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"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7

When you hear the word "stewardship," your mind can easily go straight to money. You might think about the offering plate, the church budget, or the financial needs of the ministries that Chapel supports. And certainly, our financial resources are an important part of stewardship. But the biblical idea of stewardship is much bigger than what you put in an offering envelope. Stewardship is really about how you care for and use everything God has entrusted to you.

Everything we have ultimately belongs to God. Our time belongs to Him. Our abilities and talents belong to Him. Our possessions and financial resources belong to Him. Even the opportunities we have to serve and love others are gifts that God has placed into our hands. We are not owners of things in the ultimate sense. We are stewards; people entrusted with something that belongs to God. And what a wonderful privilege that is!

When Paul writes to the Corinthians about giving, he doesn't tell them to give because God needs their money. He doesn't try to manipulate them with guilt or shame. Instead, he reminds them that God is generous, and he invites them to reflect that generosity in their own lives. "God loves a cheerful giver." Our giving is meant to be a joyful response to what God has already given us in Christ.

We see that generosity most clearly at the cross. God did not hold anything back from us. He gave His own Son for us. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, He has given us forgiveness, salvation, and the promise of eternal life. We give because He first gave to us. So perhaps this is a good time for each of us to pause and ask: "How am I stewarding what God has entrusted to me?"

How are you stewarding your time? There are certainly demands on all of our schedules. Work, school, family, activities, appointments and responsibilities can fill our calendars quickly. But are there ways that God is inviting you to use some of your time to worship, serve, encourage, or simply be present with others?

How are you stewarding your talents? God has given each of us different abilities, experiences, skills, and gifts. Some of those gifts are easily recognized, while others may seem ordinary. But God can use all of them. Teaching a class, singing in the choir, serving on a ministry team, welcoming someone at church, fixing something that needs repaired, preparing a meal, visiting someone who is lonely; these are all ways you can use what God has entrusted to you for the sake of others.

And how are you stewarding your treasure? Your financial resources are also gifts from God. The question is not simply, "How much should I give?" but "How is God calling me to use what He has entrusted to me?" Generosity is not ultimately about a particular percentage or dollar amount. It is about recognizing the One who has provided for you and responding with gratitude and trust.

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Sunday School & Adult Bible Class @9:15 a.m.
Mondays @ 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays @ 11:00 a.m.

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As the family at Chapel of the Cross,
our mission is to
SHARE the Gospel,
SEEK the Lost,
STUDY God's Word and
STRENGTHEN one another.

Chapel of the Cross
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

Adult Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Bible Classes 9:15—10:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Studies Beginning October 4

The Now But Not Yet Tension Of Being a Christian in a Fallen World

Have you ever found yourself in awe of the beauty of creation and then catch yourself so frustrated with the tragic condition of humanity? Do you ever catch yourself dreaming of a place with no more war or fighting or stress, and then find yourself restless not being able to fall asleep because of a torn relationship or worry over a loved one's health condition?

Join Pastor Mark in the Sanctuary as we discuss many of our already true but not fully realized promises we have in Jesus Christ.

How to Know a Person

In his bestselling book *How to Know a Person*, David Brooks explores one of the greatest needs of our time: learning how to truly see, understand, and care for another human being. While the book isn't written as a Christian study, it raises questions that Scripture has been answering all along. What does it mean to love our neighbor? How do we become better listeners? What keeps us from truly seeing the people God places in our lives? And how does the love of Christ transform the way we relate to others?

In this Bible study, we'll use Brooks' insights as a conversation starter while grounding our discussions in God's Word. Together, we'll explore what the Bible teaches about empathy, compassion, forgiveness, humility, hospitality, and genuine relationships. Most importantly, we'll discover that before we are called to know others, we are first fully known and deeply loved by God through Jesus Christ.

Join Pastor James in Room 224 for this informative study.

Tuesday Bible Study

"Ezra, Nehemiah, Malachi: Restoring the Broken"

Our 2026-2027 Tuesday Bible Study continues.

Explore the inspiring stories of Ezra and Nehemiah in a friendly and relaxed environment. This study is for everyone, whether you are new to the Bible or have been studying for years. Together, we will uncover the themes of hope, restoration and community as we read through these books.

Our studies have three facets: Homework to be completed as you are able, small group discussion time and a teaching lecture.

Come and see how these ancient texts can speak to our lives today. We look forward to sharing this journey with you! Registration will begin soon.

For more information, please contact Margaret Hibbeler: st_charles_hibbelers@yahoo.com

Class Times:

Ladies meet Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:00 a.m. in Room 224

Men meet Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the lower level.

Ladies meet Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Room 224

Young Adults

(for those between 18 and 35 years old)

Our Young Adult group, for ages 18–35, kicked off the year in September with 10 people joining us for a great night of board games and fellowship!

Young Adults meet on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m., with the location and activity changing from month to month. We would love to have you join us and connect with other young adults.

Coming Up in October:
Join us on Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. for mini-golf at Swing Around Fun Town! Mini-golf is $9 per person. Sign up using the QR Code below.

