



# THE CHAPEL Weekly

March 8, 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 60<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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!

**Second Saturday Women’s Fellowship:** All women are invited to come for fellowship and devotions Saturday, March 14. We will meet at 9:30am in Room 8 in the lower level of Chapel. You can bring a light brunch item to share or just bring yourself! Please join us!

**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 (\$12.50), 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 week:** Tim Brown and his wife Sherri have been members of Chapel of the Cross since 1997, they have a daughter Hannah. Tim serves on the board of directors as treasurer of the congregation. He was also on the stewardship committee and call committee. Tim is a licensed CPA and is currently an accounting manager at CPH. His previous job experience was senior accountant at Mastercard for 3 yrs., accounting supervisor at Kellwood Co. for 11 years; senior accountant for May Department Stores International for 4 years; and senior accountant for Lindner Asset Management for 7 years.

## 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  
**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*)  
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  
**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

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

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

**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.

**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.”

**LAMP Mission Trip:** It is not too late to join a Lamp summer mission trip team. Our next meeting will be Today 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.

**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.

**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 today.

## 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

The world tells us to avoid suffering at all costs. Even justifying murder (abortion, suicide, assisted suicide) on the grounds that death can be used to avoid further suffering. However, St. Paul reminds us that instead of trying to avoid suffering through death, we “can rejoice in our sufferings”, knowing that God uses our suffering to increase our hope in Him and bring us to everlasting glory. Therefore, when suffering comes, “let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker, entrusting ourselves into the hands of the One who “died for us”.

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:

Leon Steinbrueck – March 18

## MAPP GOD’S WORD

**Hebrews 2:18** – “For in that he himself has suffered being tempted, he is able to help them that are tempted.”

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## Coming up at Chapel

### Monday, March 9

6:30 PM Mary-Martha Guild  
7:00 PM Elders

### Tuesday, March 10

2:00 PM Grief Share

### Wednesday, March 11

11:00 AM Lenten Service  
5:00 PM Dinner  
6:30 PM Lenten service

### Thursday, March 12

7:00 Choral Singers

### Saturday, March 14

5:00 PM Worship Service

### Sunday, March 15

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

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**Exodus 17:3** – “But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, ‘Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?’” Even the Israelites, who saw miracles with their own eyes, fell into unbelief and fear. From this distance we can see how foolish their worry is. How foolish will our worries appear from the distance of eternity? The Lord cared for them, and He will care for us.

## HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week’s attendance (3/1/2026):

- Worship 158 and 7 visitors.

Last week’s offering (3/1/2026):

- General Fund: \$13,926
- Building / Capital Fund: \$1,470
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$64

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$104,864
- Building / Capital Fund: \$11,334

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$133,380
- Building / Capital Fund: \$9,513