



CHAPEL OF  
THE CROSS  
LUTHERAN  
*Living in faith, hope, and love*

# THE CHAPEL

# Weekly

January 18, 2026

## BIBLE STUDY

### Sunday 9:45 am

"Short Studies on tough topics"  
Resumes in January – Room 9

Children's Sunday School –  
Rooms 2 & 4

Senior High Youth – Youth Room  
Confirmation – Room 8

### Wednesday 6:30 pm

Resumes in January  
Prophet Isaiah – Room 8

### First and Third Tuesday 10:00 a.m.

Women's Bible Study  
"When you've been wronged"  
Resumes Tuesday, Jan. 6 – Room 8

## Announcements

### Highlighting 60 Years of Chapel Ministries and Organizations – Second

**Saturday Women's Fellowship.** As part of Chapel's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, we continue to highlight the many ministries and organizations offered here. The purpose is to make you aware of the various opportunities to serve and be a part of Chapel. This month we feature the Second Saturday Women's Fellowship which offers a unique opportunity to build friendships, share the Word of God, and enjoy delicious treats too. Jennifer Krupp and Mary Laesch lead this special group so if you are interested in being a part of it or if you would like to learn more about the Second Saturday Women's Fellowship group, please contact the church office and they will put you in touch with Jennifer or Mary.

**Family Night:** Our next Family Night is Monday, January 27 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Volunteers are needed to help with cooking, serving the meal, and assisting during the children's activity and Bible time. You can sign up to volunteer at the Welcome Center or by speaking with Vicar Chuck. You are also invited to attend and enjoy a time of food and fellowship even if you are not volunteering. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Vicar Chuck.

**Friend of Moms Boutique** is need of Diapers size NB, 1, 4, 5, & 6. Pull Ups size 5t-6t and Diaper wipes. Thank you for your continued support of the FOM mission.

**Lutheran Witness:** It's time for the renewal of your Lutheran Witness subscription for 2026-2027. If you would like to order or renew, please remit \$20.65 to the church office by Sunday, January 25.

**National Lutheran Schools Week** will be celebrated January 26–30. To help celebrate the week at Bethlehem Lutheran School at Chapel of the Cross, we are inviting volunteers to sign up for a time slot to read a Bible story to our students. We are looking for volunteers on Jan 27th, 28th, and 29th at 10:30am. A sign-up sheet is available in the Welcome Center. Please contact Vicar Chuck with any questions.

**Support Lutheran North's Band and Choir!** Lutheran High School North's Band & Choir are heading to Milwaukee, WI, February 13-16, 2026! 25 students will share the Gospel through song and music with congregations across Wisconsin. Please consider helping them reach their \$4,000 fundraising goal. You can write a check to Lutheran High School North with the note "Band & Choir Tour" and leave it in the church office or send it directly to Lutheran North. Thank you for your support!

## In Our Prayers this week...

### Those with Health Concerns:

David Applebaum (family member of Bill and Marilyn Miller)  
Steve Becker (friend of John Zvirgzdins)  
Tanjila Bolden  
Norma Conley (friend of Aulderay Fields)  
Ruthie Crawford (friend of Julie Griffith)  
Pam Crecelius (sister-in-law of Roy & Sharon Crecelius)  
Morgan Cunningham (friend of Jon Rogers)  
Matthew Dina (relative of the Uttley family)  
Clyde Dempsey (father of Julie Seibert)  
Shari Lou Eakins (friend of Jon Rogers)  
Aulderay Fields  
Darlene Franklin (friend of Georgia Thomas)  
John Gassner (cousin of Gloria Uttley)  
Carolyn Hanneman  
Rita Hayes (sister of Jim Crosier)  
Donna Heinrich  
Ashley Hochuli (grand-daughter of Marilyn and Bill Miller)  
Virgil Hoffmann  
Alice Holtgrewe  
Shirley Johnson (friend of Jon Rogers)  
Ali Kloppenburg  
Joyce Lackey  
Matthew Lackey  
Bill Madison (son-in-law of Bill and Marilyn Miller)

Aminius Matthews (son of Alicia Harrie)  
Alex Metz (friend of Steve and Julie Seibert)  
Peggy Miller  
Joe Miano, Sr. (father of Joe Miano)  
Patricia Miano (mother of Joe Miano)  
Marie Niedringhaus  
**Sue Plack**  
Annette Rueckert  
Rosilyn Cunningham Schmitt (mother of Robert Cunningham)  
Diane Schwede  
Jill Seibert (mother of Steve Seibert)  
Jim Seibert (father of Steve Seibert)  
Gail Shultz  
John Simon  
Johnnie Spears  
Dale Ternapovich (brother of Joyce Lackey)  
Jean Thomas  
Robyn Walen (friend of John Jordan)  
Anne Walkenhorst (friend of Steve and Julie Seibert)  
Stephanie Wallace  
Mickie Wallerstein (friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller)  
Eric Williams (son of Betty and Les Williams)  
**Marcia Young** (friend of Marilyn Miller)