Looking ahead, our November gathering will be Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. More details will be coming soon!

For more information, questions, or to let us know you're coming, contact Vicar Alex at 314-681-3464

Sign up for Mini-Golf.
Scan the QR Code!

Summer Youth Mission Trip

In July of 2027 we will be participating in "All Nations Outreach" at Camp Lutherhaven for our next Summer Youth Mission Trip. You can find general info about the event below. If your 8th grader or high schooler is interested in attending or if you have any questions, contact DCE Josh.

- WHEN: **July 17 - July 23, 2027**
- WHO: **Current 8th-12th Graders**
- COST: **$450**

If you are interested in attending this event next summer, contact DCE Josh. Registrations are due 10/25.

www.ChapelStPeters.org

Check Out Our Website!

We hope you find our new website more intuitive and easier to use.

If you haven't, please check it out at **ChapelStPeters.org.**

Reminder: **All of the staff emails addresses have changed** as well so be sure to update your contacts! Those new emails can be found on page 3 of the E-News and our weekly What's Happening bulletin insert.

Pastor's Letter Continued from page 1

Stewardship, then, isn't something you do occasionally. It is a way of living. Every day you are given opportunities to answer the question, "How I can faithfully use what God has placed in my hands?"

And perhaps the most important thing to remember is that our stewardship doesn't earn God's love. We don't give, serve, or sacrifice in order to convince God to love us. He already does. In Christ, we have already received the greatest gift we could ever receive. Faithful stewardship is simply one way we say, "Thank you." So, as you think about your time, your talents, and your treasure, I encourage you to spend some time in prayer. Ask God to show you where you might be holding back, where you might have an opportunity to serve, and where you might be able to bless someone else with what He has entrusted to you. And then give freely; not reluctantly or under compulsion, but cheerfully. Not because God needs something from you, but because you have already received so much from Him. Everything you have is a gift. And what a joy it is to give those gifts back in service to the One who gave them to you in the first place.

God's Blessings,
Pastor James

Soup's On!

This annual servant event will be held the morning of Friday, November 13th from 7:00 a.m. to noon. We will meet in the church kitchen to prepare, box and label delicious homemade soup.

The soup is placed in the church freezer for the Pastors and Church Staff to have on hand to deliver to families who need a warm bowl of goodness. There are also two pots of soup set aside for the warming shelter to use.

There are many ways to help. Call or Text Kim Harnagel, 314.749.9568 for more details.

Music Opportunities

Share Your Gifts • Make a Joyful Noise

Adult Choir

Rehearsals are held Tuesdays from 6:15–7:45 p.m. The choir sings during worship twice each month. You are welcome to participate every week, seasonally, or whenever your schedule allows.

Bell Choir

Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 5:15–6:15 p.m. The Bell Choir plays during worship once each month. Come share your musical gifts through handbells.

Sunday School Music Team

Help teach songs and ring bells with children from preschool through fifth grade during the first 15 minutes of Sunday School. This is a team ministry, with two people scheduled to teach together, so you do not need to attend every week. You may teach a predetermined song or suggest one of your own.

Children's Music During Worship

Children are invited to share a brief musical offering during the children's message. They may sing, play an instrument, or perform a short piece with a family member. Musical offerings should be approximately 30 seconds long.

Youth Advent Wednesday — December 16

Young people will have the opportunity to play or sing a Christmas carol as part of the pre-service music.

Instrumentalists

Do you play the trumpet, clarinet, saxophone, violin, or another instrument? Consider playing along with the hymns during Sunday, Monday, or Wednesday services.

Guitar Group

A new group is forming for guitarists who would like to play together during worship services and possibly at other church events.

Flutes

Our flute players are invited to accompany the Sunday service on the second Sunday of each month.

Piano

Pianists can provide pre-service music, play for luncheons or special prayer services, accompany soloists, or participate in duets.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

— 1 PETER 4:10 —

There is a place for every musical gift, whether you participate regularly or occasionally. We hope you will prayerfully consider how God might use your talents to bless our congregation. Please contact Nancy Seifert if you are interested in any of these opportunities. nancy.seifert@chapelstpeters.org or (314)-520-3707

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 10
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

We will have many family-friendly activities and games at this year's Fall Festival including pumpkin painting, bounce houses, and a petting zoo! The event will start with an opening in the sanctuary at 3:00, then you'll be able to enjoy the activities and games until 5:00. See you then!

Youth & Adult Volunteers
bit.ly/fallfest26help

O Come All Ye Faithful

Sunday, December 13
5:30 PM • Sanctuary

This year, we are combining O Come All Ye Faithful with our Children's Christmas Program. We will begin the program in the Sanctuary at 5:30. Our program will be full of singing Christmas hymns and hearing Scripture readings. Refreshments and family activities will be held in the Gym afterwards.

Youth Volunteers @ 11:30
chapelstpeters.org/e/ocayf-volunteer

What is the Endowment Fund?

The Endowment Fund was established to provide a perpetual source of financial support for missions supporting Chapel's purposes other than those already included in our annual budget.

