

THE CHAPEL Weekly



CHAPEL OF
THE CROSS
LUTHERAN

Living in faith, hope, and love

April 19, 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

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Bible study on the Prophet Isaiah.

Discovery Class

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 – Music Ministry. 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 Music Ministry. This vital ministry carries a long history of amazing moments and personal memories. Chapel's Music Ministry pertains not only to our choirs but also to our instrumentalists and those who contribute special musical talents. Matt McEuen is our Interim Music Director so if you are interested in being a part of this ministry or if you would like to learn more about it, please contact the church office and they will put you in touch with Matt.

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.

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 **today** at 4:00 PM. All concerts are free and open to the public.

Special Sunday Bible Class: The Rev. Dr. Ely Prieto, Associate Professor of Practical Theology at Concordia Seminary, will lead a special 4-week Sunday morning Bible class starting **today**. The class will explore the call and opportunity to minister to people with disabilities in the local congregation. We will discuss the difficult reality and our response, disability in the Old and New Testaments, and people with disabilities - their needs and the Church. Come to Bible class Sundays at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary, starting April 19.

Childcare Open House: Bethlehem's Childcare will be hosting an Open House on April 30th, from 3:30pm to 6pm. We are looking for volunteers to help in the 2-, 3-, and 4-year-old classrooms during this time. If you are able to volunteer or have questions, please contact Vicar Chuck.

The Flowers on the altar are in memory of Velva's heavenly birthday on April 21. The Zvirgzdins family. Flowers are also given in celebration of Vince Seibert's 30th birthday. Steve and Julie Seibert

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
Kim Bruce (*friend of Dawn Iborg*)
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*)
Alderay Fields
Darlene Franklin (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
John Gassner (*cousin of Gloria Uttley*)
Carolyn Hanneman
Alicia Harris
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*)
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 Harris*)
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*)
Fred Palmer (*friend of Barbra Newton*)
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
Ariel Wagner (*daughter of Keith & Sandy Otto*)
Robyn Walen (*friend of John Jordan*)
Stephanie Wallace
Mickie Wallerstein (*friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller*)
Eric Williams (*son of Bettv and Les Williams*)

Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

Jay Bentzinger (*friend of Nancy Swoboda*)
Terry Balke (*Cheryl Balke's brother*)
Bob Crecelius (*brother of Roy Crecelius*)
Sue Gassner (*cousin of Gloria Uttley*)
Damien Gregory (*great-grandson of Gale Damm*)
Cheryl Hogan (*daughter of Lois Hoffman*)
Adrian Hughes (*cousin of Alderay Fields*)
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
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

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!

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.

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.

Friends of Birthright STL Spring Luncheon Card & Game Party: Come Play Bridge, Dominos, Mahjong, or any Game. Or just come for lunch! Thursday, April 30th 10:00-2:00 PM, St. Clement of Rome Parish Center. Tickets \$40.00. RSVP at: https://etapestry.com/onlineforms/BirthrightCounselingStLouis_1/springcardparty.html.

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, We will resume covering the Prophet Isaiah on April 8.

LIFE TEAM

The practice of abortion rests on the argument that the unborn should not be considered real persons, worthy of dignity and protection under the law. How different that is from the way God views these little ones! St. Peter reminds us that the death and resurrection of Jesus are “for you and your children and for all who are far off” (Acts 2:39). If all children have been purchased by the “precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:19), surely they are worthy of our love and care, both inside and outside of the womb.

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 2025, 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:

Jan Hahn – April 30

MAPP GOD’S WORD

Hebrews 8:8-9 – “For finding fault with (former laws), he says, Behold, the days come, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, says the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write down in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.”

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Coming up at Chapel

Tuesday, April 21

10 AM Ladies Bible Study
5:30 PM Family Night

Wednesday, April 22

6:30 PM Bible Study

Thursday, April 23

7:00 PM Choral Singers

Saturday, April 25

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, April 26

8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45AM Youth & Adult Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service
Confirmation

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

1 Peter 1:18-19 – “You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” Christ ransomed us and bought us back from slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, to the devil or to the world. We belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God’s Word.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week’s attendance (4/12/2026):

- Worship 176 and 10 visitors.

Last week’s offering (4/12/2026):

- General Fund: \$17,652
- Building / Capital Fund: \$1,517
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$34

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$221,698
- Building / Capital Fund: \$17,556

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$222,300
- Building / Capital Fund: \$15,855