

# THE CHAPEL Weekly



CHAPEL OF  
THE CROSS  
LUTHERAN

*Living in faith, hope, and love*

March 29, 2026

## BIBLE STUDY

### Sunday 9:45 am

"The Miracles of Jesus" –  
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

**Chapel Egg Hunt** Egg-citing News! Chapel of the Cross will host an Easter Egg Hunt for children of the congregation and the community on Saturday, April 4. Children and their families are invited to come for crafts and games from 10:30-11:00 a.m. The Egg Hunt will begin at 11:00 a.m. Take a flyer to invite your neighbors! We will fill eggs today after the 11:00 service in the church office conference room. Please come and help if you can! We also need youth and adult helpers for the day of the hunt. Sign up in the Commons area. Contact Mary Laesch for more information.

**Easter Breakfast, Sunday, April 5:** Workers are needed, please sign up at the Welcome Center Desk. Select one or more shifts: (1) **Preparations** 8-9:15 AM. (2) **Serving** 9:15-10:45 AM, (3) **Cleaning** 11-1:00 PM. Thank you, Bill Rusnak

**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.

**Director of the Month:** Steve Geisz and his wife Marsha have been members of Chapel of the Cross for 36 years. They have 4 children and 9 grandchildren. Steve was an elder for 2 years and on the board of directors for 30 years. He served as Vice-President and President of the congregation; on personnel, property and finance committees; communion assistant and usher. He is currently serving as property manager. Steve owns an auto repair business for over 40 years.

**Thank you** Chapel family for your cards, love, and prayers for me during this recovery time. I am so thankful to be feeling better and for all of you. Love Clara

**Thank you** for all the thoughts, prayers, and cards after my surgery. I am blessed to have my wonderful Chapel friends. Mel Neustadt

## 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  
**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  
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

**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](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

**The Gateway Ringers** is 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.

**Help needed:** The Food Pantry needs a secretary four Thursdays a month and an additional two to four hours a week at home updating client information. Duties include answering the phone, reporting donations received from Sav A Lot, Foodbank Schnucks etc., writing letters, filing, placing orders and tracking client attendance. A basic knowledge of Word and Excel is needed. For more information contact Loretta on Thursdays at 314-741-5667, home 314-239-6472, email [hhfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:hhfoodpantry@gmail.com).

**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."

**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.

**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!

**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

When Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, he gave up, washed his hands, called himself innocent, and let the innocent One, our Lord Jesus Christ, be taken away and crucified. As the world around us continues to call for the death of the innocent, it may seem that we are gaining nothing, and we will be tempted to wash our hands and give up like Pilate did. But the Lord, in His mercy, has given you a tongue to speak that up on behalf of the innocent ones and let "every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father".

## MAPP GOD'S WORD

**Hebrews 4:14-16** – "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not a high priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our weaknesses; but was in all points tempted like we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

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## Coming up at Chapel

### Wednesday, April 1

6:30 PM Confession and Absolution Service

### Thursday, April 2 Maundy Thursday

11:00 AM Worship Service  
12:00 PM Homebound/Senior Luncheon  
6:30 PM Worship Service

### Friday, April 3 Good Friday

Office Closed  
Noon Worship Service  
6:30 PM Worship Service

### Saturday, April 4 Easter Vigil

10 AM Community Egg Hunt  
5:00 PM Worship Service

### Sunday, April 5 Easter

8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:30 AM Easter Breakfast  
11:00 AM Worship Service

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**Matthew 21:3** – "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Did Jesus really need the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey, would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! Likewise, with us – the Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His church.

## HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (3/22/2026):

- Worship 168 and 3 visitors.

Last week's offering (3/22/2026):

- General Fund: \$13,333
- Building / Capital Fund: \$707
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$79

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$149,665
- Building / Capital Fund: \$13,623

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$177,840
- Building / Capital Fund: \$12,684