The Endowment Committee would like to know about missions (individuals, groups or organizations) that are significant to you. An Endowment Grant Request Form is available for you to complete to request support for that mission. The committee will review all requests and provide recommendations to the Voters on how our treasures can support our Mission in our community, the region or the world.

The Form is available in the Church Office; submittals accepted through October 23rd .

Poland 2027

Preparations are in full swing for us to take a group back to Pszczyna Poland this summer. There will be a **Poland Interest Meeting on Sunday, December 6th** immediately after the late service at 11:30am in room 224 where we will discuss in detail what the trip entails. Whether you want to join us in 2027 or are just curious about what we do, this is a great way to learn more about this mission.

2026 Poland Team

Please contact Pastor James if you would like more information about this trip. The dates for this summer's Day Camp will be approximately July 16 – 28th (approximately because these depend on available flights). This trip is open to anyone older than 18 years of age (16 years of age if a parent is accompanying them). We have the opportunity to worship with the community on two Sundays, and this is a congregation that we have been working closely with for the past seven years now.

Fun Times at 2026 Poland Day Camp

The week is intense and immersive, providing great opportunities to serve others and get to see and experience a different country and culture.

Lutheran Church, Pszczyna, Poland

LWML
Lutheran Women *in Mission*

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Oct. Mtg.

Join us in Room 224 on Thurs. Oct. 15th at noon. Bring your brown bag lunch. Desserts are provided by hostesses.

Bring your Fall Silent Auction Basket items to the meeting.

October Field Trip

Tour of The Sparrow's Nest in O'Fallon, MO on October 15th.
We look forward to touring their facility and hearing all about what they are doing for New Mom's in our community.
Few spaces still remain so call Pat Henson today to register.

November Meeting

Join us in Room 224 on Thurs. Nov. 19th at noon. Bring your brown bag lunch. Desserts are provided by hostesses.

This month is Book Exchange. Bring a book to exchange.
We will discuss Christmas Cookie Sale. Many bakers are welcome to attend this meeting for important details.

Women's Shelter

As everyone travels this summer, please remember Chapel Circle collects the travel size toothpaste, soaps, lotions, shampoos and conditioners for the Women's Shelter kits assembled in January. Other items needed for the kits are toothbrushes, combs/brushes, washcloths and hand towels. Items may be placed in the bin marked "Women's Shelter" located in the coat room off the Narthex.

Missions

Eyeglasses Ministry
Collection box located in the coatroom in Narthex. Eyeglasses and sunglasses are needed

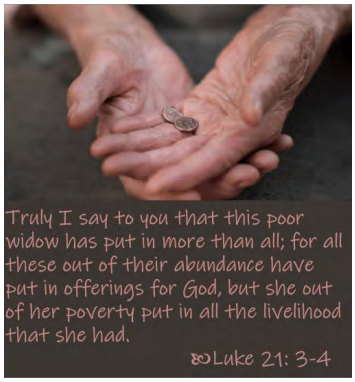
Stamp Ministry
LWML continues collecting cancelled stamps. They are collecting all kinds of stamps, even those marked Forever stamps. Please leave at least 1/2" border around the stamp. There is a bin in the coat room off of the Narthex marked STAMPS.

Wacky Tackers
Volunteers meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month in the lower level.

LWML
Lutheran Women *in Mission*

The Mite Box

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21: 1-4) the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" - offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants. Mite Boxes are distributed to every women in a society and often to each member of the congregation. Throughout the decades, Lutheran women have stepped out in faith, setting goals and trusting God to move the hearts of His people to give generously to LWML to proclaim the Gospel.



LWML Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission,
we joyfully proclaim Christ,
support missions, and equip women
to honor God by serving others.

LWML Chapel Circle meets monthly
for spiritual growth, fellowship,
and to discuss mission work
and special projects.

All ladies are warmly invited to join us!
If you're unable to attend every month,
you're always welcome to come
whenever you can.
You do not need to be a member to
attend—**all are welcome**!

Don't forget your mites!

LWML Vision Statement

The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-Given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

October

Octoberfest at Immanuel Lutheran St Paul's in New Melle, 150 W Hwy D, New Melle, MO 63365. You are invited to their annual Octoberfest Sausage Dinner, Sunday, Oct 4, 11:30-5:30 p.m. Live music, Kids carnival, country market and much more. Flyer is posted in the Coffee Shop.

LWML Sunday is October 11th. If you see ladies in purple it might be a clue they are LWML/Chapel Circle members. Please stop by the LWML display in the Narthex for more details about LWML and the missions they support.

Closing Thought

Chapel of the Cross
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

Youth & Family Highlights

Rally Day - 8/16

To kick off our Sunday School and Bible Classes, we were reminded that "God Loves us MORE" with some ice cream.

