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THE CHAPEL Weekly

March 25, 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:

- "Left or Right or Wrong"; Sanctuary; Class leader: Rev. Dr. Joel D. Biermann

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; "Denominational Differences"

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Seniors and Homebound Communion Service and Luncheon:

This special semi-annual event will take place on Monday, March 26, as we thank God for his love to us that he shows in so many ways. The service will begin at 11:00, followed by a luncheon in the gym. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you will be coming. Contact Ed and Bobbie Meyer if you would like to help cook and serve. Also, volunteers may be needed to help with transportation for some of the homebound. Contact Dave Funke if you are able to assist us with this.

CrossRoads: Articles and other submissions for the May/June issue of *CrossRoads* are due Sunday, April 1st. Please put articles in the *CrossRoads* box in the Church office.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

Those with Health Concerns: Jan Arban, Joan Arban, Linda Edgington, Frank Lehner, Fay Vogel, Edna Cook, Mary and Jim Maynard, Minnie Hein, Jean Thomas, Lafayette Frederick (*uncle of Jerri Bolden*), Tanjila Bolden-Myers, Neil Bower, Peggy Miller, Makenzie Lenox (*great-niece of Cindy Vogelsang*), Wallace Krueger (*father of Jan Kloppenburg*), Terry Balke (*brother of Cheryl Balke*), Katherine Heckel, Walter Harris, Elizabeth Cash, John Davis (*friend of Jean Wiechert*), Bob Barthel, Cheryl Hill, Ruth Funck, Bob Henke, Mary and Rick Lane (*cousins of Georgia Thomas*), Matthew Kalher (*nephew of Jim and Cathy Crosier*), Heidi Trelz, and Dorothy Squires (*cousin of Bessie Mosley*).

Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer: Sam Johnson, Gene Hale, Martin Rodgers (*cousin of Jerri Bolden*), Michael Smythe, Kenneth James, Debbie Schoolcraft (*sister of Kathy Glenn*), Agnes Gray (*friend of Jerri Bolden*), John Grant (*friend of Jerri Bolden*), Calvin Cooksey (*cousin of Alexis Cunningham*), Nick Schmitt (*husband of Rosilyn Cunningham-Schmitt*), Bryan Pines (*friend of Alexis Cunningham*), Joann Williams, Loretta Lakinger, Ronald Rieke (*cousin of Kathy Glenn*), Clifford Balke, Kenneth Leemann, Jerry Solovitz (*father of Curt and Jean Wiechert's son-in-law*), Bob Woodward (*uncle of Jerry Bowen*), Sandra Boxx (*friend of Bill and Annette Rueckert*), Allen Birk (*brother of Josephine Barthel*), Paul Barbary (*friend of Keith and Paula Neuber*), Leslie Timms, and Rev. Ronald Neustadt.

Those Who Mourn: Dan Heckel and his family upon the death of his mother, Mildred Heckel, on March 16th. Ken and Marilyn Kreitner upon the death of their son-in-law, Kevin Jaggie, on March 18th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Easter Lilies: We will decorate the church at Easter with Easter lilies *in honor of a person, your family, or in memory of a loved one*. If you would like to order a plant for (\$10.00), which may be picked up after April 1st, please use one of the envelopes which you will find in the pew racks or call the church office (741-3737). Make checks payable to "Chapel of the Cross-Lutheran." DEADLINE: Monday, March 26th, at noon. ALSO: Please let the church office know how you want your memorial to read.

The Gospel of Mark: The cast – comprised of LCMS pastors and member of Concordia Seminary's Faculty – will enthrall you with St. Mark's words, his images, and his message of rule and reign of God. It will be presented at Immanuel Lutheran Church (115 S. 6th Street, St. Charles, MO) in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, March 27 at 6:30 PM. There is no charge for this event.

Chapel Travelers UPDATE: We have five seats left for the trip to Branson on April 24-25, and then we will start a waiting list. If you are interested in joining us be sure to sign up at the Welcome Center, as well as get information about the trip. If you need further information, you can talk to Dave Funke, the Kreitners, Sisteks, Inmans, or Marcia Turvold.