**Those Who Mourn:** The family and loved ones of **Maire Trelz** who died in the Lord on Thursday.

### Those Receiving Treatment for Cancer:

Jay Bentzinger (friend of Nancy Swoboda)  
Barb Carroll (friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra)  
Bob Crecelius (brother of Roy Crecelius)  
Sue Gassner (cousin of Gloria Uttley)  
Damien Gregory (great-grandson of Gale Damm)  
Tenisha Hackett (niece of Carla Rainey)  
Cheryl Hogan (daughter of Lois Hoffman)  
Adrian Hughes (cousin of Aulderay Fields)  
Sonja Hughes (friend of Adrienne Burton)  
Bianca Jackson (friend of Vernida Summers)  
Crystal Jackson (niece of Johnnie Spears)  
Debbie Jenkins (niece of Vernida Summers)  
Tom Krauter, Jr. (son of Tom Krauter)  
Cheryl Linton (sister-in-law of Joseph Miano)  
Shannell McCain (cousin of John and Jay Zvirgzdins)  
Peggy Meisch (friend of Julie and Steve Seibert)  
Bob Novak (friend of Joe Miano)  
Rosilyn Oldham (friend of Alexis Cunningham)  
Martin Rodgers (cousin of Jerri Bolden)  
Ellen Saville (friend of Keith Neuber)  
Christine Schewpker (friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra)  
Arrion Soll (friend of Jerri Bolden)  
Vernida Summers

# ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**Please join us** in celebrating Audrey Luedtke's "Almost 100th" birthday on January 26th. Although Audrey is turning 98 on the 26th, she has herself convinced she is turning 100! We will be celebrating with an open house in the commons area at Chapel of the Cross anytime between 2:00-4:00pm. Stop by to wish Audrey a happy birthday! No gifts please - your presence is a gift in itself. For questions, please call or text Audrey's daughter, Laurie Strege, at 314-365-3432.

**Operation Christmas Child:** We are now beginning our year-round collection of items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. January and February items are; Warm items (hats, gloves, scarves, warm socks etc.) and Fashion Accessories (sunglasses, sun hats, baseball caps, bracelets, necklaces etc.). Items can be dropped off in the Christmas box in the Narthex. A year-round schedule of items for collection can be found at the Welcome Center.

## BIBLE STUDY

**Griefshare:** As we enter the new year – we look forward to the hope found through the 13 weeks of GriefShare. Join us in the Parlor, Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. starting January 6, 2026

**Ladies Bible Study/Fellowship** has resumed with our new study on the book "When You've Been Wronged" on the first and third Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m..

**Sunday Morning 9:45 Study** Starting in January we are beginning a new course of study – an 8 week series titled: SHORT STUDIES ON TOUGH TOPICS. See the Welcome Center desk for more information.

**Wednesday Evenings 6:30 pm Bible Study**, Join Vicar Chuck Wallace in room #8 on our new study covering the Prophet Isaiah.

## LIFE TEAM

Life issues (abortion, suicide, sexual identity, physician-assisted suicide to name a few) can often be the result of a person trying to solve their own problems or fulfill their own needs instead of relying upon the Lord to help them. The appearance of our Lord as the sacrificial Lamb of God reminds us that God is always faithful, even at the cost of His own blood. By faith in Christ, we can and should wait patiently for the Lord and make Him our trust in any and every situation, and we should invite our neighbors to do the same.

We know that God cherishes life at all stages, from embryo to infant to toddler to teenager to adult to old age. Each week during 2025, the Life Team will be recognizing the birthdays of our older members at Chapel of the Cross. If we miss your birthday or if we have the wrong date, please call the church office to get our records corrected. This week, we recognize the birthdays of the following:

Connie Johnson – January 22  
Joyce Orange – January 24  
Audrey Luedtke – January 26

Donald Auer – January 23  
Gloria Dear – January 26  
Donna Stewart – January 26

## Coming up at Chapel

### Monday, January 19

ML King Day  
Office Closed

### Tuesday, January 20

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study  
2:00 PM Grief Share

### Wednesday, January 21

6:30 PM Bible Study  
7:00 Choral Singers

### Thursday, January 22

7:00 Choral Singers

### Saturday, January 24

5:00 PM Worship Service

### Sunday, January 25

8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:45 AM Bible Study  
11:00 AM Worship Service

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**John 1:29 – "The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'**" The Israelites of old offered a lamb to god at Passover so that death might pass over them and do no harm. Over those long centuries of sacrifice, did they understand that this was actually God's gift? That God would be the true Giver of the true Lamb? Truly, we can never out-give God, for all that we have is His.

## HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (1/11/2025):

- Worship 153 and 10 visitors.

Last week's offering (1/11/2025):

- General Fund: \$8,252
- Building / Capital Fund: \$1,242
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$56

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$22,583
- Building / Capital Fund: \$2,387

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$29,640
- Building / Capital Fund: \$2,114

## MAPP GOD'S WORD

**II Timothy 4:18** – "And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."