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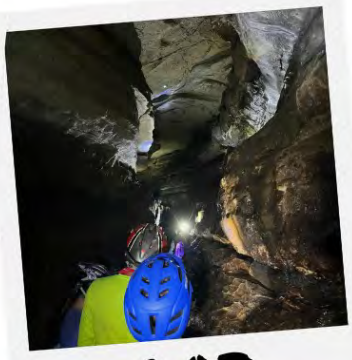


9/12

9/11

Confirmation Retreat - 9/11-9/13

11 youth and 4 adults joined Child of God at Camp Wartburg. We spent a weekend away to be in Bible Study, do caving, and more for our annual Confirmation Retreat.

Chapel of the Cross
FAITH MILESTONE MINISTRY

Highlights

Baptismal Remembrance

3 families participated

Held every 6 months this parent training focus is on equipping and encouraging parents to begin talking with your child about the incredible blessings they received in their baptism.

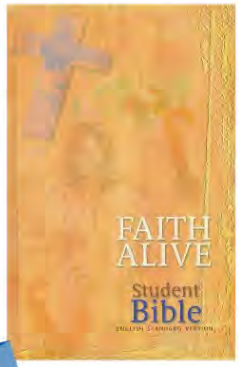
Those with upcoming baptisms will be invited to join us in March!

SAVE THE DATE

Families with infants/toddlers are invited to a parent training event. Here you will be encouraged and equipped for the task of creating a grace-filled and Gospel-centered home for your young child. We will share some insight into your child's physical and spiritual development, and how the routines you establish now will establish the foundations upon which their faith will grow in the years ahead.

Discovering the Faith & Explode Your Bible

2nd - 3rd Grade



3 families participated

Week 1: Features of Faith Alive Bible
Week 2: The Story of the Bible
Week 3: Finding Comfort in God's Word

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Study God's Word with your brothers and sisters in Christ! Our normal Sunday School programming will start back up in August! We have education opportunities for all ages each Sunday morning at 9:15 AM. Look and see which classes you and your children can attend.

Nursery
- Room 108

Preschool - Kindergarten
- Room 112

1st & 2nd Grades
- Room 106

3rd & 4th Grades
- Room 113/114

5th Grade
- Room 111

Middle School
- Room 105

High School
- Daniel's Den (youth room)

Adult Bible Studies
- Sanctuary & Room 224

ELEMENTARY SCHEDULE

10/04	Abram - pt. 1
10/11	Abram - pt. 2
10/18	Reformation Lesson 1
10/25	Reformation Lesson 2
11/01	Jacob - pt. 1
11/08	Jacob - pt. 2
11/15	Joseph - pt. 1
11/22	Joseph - pt. 1
11/29	Mary's Christmas Story - pt. 1

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, 10/10 - 3:00-5:00 PM
Fall fun for the whole family! We will have many family-friendly activities and games at this year's Fall Festival including pumpkin painting, bounce houses, and a petting zoo! The event will start with an opening in the sanctuary at 3:00, then you'll be able to enjoy the activities and games until 5:00. See you then!

PLAY & PRAISE

Wednesday, 10/21 & 11/18 - 5:00-6:30 PM
Families with children in 1st Grade and younger are invited to our Play & Praise nights at Chapel of the Cross. This special time includes fun play and fellowship, a child-friendly worship service, and a simple family meal. We will be meeting at the Preschool entrance & playground to start off the night.

OPEN GYM PLAYDATES

Saturday, 11/14 - 9:00a-11:00a
Who doesn't like bounce houses?! Join us one Saturday per month for Open Gym Playdates from 9:00–11:00 AM in colder months. This is a great time for kids to play together while parents have some time to reconnect. We'll have the bounce houses set up and some snacks will be provided as well! We also provide a Bible Study for moms that starts at 9:30a.

SAVE THE DATE

O Come All Ye Faithful & Children's Christmas Program

12/13 @ 5:30 PM

Music, Refeshments, & Family Activities

Chapel of the Cross YOUTH

OCT & NOV

OCTOBER

Fall Festival Volunteering

- **10/10| 2:00p–5:30p**
- **Chapel Lawn**

Come and help run games and give out candy at this year's Fall Festival. The event will be held on Saturday, October 10 - volunteering will occur from 2:00p-5:30p. If you are interested in hosting a Fall Festival game/activity, please let DCE Josh know via the sign-up link below:

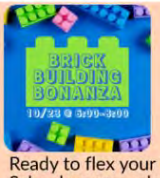
- RSVP: bit.ly/fallfest26help

Youth Group

- **10/18 | 11:30a–2:00p**
- **Gym & Daniel's Den**

ALL Middle & High School youth (and friends) are welcome to come to Youth Group. We'll share a meal, build relationships with some fun activities, and spend some time in God's Word. We would love to see you there!

- RSVP: chapelstpeters.org/e/yg261018



Brick Building Bonanza (MS)

- **10/23 | 6:00p–8:00p**
- **Gym**

Ready to flex your brick-building muscles? Middle Schoolers are welcome to attend our "Brick Building Bonanza" event for some fun LEGO activities. It'll be an evening of construction and collaboration. Let us know you plan to come with the sign-up link below:

- RSVP: chapelstpeters.org/e/brick26

Summer Mission Trip

In July of 2027 we will be participating in "All Nations Outreach" at Camp Lutherhaven for our next Summer Youth Mission Trip. You can find general info about the event below. If your 8th grader or high schooler is interested in attending or if you have any questions, contact DCE Josh.