Summer Camp Counselors Needed: Chapel Summer Camp is now accepting applications from anyone interested in being a counselor this summer. Applicants must be at least graduating seniors. There are applications at the Welcome Center. Please contact Summer Camp Administrator, Meagan Schmidt, for questions or more information.

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31! Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars[®] have until March 31, 2018 to direct them. 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.

POBLO Ministries - How is Muslim thinking different than Christian

thinking?: Learn this and more at the workshop "Muslim Outreach", Saturday, April 14th from 1:30-4PM at Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church, 11645 Benham Rd, Saint Louis County, MO. All are invited.

News From the Lutheran Hope Center of Ferguson: More volunteers are needed for the Readers to Leaders mentoring program. A good core group of volunteers have signed up to volunteer, but more volunteers are necessary to make the program effective. We are looking for 100 volunteers to be signed up by April 1. Another volunteer training date will then be scheduled. A women's support group has begun at the Lutheran Hope Center. All women are welcome to take part in and support this ministry. If you would like more information on either ministry, email Micah Glenn at mglenn@thelutheranhopecenter.org. The Lutheran Hope Center is also preparing to hire a Program Director. Please see Pastor Laesch or the website www.thelutheranhopecenter.org for the job description.

Lutheran High School North: will present "Little Shop of Horrors" Thursday – Saturday, April 5-7, at 7:00 PM in the gym. General admission tickets at the door are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students. Reserved seats are \$8 and can be purchased in advance from the LHSN office (314) 389-3100.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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

Needed: a certified medical person to take blood pressures on the 2nd Sunday of the month here at Chapel. Call the office if you would like to volunteer.

Thank You Alter Guild! Each weekend, a number of volunteers from Chapel help to prepare for our worship services by setting up for the sacrament of Holy Communion. This includes filling trays and cups, caring for communion ware and coverings, set-up on the altar, as well as clean up after each service. So we would like to thank all those volunteers for their commitment and time. We greatly appreciate your willingness to serve in the church!

ADULT MINISTRY:

GriefShare: Meets on Tuesdays from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., and Thursdays 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 MARCH 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:

Easter Breakfast: Family Ministry is serving Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 1, 2018 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. All youth and families are invited to sign up to donate items, cook and/or serve. See the Welcome Center and Bill Rusnak.

Sidewalk Sunday School: April and May dates in Ferguson are on Mondays and at Spanish Cove on Tuesdays in May. See Bill Rusnak for details.

Chapel Property Clean-Up Morning: Lutheran High Faith in Action Day is Friday, April 13 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon! Sign up at the Welcome Center to work with a small group of students. See Bill Rusnak for details.

Kingdom Quest Ministry Partners Lunch Meeting: Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 12:30 in Room 8. Come to plan for summer and celebrate the ministry at the Annual Spring Luncheon Meeting. We'll provide drinks and the main dish. Bring a dessert, salad or veggie. Sign up at the Welcome Center! *Bring your Calendar.*

Creation Museum and Ark Encounter Trip: Our June 5-7 trip is open to all families and students. The sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center. Interested attenders first payment of \$25 is due on May 2, 2018.

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

Memorize * Apply * Pray * Ponder

This week we will combine the previous weeks' passages from Psalm 51. This is a powerful Psalm for Lent which points out who we are as sinners, how God works to forgive us, and the response we have to His grace.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

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, March 25:

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

Monday, March 26:

11:00 AM Homebound Worship Service and Luncheon
7:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, March 27:

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

Wednesday, March 28:

6:30 PM GriefShare

Thursday, March 29:

11:00 AM Maundy Thursday Worship
6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, March 30:

12:00 PM Good Friday Worship
6:30 PM Good Friday Worship

Saturday, March 31:

5:00 PM Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 1:

8:30 AM Easter Worship
11:00 AM Easter Worship

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

Apr. 5 Life Team Meeting

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (3/18/18):

- Worship: 247 (includes 21 visitors)
- Adult Education Hour: 65
- K. Q. Students & Adults, Confirmation, Senior High: 47

Last week's offering (3/18/18):

- General Fund: \$11,541
- Building / Capital Fund: \$833

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$134,272
- Building / Capital Fund: \$11,620

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$157,014
- Building / Capital Fund: \$19,151