

Chapel of the Cross – Lutheran
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News and Notes - May 10, 2015

Please Remember in Your Prayers...

Those with Health Concerns: Jan Arban, Joan Arban, Linda Edgington, Gary Timm, Henry and Marjorie Wetzel, Rita Faerber, Beverly Bacott, Jerry Kock, Wilma Miller, Sara Juntti, Wilma Krueger, Ruth Koenig, Mel Foehse, Walter Palmer, Mary Ann Havens, Gene Goodrick, Ralph Purcell, Pat Schmidt, Makenzie Lenox, Logan Kruse, Cheryl Hill, Edna Cook, Bea Daugherty, Robert Wenholtz, Irma Bosley, Scott Loesch, and Mary Hollman.

Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer: Sam Johnson, Randy Buxton, Gloria Milbrath, Martin Rodgers, Larry Edgington, Sandy Evans, Bea Marting, Paul Marting, Kenneth James, John Wehmueller and Doris Wegener.

Those Who Mourn the Death of a Loved One: The family and loved ones of Mark Boyd who died in the Lord on May 1st. And the family & loved ones of Teresa Kuhlmann, Aunt of Glen Lackey, who died in the Lord on May 3rd. Also the family & loved ones of Merelyn Cross who died in the Lord on May 6th.

For God's Blessings: For Pastor Mark Koschmann and his family as he has been led to accept the call to Concordia University, St. Paul, MN.

The Mission of Chapel of the Cross

Chapel of the Cross - Lutheran exists to show the love of Jesus to the people of North County and beyond so that all may have a living relationship with Christ.

Announcements

Discovery Class started Sunday, April 12th at 9:45 a.m. and will meet each week thereafter for about 8-10 weeks. This 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!

Ever thought about sponsoring a bassoon? Music has always been a big part of worship at Chapel. As part of the 50th Anniversary celebration we will have two special music programs. On May 31 we will have a Choir Concert featuring our Chapel choirs. Two pieces of original music are being written to include in this event. On October 18 we will hold our celebration worship. Both dates will also feature accompanists and musicians to enrich the music. We have also commissioned a hymn. This is an opportunity to support Chapel's deep music legacy. We are asking for benefactors to help defray the cost of the new music and musicians. Maybe you would like to underwrite a trumpet or a violin. Please contact Pastor Laesch or Ryan Meyer if you would like to help.

Immanuel Lutheran Chapel Early Learning Center is looking for a few good teachers. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining our School family have them contact Ms. Robyn or Ms. Paula at (314-741-4700 – ext. 5).

Chapel's 50th Anniversary Pictorial Directory. In the celebration of Chapel's 50th anniversary, a new pictorial directory is being planned. On June 16-17-18-19-20 and July 14-15-16-17-18 Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits will visit Chapel to take photographs of our members. We invite you and your family to join with your fellow Chapel members and be a part of this special 50th anniversary edition of Chapel's pictorial directory. You can schedule an online appointment by visiting Chapel's website, chapelofthecross.org and click on the "Resources" tab, or you may contact Roberta in the church office (741-3737) and she will be happy to assist you in scheduling your appointment. Thank you for your participation.

I want to express my deep appreciation to my Chapel family for all the prayers, cards, and well-wishes the past couple months. After meeting with the doctor this week, no further treatment is needed. Your support for me has meant a lot, and I am humbled by it. Thank you and God bless.

- *Dave Funke*

Would You Like to Serve as a Host or Hostess for Directory Photo Appointments?

Your help is needed during photography sessions to welcome individuals and families to secure general information (address, telephone, etc.). Afternoon and evening times are available. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to help us, please contact Roberta in the church office (741-3737). Thank you.

English District LCMS – Convention Prayer Partners: Please sign up to be a prayer partner for the upcoming 55th English District Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Convention, to be held June 17-20 in Ann Arbor, MI. We are seeking prayers for all aspects of the convention: safe travel, the business of the English District, elections, activities, discussions, theological presentations, fellowship and to celebrate the English District's ministries and missions. Just choose a time slot and then lift the needs of our delegates, presenters, guests, staff, and convention in prayer. Choose as many time slots as you would like, and pray! Here is the SignUp Genius link where you can choose a time slot: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084da4a62ea7ff2-convention>.

Information

The Lutheran High School Association (LHSA) has full-time employment opportunities at Lutheran High School North for the following positions: *Director of Admissions and Facilities Assistant* and a position for *Family and Consumer Science Teacher*. Also at Lutheran High School South full-time teaching position: *English Teacher*. Detailed information about these positions can be found on the LHSA's website: www.LHSASTL.org. Those interested in applying should email their resume and cover letter to Sharon Thurman, Human Resources Manager at sthurman@lhsastl.org.

Prayer Chain If you have a request for prayers from the prayer chain, please call Alice Holtgrewe (314-741-3125).