- Where: **Camp Lutherhaven - 1596 S 150 W, Albion, IN 46701**
- When: **Saturday, July 17 - Friday, July 23**
- Cost: **$450 Per Participant** ($150 deposit & registration form due Sunday, October 25)

NOVEMBER

Sausage Supper Volunteering

- **11/1 @ Gym**
- **Last Shift: 3:00–5:00 (MS)**
- **Cleanup: 5:00–7:00 (HS)**

We're encouraging our youth and families to help our at the Sausage Supper this year! We would like middle schoolers and their families to help with the last shift on Sunday afternoon and high schoolers and their families to help with cleanup at the end. Sign up here:

- **Sign-Up:** chapelstpeters.org/e/sausage-supper

Youth Group

- **11/15 | 11:30a–2:00p**
- **Gym & Daniel's Den**

ALL Middle & High School youth (and friends) are welcome to come to Youth Group. We'll share a meal, build relationships with some fun activities, and spend some time in God's Word. We would love to see you there!

- **RSVP:** chapelstpeters.org/e/yg261115

ALL Youth Friendsgiving

- **11/22 | 5:00p–8:00p**
- **Chapel of the Cross**

Friendsgiving is a NEW opportunity this year for Middle & High School youth from St. Charles-area Lutheran churches to serve, eat, and worship together. Use the link below to register and get more info:

- **RSVP:** chapelstpeters.org/e/friendsgiving

Website Youth Events

We are now able to RSVP for events directly on our new church website! Here are some helpful tips:

1. Go to an event page on the website and access the form by clicking the "Going" button under "RSVP Here."
2. If you have multiple youth attending the same event, increase the number of guests on the form under "Total Guests."
   - chapelstpeters.org/youth-events

Mulch Madness 8/15

Mulch Madness is a fun time when our Middle and High School youth take some time on a Saturday to re-mulch the preschool playground before the school year begins. The youth had a blast using rakes, shovels, wheel barrows and more to help our preschool get ready for the new year.

Youth Group 8/16

We kicked off our monthly Youth Group gatherings back in August with a presentation from our Youth Mission trip attendees about their time in Detroit in July. We continued with lunch, fun games, and a devotion.

Thanksgiving Eve
Service
Wednesday, November 25, 2026
11:00 am & 7:00 pm

SERVICES FOR
Advent & Christmas
2026
Advent Services
Weds, Dec 2, 9, 16:
11:00am Worship Service
6:00pm Fellowship Meal
7:00pm Worship Service
Christmas Eve
Thurs, Dec 24
3:00pm Communion Service
5:00pm Candlelight Worship Service
7:00pm Candlelight Communion Service
Christmas Day
Fri, Dec 25
9:30am Communion Service
New Years Eve
Thurs, Dec 31
3:00pm Communion Service

Families with children in 1st grade and younger are invited to join us for Play and Praise, held on the third Wednesday of each month throughout the school year. Our next gathering will be on October 21 at 5:00 pm - meet on the playground!

This is a wonderful opportunity for families to come together for:

Fellowship and friendship with other parents and caregivers

Playtime and/or crafts for the kids

A child-centered devotional time to grow in faith together

A simple, child-friendly meal to enjoy as a family

We would love to see you there as we build community, play, pray, and praise God together!

2026-2027 Play and Praise dates:
October 21, November 18, December 2, December 9, December 16, January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, and May 19

Retiree Group - OWLS

Our retiree group at Chapel is called OWLs (Older Wiser Lutherans).

They meet the 2nd Friday of each month at 11:30am. Typically they are downstairs in the gym for lunch (its bring your own) and fellowship, but they also take trips together.

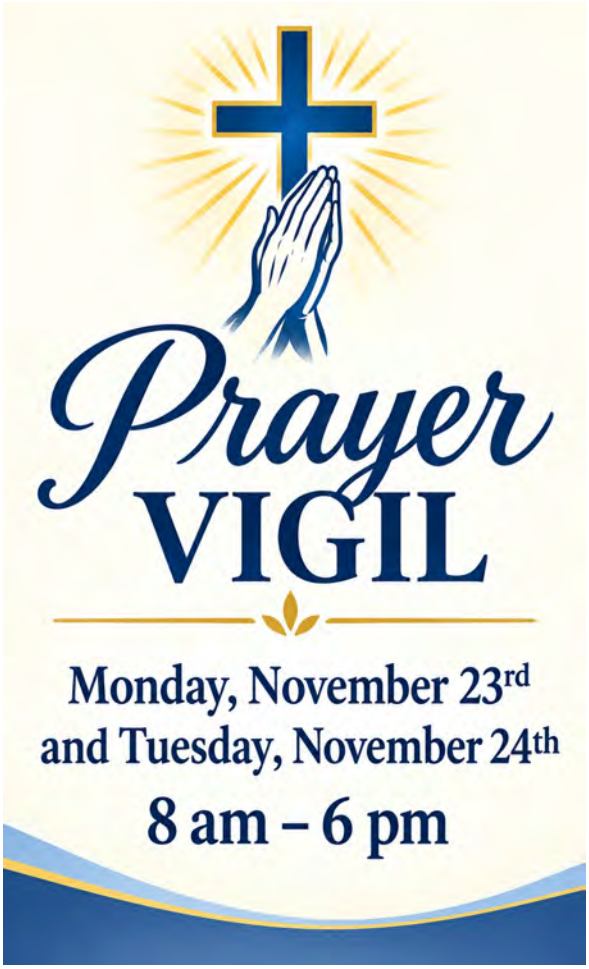
For more information contact Pastor James or Dorothy Marsh.

