

THE CHAPEL Weekly



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THE CROSS
LUTHERAN

Living in faith, hope, and love

February 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

Wednesday 6:30 pm

Prophet Isaiah – 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 – First Friday Men’s Fellowship. 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 the First Friday Men’s Fellowship which offers the men of Chapel the opportunity to study the Word of God and discuss their faith all the while sharing a meal together at a local restaurant. Bill Rusnak is one of the leaders of this group so if you are interested in learning more about it or becoming a part of it, please contact Bill or the church office.

Family Night: Our next Family Night will be Tuesday February 24th, from 5:30-7:30pm. Help is needed with preparing and serving the meal, along with volunteers to help lead the Children’s Bible Time. We also want to invite you to come and enjoy a free meal and fellowship! If you would like to volunteer or simply attend, please use the sign-up in the Welcome Center or contact Vicar Chuck.

Operation Christmas Child: We are now beginning our year-round collection of items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. January and February items are; Warm items (hats, gloves, scarves, warm socks etc.) and Fashion Accessories (sunglasses, sun hats, baseball caps, bracelets, necklaces etc.). Items can be dropped off in the Christmas box in the Narthex. A year-round schedule of items for collection can be found at the Welcome Center.

LAMP Mission Trip: It is not too late to join a Lamp summer mission trip team. Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 8 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 to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt.

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
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*)
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
Johnnie Spears
Dale Ternapovich (*brother of Joyce Lackey*)
Jean Thomas
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*)
Barb Carroll (*friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra*)
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 Schwepker (*friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra*)
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

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.

Sausage at Salem Black Jack: A buffet-style lunch serving Salem's famous sausage will be held on Sunday, March 1. The buffet will be open from Noon through 1:30 p.m. In addition to sausage, sauerkraut, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, bread, apple sauce, and dessert will be served. Advanced reservations are required and may be purchased online. You can find a link on Salem's website (www.salembjmo.org) or navigate directly to <https://tinyurl.com/p6bfmbbj>. Please call Salem's church office with any questions (314-741-6781).

CrossRoads: Contributions for the Spring issue of CrossRoads are due by Sunday, March 8.

Trivia Night and Silent Auction: Let's get ready for the big event on *Saturday, March 7, 2026*.

There will be food, fun, and prizes – all supporting Missions. Questions? Call Bill Rusnak, 314-741-3737.

6 ways you can help:

1. **Reserve your table.** Gather family and friends! Tickets are only \$15 each, tables of 8 are \$120. Registration forms are located in the Commons. Please have your registration in by Monday, March 2.

2. **Thrivent Action Gift Cards** are needed. See Bill Rusnak for details of areas of support.

3. **Donate to the Silent Auction.** Donations are needed - include anything you would want to purchase yourself---sports tickets, gift cards, novelties, etc. Bring items to the church office by March 2.

Letters to vendors and businesses are located on the Commons table!

4. **Donate Attendance and game prizes** by March 2 - winners can select their choice from a gift table.

5. **Join the Fun!** Leadership Positions are still available to help the night of the auction - ticket takers, Youth table runners, child care, concessions, and more. See the Sign-Up at the Welcome Center.

6. **Tell others!** Don't miss the first question promptly at 6:30! Doors open at 5:30.

BIBLE STUDY

Griefshare: As we enter the new year – we look forward to the hope found through the 13 weeks of GriefShare. Join us in the Parlor, Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. starting January 6, 2026

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 - SHORT STUDIES ON TOUGH TOPICS. See the Welcome Center desk for more information.

Wednesday Evenings 6:30 pm Bible Study, Join Vicar Chuck Wallace in room #8 covering the Prophet Isaiah.

LIFE TEAM

Satan tempts us to turn away from God by appealing to the desires of our flesh and our egos. The devil twists God's Word to make us think that things like abortion, sex without marriage, suicide, and assisted suicide will give us pleasure, self-fulfillment, and an end to our suffering. But, like our first parents did, those who give in quickly find that the devil's words are nothing but empty promises which end in pain and suffering. Thankfully, by withstanding the devil's temptations, Jesus both defeats that old Satanic foe for all sinners and reminds us that the way to true joy and happiness is found in trusting the unfailing promises of our Heavenly Father.

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:

Harold Noltensmeyer – February 27
Gerry Renken – March 3

Herbert Barge – March 3

MAPP GOD'S WORD

Hebrews 1:3 – "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high."

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Coming up at Chapel

Monday, February 23

7:00 PM Board of Directors

Tuesday, February 24

2:00 PM Grief Share

5:30 PM Family Night

Wednesday, February 25

11:00 AM Lenten Service

5:00 PM Dinner

6:30 PM Lenten service

7:30 PM Early Communion Class

Thursday, February 26

7:00 Choral Singers

Saturday, February 28

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, March 1

8:30 AM Worship Service

9:45 AM Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Matthew 4:7 – "Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written,'" Jesus defeats Satan in our place, not by using His power as God, but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scripture and living according to them. This should cause us a great joy for two reasons. First, we see Jesus win the victory: on the Word of God alone.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (2/15/2025):

- Worship 175 and 9 visitors.

Last week's offering (2/15/2025):

- General Fund: \$10,361
- Building / Capital Fund: \$1,822
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$39

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$69,350
- Building / Capital Fund: \$9,064

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$103,740
- Building / Capital Fund: \$7,399