The Lutheran Resale Shop is having it's semi-annual half-price clothing, shoes and purse sale. We invite you to visit and shop. Our hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are located at 6701 W. Florissant in Jennings. Thanks to all who have recently donated items. Our list of what you can donate is on the Salem Lutheran Church, Blackjack, MO website. Donating is easy. You can stop by any day we are open. We recently gave profits of over \$12,000 to the Resident's Funds of Hidden Lake Lutheran Community and Breeze Park. Thanks to all of you.

Looking for some summer fun? Check out the Lutheran North Crusader Summer Academy at lhnstl.org. You'll find athletics, education and enrichment camps for students in grades 1-9. We're also offering extended care! Questions? Call us at (314-389-3100).



Summer is just around the corner! Soon summer campers will be filling up Chapel of the Cross for a fun-filled, Gospel-centered summer, and your family and friends can be part of it! Your help is needed to reach the children in our community. Summer Camp informational postcards are available in the narthex. Please

consider picking some up to pass out to friends and neighbors who have children entering Kindergarten through 8th grade.

Registration information packets are also available in the narthex, the church office, and at www.chapelofthecross.org/summercamp. Special rates are available to members of Chapel of the Cross - \$25/day or \$110/week. Financial assistance may also be available. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Funke at summercamp@chapelofthecross.org or call 314-741-3737.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for SUMMER CAMP! Do you have a few hours in the mornings once or twice a week during the summer? Chapel Summer Camp is looking for a few congregation members to volunteer to prepare the snacks for our summer campers. What would you do? Tasks include prepping fresh vegetables, fruit, and other healthy snacks, placing them in serving size portions for counselors to distribute, and kitchen clean-up. If you are interested please contact Karen Funke at 741-3737, or via e-mail at karen.funke@chapelofthecross.org.

CrossRoads: Articles and other submissions for the July/August issue of *CrossRoads* are due Sunday, May 31st. Please put articles in the *CrossRoads* box in the Church office.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving Chapel of the Cross wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.

Upcoming Events

Chapel Couples and Friends will have dinner at Cannoli's on Saturday, May 16th, at 6:00 p.m. Please call Butch & Linda Taylor to make reservations (524-1119).

Mary-Martha Guild: Our next meeting will be held on Monday May 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 9. Pastor Mark will speak on the Mission trip to Costa Rica from last summer. Please remember to bring your hygiene kits for the LWML Convention ingathering. Here are the instructions of what to include in each kit and how to package:

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| Bath Towel* | wash cloth* | *please launder |
| Toothbrush | deodorant | |
| Bar of soap | 6 band-aids (rubber banded together) | |
| Durable comb | | |

To package: Open up the bath towel and fold over each side about 5 inches. Place all of the items in the middle, roll up the towel and tie with ribbon or cord on both ends of the roll. We will have devotions, business meeting and refreshments. Hope you can attend.

New Bible Studies: Starting Sunday, May 17, and for the next three Sundays, here are the Bible studies that will be offered:

1. "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School," taught by Rev. Mueller and Joel Zieger, Room 8.
2. "The Armor of God," taught by Dave Funke, Room 9.
3. "Facing Disaster Like A Man," taught by Rev. Norm Meyer, Room 1, (yes, women may attend!)
4. Discover Class," taught by Rev. Ted Laesch, Conference Room.

Kid's Play!!! "Wee Little Man" will be on Sunday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 17th at 9:45 a.m. It is FREE. Like a musical, only way easier! You'll be utterly charmed by the clever banter between the actors and choir in this energetic take on the story of Zacchaeus, the "Scrooge of Palestine." He's short in stature yet long on greed – but don't be fooled. There's more to the story than his sycamore tree claim to fame. It is about 45 minutes long. See you there!

Attention all Chapel men: Are you struggling to reconcile God's role for men and fathers with what is acceptable in today's society? Is that even possible or necessary? The issues facing 21st century men I feel are best discussed in the presence of God, His word, and other men. A regular men's fellowship may help us define God's plan for us. Adult men of all ages, relationship statuses, and from all life stages are welcome and needed. If this is something that speaks to your heart and you wish to be involved, please email Jay Zvirgzdins at jay_z63033@yahoo.com (underline between jay_z). Please give input on available days and times, mornings, evenings, location ideas, etc. I would like to begin meeting on bi-weekly basis starting in June. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Missions & Outreach

Eric & Linda Funke's MAY 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 Funke's their address is: Eric & Linda Funke, P. O Box 2525, Shinyanga, Tanzania, East Africa.

Hope Seeds Report. On April 13th 52 volunteers packaged 12,400 packets of collard seeds. The next packing date is May 11 at Chapel of the Cross, 9 AM - 2 PM. More volunteers are welcome. Bring your own lunch. Or feel free to leave at noon. For more information, contact Orv or Clara Mueller.