Warming Shelter 2027

Chapel is joining with other area churches to offer a warm and safe place for our homeless neighbors to stay on winter nights when the temperature outside is forecast to drop below 20 degrees. Chapel is responsible for three weeks this winter: January 17–23, February 7–13, and February 21–27.

During these weeks, please pray for all those who are involved in this critical and life-saving ministry. Also, consider prayerfully joining in the effort. We especially need people to help with our overnight shifts. These shifts last four hours, so no one has to lose an entire night's sleep. In return for a little of your sleep, you can help make a huge difference in someone's life.

If you would like to assist in any way, please contact Jennie Bain at 636.288.3373.



Open Gym and Mom's Group

Open Gym is a time for you to bring your kids up to church for some free play. We set up the bounce houses in the gym then parents have the opportunity to visit with each other as our kids play.

Mom's Group meets during Open Gym from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Moms are able to break out in a different room to talk with each other about their kids and faith. This year we will run Open Gym from 9:00-11:00a.m.

CHAPEL LUTHERAN SERMONS

Hear the Good News of Jesus proclaimed by our pastoral staff from anywhere with our new sermon podcast! If you want to listen to our sermons mid-week or easily share sermons with a friend, this podcast is for you. Simply search "Chapel Lutheran Sermons" in your podcast app of choice or use the link below to access the podcast. Since this is a new endeavor, we would appreciate feedback if you experience any trouble accessing or listening to the podcast.

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EPHPHATHA SERVICE
Chapel of the Cross E-Service

Our monthly E-Service is held in room 224 on the second Sunday of each month. This service is designed for adults and children with special needs. The service is usually followed by a small luncheon. If you know a family that would be blessed by this experience, please invite them to come and experience this amazing fellowship. If you have questions about this service, please contact one of the pastors.

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Free Event

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907 Jungermann Rd
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Sausage Supper

Sunday
November 1st
11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Help Feed the Hungry!
Support Nigerian Refugees & Our Paternership with IDES!

IDES

Free Will Offering
&
Fundraiser Baskets

HELP WANTED

Sunday November 1st

Golden Ticket
Fundraiser Items
Needed!

Opportunities Include: Grilling, Serving, Waiting Tables, Kitchen Duties, Clean-up & More!

We're putting together some amazing baskets for our upcoming fundraiser and would love your help!

Some ideas include:
Gift Cards, Snacks and Treats, Self-care Items, Household Items, Games and Toys,
Sports Items

Please bring donations to the church office by Oct. 25th

Update from Pastor Dixon

Chapel of the Cross has been a blessing for many persecuted Christians in Plateau State, Nigeria

Not only have you provided food for these families, but this year, for the first time, a church is providing school supplies and a full-year scholarship for 38 children between the ages of 10 and 16. These families are encouraged by this generosity and know that people are praying for them and caring for them despite the challenges they face as Christians in Nigeria.

Chapel of the Cross has also been a blessing for the residents of University City Nursing Home.

Another wonderful thing that Chapel of the Cross has done in partnership with All Nations church in University City is to start a Bible study for residents in the Nursing home (Mornach Springs Wellness Center). A few weeks ago, Chapel of the Cross also **provided clothing packages enough for more than 10 residents at the nursing home.** The residents are thankful for your generosity.

Join us for a New Connection Group:

SWEETER THAN HONEY

Women in the Word & on Mission

Join us for a short Bible Study, Fellowship and a simple service project that shares God's Love with our Community.

First Gathering

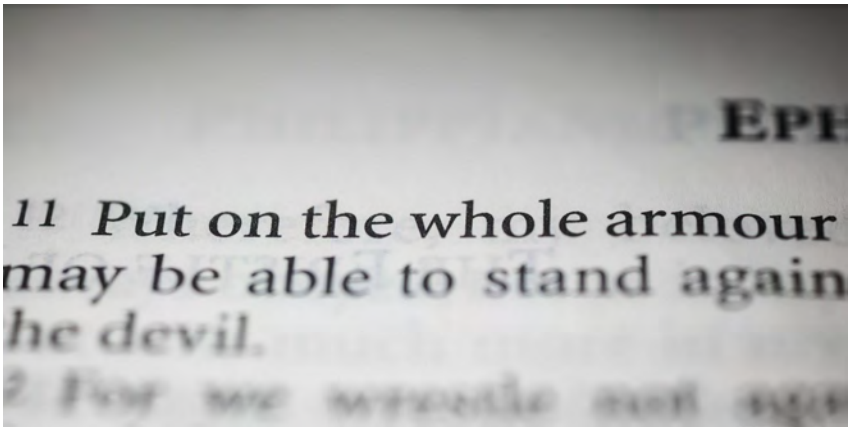
Saturday October 31

10:00-11:30

Spencer Road Library Community Room A

Together, we will create appreciation Packages for Veterans at Breeze Park.
All Supplies will be provided.

