilgen pipe organ on Sunday, March 22 at 3:00 pm. Guest organist Burnell Hackman will play along with the Metropolitan Brass Quintet of St. Louis. The event is free. Refreshments to follow.

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

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

Jesus is the “resurrection and the life”, the one true God who raises the dead from their graves and gives them new life. Everything Jesus has said and done testifies that He gives, sustains, and loves life. It is inconceivable to think that Jesus, who raised Lazarus from the tomb and who died to “give life to our mortal bodies”, would approve of the number of any innocent person, regardless of their size or condition.

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:

Doris Eggers – March 26

Aulderay Fields – March 27

MAPP GOD’S WORD

Hebrews 4:9-11 – “There remains therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also has ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.”

Coming up at Chapel

Monday, March 23

7:00 PM Board of Directors

Wednesday, March 25

11:00 AM Lenten Service

5:00 PM Dinner

6:30 PM Lenten service

7:30 PM Early Communion class

Thursday, March 26

7:00 Choral Singers

Saturday, March 28

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday

8:30 AM Worship Service

9:45 AM Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Romans 8:1 – “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” This is the joy of the Gospel! There is no condemnation for us before the throne of God because in His love He has provided salvation for us in Christ. We have been set free. We are His children once again, and co-heirs with Christ of all the blessings of heaven. If this does not make us thankful, nothing will!

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week’s attendance (3/15/2026):

- Worship 180 and 8 visitors.

Last week’s offering (3/15/2026):

- General Fund: \$19,568
- Building / Capital Fund: \$1,582
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$51

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$136,332
 - Building / Capital Fund: \$12,916
- YTD Need:
- General Fund: \$163,020
 - Building / Capital Fund: \$11,627

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