

# THE CHAPEL Weekly



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THE CROSS  
LUTHERAN

*Living in faith, hope, and love*

April 5, 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.

### **First and Third Tuesday 10:00 a.m.**

Women's Bible Study- Room 8  
"When you've been wronged"

## Announcements

**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!

**Easter Breakfast, Sunday, April 5:** Join us for food and fellowship as we serve a continental breakfast in the Gymnasium from 9:15-10:45. 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.

**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.

**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!

**Mary-Martha Guild** will hold its next meeting on Monday April 13at 6:30 pm. Our guests that evening will be the Florissant Barbershoppers. Included in the group are Chapel members Bill Westbrook and Ken Gerler. We will also have an ingathering for Friends of Mom. Items needed are: diapers size 4, 5 and 6, wipes, and new or slightly used Spring and Summer clothes, size 2, 3 and 4. Refreshments and a business meeting will follow. Everyone is invited to come for an entertaining evening.

**Thank You.** I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, well wishes and prayers for my recovery. They were very much appreciated. Sue Plack

## 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*)  
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 Aulderay 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 Aulderay 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*)  
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

**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).

**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.

**Friends of Birthright STL Spring Luncheon Card & Game Party:** Come Play Bridge, Dominos, Mahjong, or any Game. Or just come for lunch! Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 10:00-2:00 PM, St. Clement of Rome Parish Center. Tickets \$40.00. RSVP at: [https://etapestry.com/onlineforms/BirthrightCounselingStLouis\\_1/springcardparty.html](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

Alleluia, Christ has risen! This is *the* pro-life proclamation! Our Lord has defeated death to give life to the world. There is no person whom Jesus does not wish to rescue from the curse of death, as "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34). And we, who have already "been raised with Christ" through faith and Holy Baptism, "seek the things that are above" (Colossians 3:1), desiring that all would have life, now and when He appears in glory (Colossians 3:4).

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:

Bill Kooi – April 9  
Dorothy Bischoff – April 12  
Connie Scott – April 14

Judy Kooi – April 9  
Erna Schroeder – April 14

## MAPP GOD'S WORD

**Hebrews 6:17-20** – "So God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in that it was impossible for God to lie, we might have strong encouragement, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters into that within the veil; Where the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

## Coming up at Chapel

**Tuesday, April 7**  
10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesday, April 8**  
6:30 PM Bible Study

**Thursday, April 9**  
7:00 PM Choral Singers

**Saturday, April 11**  
9:30 AM Women's Fellowship  
5:00 PM Worship Service

**Sunday, April 12**  
8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:45 AM Youth & Adult Bible Study  
11:00 AM Worship Service

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**John 20:16** – "Jesus said to her, 'Mary'" Jesus is risen from the dead, is the Victor over sin, and even calls us by name. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to join Him in His resurrection. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

## HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (3/29/2026):  
• Worship 207 and 23 visitors.

Last week's offering (3/29/2026):  
• General Fund: \$12,153  
• Building / Capital Fund: \$1,307  
• 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$50  
• Total 1-1-1 for March - \$296

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$161,818
  - Building / Capital Fund: \$14,930
- YTD Need:
- General Fund: \$192,660
  - Building / Capital Fund: \$13,741

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