Questions? Please contact:
connectwithsweeterthanhoney@gmail.com



"I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths"

(2 Timothy 4:1-4).

There is no doubt that we are living in the "time" that St. Paul foresaw when he penned these words to young Timothy. Each day we see people turn away from the truth of God's Word and run headlong into the lies of the devil. Many of us have had interactions with someone so enslaved to their sinful passions that they will ignore factual, well-reasoned arguments and justify their sins with the most illogical and unreasonable excuses.

But, the truth is, Martin Luther could have said the exact same thing to the people in Wittenberg in 1530. And Timothy could have done the same in ancient Corinth. We are always tempted to believe that things are worse in our day than they were in generations past. And, maybe in some ways that is true. As technology continues to evolve at lightning speeds, sinners continue to invent new ways to be wicked and new, irrational excuses to justify that wickedness.

But in the end, **"there is nothing new under the sun"** (Ecclesiastes 1:9), and sinners sin, just as they always have. As the inspired Word of God, St. Paul's words to Timothy have always been applicable to every generation of Christians.

And that's good news because it means that the answer to this problem is the same today as it was when Paul first wrote these words. Preach the Word! We share God's Law and Gospel with the world, knowing that this is how God drives people to repentance and changes their hearts to listen to the sound teaching of His truth.

Of course, that means that we ourselves need to know God's Word. If we are going to **"be ready in season and out of season,"** we must surround ourselves with the Word of God. This is true not only so that we might be educated and equipped to speak God's Word accurately but also so that we may be constantly reminded of God's love for us and be filled with His grace to share the Word with patience as Paul encourages us to do.

From Lutherans for Life
LifeDate Fall 2026—Preach Life
By Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske

Prayers

Pray for our congregation, that God would grow us through His Word.

Pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

Pray for opportunities to serve our neighbors.

Pray for those who are lonely, that they would know God's presence and the love of His people.

Pray for families, that God would strengthen marriages, guide parents and bless children.

Pray for those who have fallen from faith.

Pray for those searching for a church home, that God would lead them to a church where they can hear His Word and receive His Sacraments.

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October

Happy Birthday

Kathy Wilson, 10-01
Terri Scheer, 10-01
Jan Curtis, 10-01
Tyler Brake, 10-01
Barb King, 10-01
Noah Whittle, 10-01
Carolyn Thai, 10-01
Butch Schleicher, 10-01
Thomas Vanek, 10-02
Wendy Eggleston, 10-03
Jeff Houston, 10-03
Kayla Kroehnke, 10-05
Sarahgrace Brinkmeier, 10-05
Jordan Kendrick, 10-05
Jerry Keplinger, 10-05
Jim Hermann, 10-06
Jacob Linde, 10-06
Sarah Eaker, 10-07
Diane Bardle, 10-07
Addison Wiederkehr, 10-08
Judy Ross, 10-08
Janice Martin, 10-08
Rory Kamp, 10-09
Sandy Niewald, 10-10
Angela Clayton, 10-10
Melissa Leppert, 10-11
Gabby Uglum, 10-11
Gary Obernuefemann, 10-11
Sam Floyd, 10-12
Leslie Prince, 10-12
Anna Ohmie, 10-12
Wade Brooks, 10-12
Olivia Parker, 10-12
Dee Krieger, 10-12
Nancy Nezzer, 10-13
Sarah Gross, 10-13
Corbin Nichols, 10-13
Jackie Richter, 10-14
Elizabeth Johnston, 10-14
Sara Hiser, 10-14
Bernita Leadbetter, 10-15
Lane McKee, 10-16
Theodore Mason, 10-16
Ramsay Markus, 10-17
Lilliana Wiederkehr, 10-18
George Marcher, 10-19
Cora Harms, 10-19
Linda Speh, 10-19
Lillian Schleicher, 10-20
Ronald Pelley, 10-21
John Franke, 10-21
Peggy Smith, 10-22
Michael Eggleston, 10-22
Jeffrey Pircher, 10-22
Mackenzie Hempen, 10-23
Dennis Heady, 10-23
Karen Stricklett, 10-23
Logan Podhorsky, 10-23
Brenden Hummer, 10-25
Sue Hoehner, 10-25
Spencer Mason, 10-25
Jordyn Neu, 10-26
Doug White, 10-27
Janice Heinemann, 10-27
Virginia Niewald, 10-27
Mike Richter, 10-29
Emil Clausing, 10-29
Dylan Keith, 10-29
Jake Newsham, 10-29
Mikayla Mueller, 10-30
Cheryl Tepen, 10-31
Leroy Schrieber, 10-31
Ruth Ohmie, 10-31

