

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 Tuesday, 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.

**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 today.

**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!

**Postponed** Audrey Luedtke's birthday celebration scheduled for Monday, January 26 has been postponed. A new date and time for the party will be shared in the near future.

**The Flowers** on the altar are in honor of Audrey Luedtke’s birthday. From her family

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 Ternaprovich (*brother of Joyce Lackey*)  
Jean Thomas  
Robyn Walen (*friend of John Jordan*)  
**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 Celebrate:**  
Audrey Luedtke as she celebrates her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday.

**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 Schwepker (*friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra*)  
Arrion Soll (*friend of Jerri Bolden*)  
Vernida Summers

# ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**Trivia Night and Silent Auction:** Let's get ready for the big event on *Saturday, March 7, 2026*. There will be food, fun, and prizes – all supporting Missions. Questions? Call Bill Rusnak, 314-741-3737.

**6 ways you can help:**

1. Reserve your table. Gather family and friends! Tickets are only \$15 each, tables of 8 are \$120. Registration forms are located in the Commons. Please have your registration in by Monday, March 2.
2. Thrivent Action Gift Cards are needed. See Bill Rusnak for details of areas of support.
3. Donate to the Silent Auction. Donations are needed - include anything *you* would want to purchase yourself---sports tickets, gift cards, novelties, etc. Bring items to the church office by March 2. Letters to vendors and businesses are located on the Commons table!
4. Donate Attendance and game prizes by March2 - winners can select their choice from a gift table.
5. Join the Fun! Leadership Positions are still available to help the night of the auction - ticket takers, Youth table runners, child care, concessions, and more. See the Sign-Up at the Welcome Center.
6. Tell others! Don't miss the first question promptly at 6:30! Doors open at 5:30.

**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 of 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 GrlefShare. 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

Abortion and assisted suicide are often followed by crushing amounts of guilt and shame. While the Church rightly teaches that these are sins against God and neighbor, may we never forget that Christ has sent us to preach the Gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation. In Christ, “there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish,” for He has come in the fulfillment of His promises, bringing the Kingdom of God near to us, that all who repent and believe in Him can take shelter in the Lord.

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 2026, 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:

Carol Meckfessel – January 29                      Virgil Hoffman – January 31

## MAPP GOD’S WORD

**II Timothy 2:11-14** – “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and world lusts, we should live sensibly, righteously, and godly in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a people for his own, zealous of good works.”.

# Coming up at Chapel

- Monday, January 26**  
7:00 PM Board of Directors
- Tuesday, January 27**  
2:00 PM Grief Share  
5:30 PM Family Night
- Wednesday, January 28**  
6:30 PM Bible Study
- Thursday, January 29**  
7:00 Choral Singers
- Saturday, January 31**  
5:00 PM Worship Service
- Sunday, February 1**  
8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:45 AM Bible Study  
11:00 AM Worship Service

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**Matthew 4:20 – “Immediately they left their nets and followed him.”**  
Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown, their families and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship, the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: we know that we all we have is the Lord’s, to e used for His purpose. We are His disciples and are ready to follow where He leads.

# HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

- Last week’s attendance (1/18/2025):
  - Worship 173 and 7 visitors.
- Last week’s offering (1/18/2025):
  - General Fund: \$8,355
  - Building / Capital Fund: \$1,340
  - 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$29
- YTD Offerings:
  - General Fund: \$30,938
  - Building / Capital Fund: \$3,727
- YTD Need:
  - General Fund: \$44,460
  - Building / Capital Fund: \$3,171