



CHAPEL OF
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THE CHAPEL Weekly

January 6, 2019

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Education Hour (9:45 AM): Children & Youth:

- Kingdom Quest; Ages 2 to Gr. 5;
Lower Level Classrooms
- Jr. High Confirmation; Room A
- Sr. High Youth; Youth Room

Adult Bible Classes:

- "The Augsburg Confession"; Room 8;
Orv Mueller and Joel Ziegler
- "That The World May Know"; Room 9;
Dave Funke
- "Discovery Class"; Conference Room;
Pastor Laesch

Weekday Studies:

- Naomi Circle; 3rd Monday, 9:30 AM;
Room A
- Women's Study; 1st/3rd Tuesdays,
10:00 AM; Room 8; "Old Testament
Gospel and Grace"
- Senior's Study; 2nd/4th Tuesdays,
10:00 AM; Room 8; "That The World
May Know"
- Wednesdays, 6:30 PM
Resumes January 9, 2019

Upcoming Bible Studies:

"Doing the world right: The relationship between Worship and Discipleship" will meet on Sunday, January 20 and 27. It is a two-part series on our worship practices: what are we doing and what is it doing to us?!

"Doing the world right: Five-part series on the themes of Christian discipleship" will meet on Wednesdays, January 16, 23, 30; February 13, 20. The topics will be Hospitality; Confession and Absolution; The Word: read, preached, proclaimed, and sung; Praying for the world; Come, Lord Jesus: The Lord's Supper and our meal practices.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dollar For Missions: We encourage every member of Chapel of the Cross to give one dollar for missions each week at the special offering box in the narthex. Half of the funds received will benefit Chapel's 2018 mission emphasis; the other half will benefit the English District's mission projects. What a blessing as we work together to give to the work of the Lord!

Portals of Prayer: The January - March portals of prayer are now available and if you would like to defray the cost of the devotional it is \$2.00.

Poinsettias: If you purchased a poinsettia, it can now be picked up after the services.

Hope Seed Packers: There will be no seed packing in January. We will resume on Monday, Feb. 11 at Grace Chapel.

Lutheran Witness: It's time for the renewal of your Lutheran Witness subscription for 2019-2020. If you would like to order or renew, please remit \$10.80 to Joanne in the church office by Monday, January 21, 2019.

Mary-Martha Guild: On Monday January 14, Mary-Martha Guild will meet in room 9 at 6:30 pm. We will be assembling care packages and Valentine cards for our homebound members. Ladies please remember to bring your donations to the Crocus bookstore. All ladies are welcome to attend.

2019 Men's and Women's Retreats: Camp Wartburg is once again hosting retreats for men and women in January and February. The retreat for men is January 11-12, and the one for the women is on February 15-16. The cost is only \$45 and covers housing, two meals, snacks, and program. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center. We encourage you to join us for an enjoyable time of learning, fellowship, and fun. You may send in your registration form yourself, or give it to Dave Funke. Contact Dave if you have any questions, and if you are planning on going.

Chapel Life Team: This year Chapel of the Cross will be celebrating Life Sunday on January 13, and the Life Team has invited Pastor Michael Saleminck, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life, to preach and to teach on that Sunday. All (including our youth) are invited to attend the adult education hour. (The annual March for Life in Washington, DC, will be held on January 19.)

TRIVIA NIGHT! It's January, and that means the annual trivia night is fast approaching! There will be food, fun, and prizes! This is the youth's biggest fundraiser to help them earn their way to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. Here's how you can help: **RESERVE A TABLE!** Round up your family and friends! Tickets are only \$15 each, tables of 8 \$120. Sign-up sheets are located in the Commons. Please have your registration in by Wednesday, January 16. **DONATE TO THE SILENT AUCTION!** Donations can include anything you would want to purchase yourself---sports tickets, gift cards, novelties, etc. Bring any items to the church office by January 16. **DONATE YOUR TIME!** Positions are still available to help the night of the auction---ticket takers, table runners, score keepers, concessions, and more. **The big day is Saturday, January 19.** Don't miss the first question promptly at 6:30! Doors open at 5:30. Questions? Call Bill Rusnak, 314-741-3737, or Mary Simon, 314-608-0323.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

Those with Health Concerns: Jan Arban, Joan Arban, Linda Edgington, Frank Lehner, Fay Vogel, Minnie Hein, Jean Thomas, Lafayette Frederick (*uncle of Jerri Bolden*), Tanjila Bolden-Myers, Makenzie Lenox (*great-niece of Cindy Vogelsang*), Elizabeth Cash, Bob Barthel, Mary Lane (*cousin of Georgia Thomas*), Eugene Hardin (*nephew of Alexis Cunningham*), Joan Wolf (*mother of Alexis Cunningham's brother-in-law*), Elsie Meyer, Irma Kendrick (*aunt of Jerri Bolden*), Penny Carpenter, Alan Schrewe (*friend of Curt Wiechert*), Vicki Rosenkoetter (*friend of Dawn Iborg*), Eleanor Langefeld (*mother of Rich Langefeld*), Joyce Weidner, Betty Leeker, Jill Seibert (*mother of Steve Seibert*) and Madysyn (Maddy) McBride (*great-granddaughter of Jim McBride*).

Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer: Gene Hale, Martin Rodgers (*cousin of Jerri Bolden*), Agnes Gray (*friend of Jerri Bolden*), Calvin Cooksey (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*), Nick Schmitt (*husband of Rosilyn Cunningham-Schmitt*), Bryan Pines (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*), Barbara Kelly (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*), Clifford Balke, Bob Woodward (*uncle of Jerry Bowen*), Sandra Boxx (*friend of Bill and Annette Rueckert*), Paul Barbary (*friend of Keith and Paula Neuber*), Denise Hildebrand, Lisa Capehart (*niece of Art Williams*), Jenny Oliver (*mother of Jim Oliver*), Joy Rodenberger (*daughter of Marcia Hoeman*), Arrion Soll (*friend of Jerry Bolden*), Craig Green (*son of Bill and Grace Green*), Marc Openlander (*grandson of Art Williams*), Marguree Jones (*mother of Vanessa Morris*), Patricia Danner (*friend of Jerry Bolden*), Kevin Gibbs (*cousin of Christy Uttley*), Johnny Moore (*friend of Rick and Lynda Christian*), and Ellen Saville (*friend of Keith Neuber*).

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Food Pantry: Is in need of canned fruit, tuna, and boxed side dishes (examples: pasta and potatoes). Thank you.

Taste of the Sem: High School men, Concordia Seminary St. Louis is offering a "Taste of the Sem" as an event to learn how pastors are prepared for service to Jesus and His Church. This is a three day event where you will interact with seminary professors and students, sit in on classes, and prayerfully ask God's guidance in your vocation. It will be held February 16-18, 2019 (President's Day Weekend) at Concordia Seminary St. Louis. To register, go to:

<https://www.csl.edu/admissions/visit/taste-of-the-sem/> or for more information contact Rev. Scott Holder at holders@csl.edu or (314) 505-7225.

Grace Chapel Lutheran School: is seeking candidates to teach 6th grade (mornings), P.E. (afternoons) and serve as athletic director. Names of candidates may be submitted to Principal Eric Brofford at ebrofford@gracechapestl.org or by calling 314-867-6564 ext. 221. Synodically trained candidates are preferred, although not required.

ADULT MINISTRY:

GriefShare: The next cycle of GriefShare starts Tuesday, January 8, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., and Thursday, January 10, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. If you have lost a loved one, we hope you will consider exploring the hope and healing that GriefShare has offered to so many others. If you know of someone in a grief situation, tell them about special ministry. It doesn't matter how long ago the loss has been. Contact David Funke for more information (741-3737).

MISSIONS & OUTREACH:

Eric & Linda Funke's DECEMBER newsletter: is available in the Welcome Center. Be sure to pick up a copy for an update regarding their mission work in Tanzania, and how you can continue to support them. If you would like to correspond with the Funkes their address is: Eric & Linda Funke, P. O Box 252, Shinyanga, Tanzania, East Africa.

FAMILY MINISTRY:

2019 Cardinal Baseball Calendars: The final days to get your \$15.00 calendars are here. See Christy Uttley between services in the Commons or Bill Rusnak before Friday, January 11, 2019

Trivia Night at Chapel: Saturday, January 19, 2019 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 a person - \$120 for a table of 8. Please, Sign-up as an individual or as a team at the Welcome Center. Thank you to those who have given themed gift baskets and donations for the silent auction. This is our major fund raiser for the 2019 National Youth Gathering - Thank you for your support.

Kingdom Quest Sunday School: Classes resume this Sunday with three age options for children on the lower level: Ages 2-Kindergarten Room Preschool Room #3; Grades 1-4 Classroom #4 with the large puppet house; Grades 5&6 Room #12; Students in High School Youth Room #15.

Youth & Family Night: Friday, February 8, 2019 6:00-8:00 p.m. Game Night! We will select as many as time allows: Spinner Dominoes, Carcassonne, Billiards, Skip Bo Card Game, Floor Hockey, or Basket Ball. We will also have a "Rob Your Neighbor" Christmas gift exchange for all who bring a gift! **Sign up at the Welcome center - rank the top three games you will want to play!**

6 Week Art of Marriage Bible Study: Sign up at the Welcome Center 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays January 16, 23, 30 February 13, 20, 27 This great video based study comes with a study workbook for each participant. See Bill Rusnak.

M*A*P*P GOD'S WORD:

Memorize * Apply * Pray * Ponder

During the Advent and Christmas seasons, Psalm 96 is a beautiful Psalm of praise to the God who came to earth to redeem and save, with all of creation joining in this celebration.

Monday – Tuesday

Psalm 96:11-12a Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.

Wednesday – Thursday

Psalm 96:12b-13 Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; they will sing before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his truth.

Friday – Saturday

Combine the two previous passages.

Note: For more information or to receive verses by email weekly, please visit our website or contact the church office.

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COMING UP AT CHAPEL

Sunday, January 6:

8:30 AM Worship
9:45 AM Education Hour (Adult & Youth Bible Study, Kingdom Quest)
11:00 AM Worship

Tuesday, January 8:

10:00 AM Senior's Bible Study
2:00 PM GriefShare
6:30 PM Joyful Noise
7:30 PM Choral Singers

Wednesday, January 9:

6:00 PM Children's Choirs
6:30 PM Children's Handbells
6:30 PM Evening Prayer Service
7:30 PM Chapel Bells

Thursday, January 10:

6:30 PM GriefShare

Saturday, January 12:

5:00 PM Worship

Sunday, January 13:

8:30 AM Worship
9:45 AM Education Hour (Adult & Youth Bible Study, Kingdom Quest)
11:00 AM Worship

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan. 14 Mary-Martha Guild
Jan. 14 Board of Elders Meeting
Jan. 19 Fine Arts Day
Jan. 19 Trivia Night
Jan. 21 Office Closed

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (12/30/18):

- Worship: 231 (includes 19 visitors)

Last week's offering (12/30/18):

- General Fund: \$27,244
- Building / Capital Fund: \$575
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$112
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Mission (Total for December): \$583

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$714,099
- Building / Capital Fund: \$58,575

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$742,248
- Building / Capital Fund: \$90,532