



CHAPEL OF
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Living in faith, hope, and love

THE CHAPEL Weekly

December 30, 2018

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

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.

Offering Envelopes: Please remember to pick up your offering envelopes for 2019 in the hallway next to the office.

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.

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 16-17, and the one for the women is on February 27-28. 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.

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

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, Marty Albers, Betty Leeker, Fran Bermel, and Jill Seibert (*mother of Steve Seibert*) who will be having surgery this week.

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*), and Johnny Moore (*friend of Rick and Lynda Christian*).

Those Who Celebrate: Leon and Joann Steinbrueck as they celebrate their 62nd Wedding anniversary on December 29th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

LCEF Offer: The Lutheran Church Extension Fund is offering for a limited time a 40-month term note at 4.00% interest. Your investments with LCEF help make ministry happen throughout the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. The benefits and features of this offering are:

- 4% fixed rate
- \$500 minimum to open an account, \$40,000 maximum per note
- 40-month term note
- Limit one per tax ID
- New money only
- Open to all members of the congregation

Call (800) 843-5233 to learn more or visit lcef.org/40month.

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: Calendars are still available through Christy Uttley for \$15.00.

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. We're looking for themed gift baskets as donations for the silent auction. See Bill Rusnak for details. This is our major fund raiser for the National Youth Gathering - Thank you for your support.

Acolyte Schedule: The new acolyte schedule is out and can be found at the Welcome Center.

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 96:9 Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

Wednesday – Thursday

Psalm 96:10 Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

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, December 30:

8:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Worship

Monday, December 31:

Office Closed
6:30 PM New Year's Eve Worship

Tuesday, January 1:

Office Closed

Thursday, January 3:

7:00 PM Life Team Meeting

Saturday, January 5:

5:00 PM Worship

Sunday, January 6:

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

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan. 8 Senior's Bible Study
Jan. 8 GriefShare starts
Jan. 9 Evening Prayer
Jan. 10 GriefShare starts
Jan. 14 Mary-Martha Guild
Jan. 14 Board of Elders Meeting

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (12/23/18):

- Worship: 243 (includes 18 visitors)
- Adult Education Hour: 33
- K. Q. Students & Adults, Confirmation, Senior High: 35

Last week's offering (12/23/18):

- General Fund: \$24,250
- Building / Capital Fund: \$1,503
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$123

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$686,855
- Building / Capital Fund: \$58,000

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$727,974
- Building / Capital Fund: \$88,791