Happy Anniversary

Keith and Cynthia Lawrence, 10-01
Mary Ann and Bill Ronan, 10-02
Sam and Jen Floyd, 10-02
Ben and Kathy Kuehnle, 10-02
Bill and Jane Wright, 10-06
Jordan and Amanda Lane, 10-06
Tami and Tim Pack, 10-07
Heather and Mike Wallace, 10-10
Mike and Joyce Nettles, 10-11
Kathy and Daniel Kowalik, 10-11
Mikayla and Brett Mueller, 10-13
Bret and Sally Halfaker, 10-15
Gary and Margie Urban, 10-16
Camila and Steven Marshall, 10-18
Staci and Charles Smith, 10-18
Karl and Charlene Sestak, 10-18
Kim and Barbara Woodworth, 10-21
Jason and Shannon Morrow, 10-21
Kevin and Donna Harms, 10-24
Leroy and Loretta Schrieber, 10-24
Michael and Trina Nichols, 10-24
Dan and Rose Mary Tanner, 10-27
Kari and Brian Bowers, 10-27
Cliff and Christine Vollmer, 10-27
Mike and Miranda Fujinaka, 10-27
Jacob and Stephanie Woodworth, 10-29
Mark and Kimberly Linneman, 10-29
Kristy and Matt Henry, 10-30
Ronald and Linda Pelley, 10-30
Marat and Amy Kashenov, 10-30

November

Happy Birthday

Lillian Matt, 11-01
Kathy Collins, 11-01
Amanda Lansche, 11-04
Lucas Ostermeyer, 11-04
Bev Perrachione, 11-04
Shaan Sam, 11-04
Hallie Eckstein, 11-05
Nancy Hahn, 11-05
Doris Helm, 11-05
Scott Johnson, 11-06
Shirley Fisher, 11-07
Kennedy Albers, 11-07
Nolan Wesche, 11-08
Jacob Hume, 11-08
Kathren Wright, 11-08
Janet Crowder, 11-09
Charlotte Prince, 11-09
Kathy Mortenson, 11-09
Bill Hiner, 11-09
Larry Wuestenberg, 11-10
Sydney Young, 11-10
Wyatt Gross, 11-10
Catilynn Crafton, 11-10
Kaitlyn Poock, 11-11
Lynn Roam, 11-12
Duane Albers, 11-13
Allison Ratliff, 11-13
Kathleen Dwyer, 11-15
James Uglum, 11-15
J.J. Hollowood, 11-15
Mackenzie Uglum, 11-15
Charlotte Niemeyer, 11-15
Roger Hencke, 11-16
Miranda Fujinaka, 11-16
Jamie Dennis, 11-17
Nona Parr, 11-18
Kathy Kowalik, 11-18
Bryan Peters, 11-18
Marat Kashenov, 11-18
Emily Kamphoefner, 11-19
James Marsh, 11-19
Larry Krull, 11-19
Jason Wareing, 11-20
Jeremy Brown, 11-20
Jim Tabaka, 11-20
Scott Stansberry, 11-21
Jennifer Stuckstede, 11-21
Heather Wallace, 11-21
Gerri Nold, 11-23
Oliver Pircher, 11-23
Gavin Walgate, 11-23
Ben Spangenberg, 11-23
Kendra Rueckert, 11-23
Karen Orlando, 11-24
Claire Bratton, 11-24
Charlie Schneider, 11-24
Carol Miller, 11-24
Bob Cowan, 11-24
Amy Kashenov, 11-24
Jacque Hawkins, 11-25
Andrew Laskowsky, 11-27
Chuck Miller, 11-27
Janice Watson, 11-28
Mark Kester, 11-28
Luke Wiederkehr, 11-28
Jim Meyer, 11-29
Kathy Kuehnle, 11-30
Paige Vanek, 11-30
Colleen Fehl, 11-30

Happy Anniversary

William and Sharyl Doctorman, 11-02
Anne and Jerry Lau, 11-02
Pam and Brian Neu, 11-03
Pat and Julio Carrion, 11-03
Owen and Emily Hasson, 11-03
Karen and Joseph Orlando, 11-04
Dennis and Diane Bardle, 11-04
Roger and Sandy Dunajcik, 11-09
Melanie and CJ Kozel, 11-11
Ted and Pat Wear, 11-11
Bryan Butts and Andrea Welty, 11-14
Kent and Barbara Hubbell, 11-14
Chris and Becky Durell, 11-18
Alan and Kristi Poock, 11-19
David and Gwen Leadbetter, 11-19
William and Beverly Hankins, 11-21
Mark and Kathy Baum, 11-22
Sheryl and Gary Munz, 11-23
Larry and Peggy Smith, 11-23
Tim and Sharon Bratton, 11-23
Sharon and Robert Thomas, 11-26
Dan and Jane Newsham, 11-29
Carl and Carolyn Fitch, 11-30

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