Safe, Out, Error, Bunt, Can of Corn. Baseball fans will recognize those words as baseball terms. The first four terms are the most familiar. The can of corn if you don't know, is an easy out like a pop fly ball. To us at the Food Pantry, that corn is a good vegetable that we are in need of along with other veggies. Any help you can render in the form of food items or money is appreciated. Thank you for the help in the past and I am confident of your continued support. - God Bless, Ed.

Family Ministry

This Sunday morning: All students from grades 1 through high school will join in the Sanctuary with Linda and Eric Funke! Grades 1-4 should then go downstairs for a special craft. Children in the Zacchaeus production should be in the Choir room at 10:30 a.m.

Next week in Sunday school and beyond:

May 17, Grades 1-4 and 5&6 will enjoy the production of Zacchaeus in the gymnasium. Students in Grade 5 - 8 will be in Room #14 from May 24 through August 30. High School and College will be in the Youth Room from May 17 through August 30.

National Youth Gathering: Notes from our meeting are behind the welcome center.

Flower & Plant Sale - May 9 & 10: Bless mothers, beautify your home and bring a smile with flowers! GR8 deals! Support Hope Seeds and Chapel youth this weekend!

Kingdom Quest Ministry Partners Summer Plan Lunch Meeting: Next Sunday, May 17, 2015 after the late service in Room #9.

V.B.S. 2015: June 15-19, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. *Everest - Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power!*, *Orientation* Wednesday, May 27 *Orientation, Dedication* Sunday, 11:00, June 14 with pictures after church!

Senior Youth Night: Fun in the gym on Friday, June 5, 2015 6:00 -9:00 p.m.

Music Ministry

Fine Arts Academy Chapel of the Cross is excited to offer private lessons and groups classes in music, art and crafts. Lessons and classes are open to our community and all ages are welcome. Most classes take place on Wednesdays, starting after school. Our Strings Program is currently offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Ryan Meyer for more details.

Christian Education

ADULT CLASSES

Sunday 9:45 a.m. Today, all classes will meet in the sanctuary for Eric & Linda

Funke's presentation on their ministry in Tanzania.

"Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School" - room 8 (lower level);

Rev. Orv Mueller & Joel Ziegler

"The Armor Of God" - room 9 (lower level); David Funke

"Facing Disaster Like A Man" - room A (upper level); Rev. Norm Meyer

"Discovery Class" - Conference Room (office area); Rev. Ted Laesch

Monday

Naomi Circle; 9:30 a.m.; room A; 3rd Monday of the month

Tuesday

Senior's Alive Study; 10:00 a.m.; May 12 next study; room 8; David Funke

"That The World May Know"

Women's Study; 10:00 a.m.; May 19 next study; room 8; David Funke

"Names of Jesus"

GriefShare; 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.; Next cycle begins August 11.

Wednesday

Bible study; 6:30 p.m.; room 8; David Funke

"Out Of Nothing: The Word, Creation and Faith"

Thursday

GriefShare; 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.; Next cycle begins August 13.

YOUTH CLASSES

Sunday 9:45 a.m.

Senior High Bible Study; youth room; Seminarrians, Andy Mansfield, Bill Rusnak

Junior High Confirmation; room 13B (lower level); Bill Rusnak

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Sunday

"Kingdom Quest" - 9:45 a.m.; lower level classrooms – Ages 2 – Grade 6.

Early Learning Center; for ages 2 – 5; Contact Diane Timm for information.

Parents Day Out; half or full day; Contact Diane Timm for information.

This Week at Chapel

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| Sunday, May 10 | Worship Adult & Youth Bible Study Kingdom Quest | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. |
| Monday, May 11 | Mary-Martha Guild Board of Elders Meeting | 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, May 12 | Senior's Alive Bible Study Glad Sound Choral Singers | 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday, May 13 | Chapel Academy Open Gym Cherub Choir Handbells Adult Classes Alleluia Voices Children's Drama | 4:00 p.m. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:15 p.m. |
| Thursday, May 14 | Adult Handbells | 6:45 p.m. |
| Saturday, May 16 | Worship | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, May 17 | Worship Adult & Youth Bible Study Kingdom Quest | 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. |

For more complete church calendar information, go to www.chapelofthecross.org and click the calendar link.

His Love, Our Response

Last week's worship attendance: 05/03 - 363 (includes 26 visitors)

Adult Bible Study: 05/03- 68
 Senior Youth: 05/03- 08
 Confirmation: 05/03- 03
 Kingdom Quest Youth & Adults: 05/03- 44

Last week's offering (May 3, 2015)

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| General Fund: | \$ | 15,235.50 |
| Building / Capital Fund: | \$ | 2,194.00 |

Average weekly need

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| General Fund: | \$ | 15,534.00 |
| Building / Capital Fund: | \$ | 1,741.00 |

YTD offerings

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| General Fund: | \$ | 239,078.27 |
| Building / Capital Fund: | \$ | 20,745.00 |

YTD need

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| General Fund: | \$ | 279,612.00 |
| Building / Capital Fund: | \$ | 31,338.00 |

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