

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 – Chapel’s Stream Team (formerly Broadcast Team). This month we feature Chapel’s Stream Team which serves as a tremendous blessing to our members, as well to the surrounding community and beyond. Matt Gahr and Tim Taylor are among the volunteers who serve in this unique ministry so if you are interested or would like to learn more about the Stream Team, please contact the church office and they will put you in touch with Matt and Tim.

Lutheran Heritage Foundation Giving Tree: The Holy Spirit can use YOU to share the Good News of the Savior’s birth with children and families in countries like Guatemala, Ethiopia, Indonesia and Kenya. Every \$5 gift enables the Lutheran Heritage Foundation to provide a beautiful book like A Child’s Garden of Bible Stories, Luther’s Small Catechism or God’s Word For You to a family just waiting to learn more about who Jesus is. For most of these families, the books you send them will be the first they ever own. Just pick an ornament and use the QR code on the back to donate \$5. Put the ornament on your tree at home as a reminder to pray for those seeking to learn more about Christ. Or give the ornament to a friend or family member to inspire them to make a gift as well. Thank you for sharing the good news of Jesus’ birth!!!

Bibles for Students: Lutheran North is asking their church partners for their support by purchasing Bibles for each student. The goal is to purchase 400 Bibles by December 31. If you can help fund this effort to get a Bible into the hands of each Lutheran North middle and high school student, use the gift envelopes found in the pew rack, make your check payable to "Chapel of the Cross," note on the envelope or check: "LN Bibles," and place your gift in the offering plate or give it to the church office. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Decorations: Thank you to all who helps to beautify our Sanctuary and Commons areas! Please join us for the annual removal scheduled for Saturday, January 10, 2026, beginning at 9:00 am. Refreshments will be provided.

In Our Prayers this week...

Those with Health Concerns:
Marty Albers
David Applebaum (*family member of Bill and Marilyn Miller*)
Steve Becker (*friend of John Zvirgzdins*)
Tanjila Bolden
Norma Conley (*friend of Alderay 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*)
Alderay Fields
Darlene Franklin (*friend of Georgia Thomas*)
Eric Funke
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
Shirley Johnson (*friend of Jon Rogers*)
Ali Kloppenburg
Joyce Lackey
Matthew Lackey
Audrev Luedtke

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
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*)
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*)
Larry (*food pantry*)

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 Alderay 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

The Elder of the Weekend leads prayer in the Prayer Chapel at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday for those on the prayer list. All are welcome to join him. Please also take the opportunity to pray for those on the prayer list during the week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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 resumes with our new study on the book “When You’ve Been Wronged” on Tuesday January 6, 2026. See Bill Rusnak during December to get your book and study guide as we look forward to insights for our Christian walk.

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

Herod’s fury and Rachel’s weeping still sound forth in our time and our land. Bethlehem’s slaughter may have had dozens of casualties, but abortion’s victim number in the millions. We have not only responsibility but privilege to participate instead in the Lord’s work, upholding life by advocating hope and arranging deliverance for the endangered.

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:

Janet Neustadt – January 1

Debra Joslin – January 5

Joan Bohrer – January 7

MAPP GOD’S WORD

II Timothy 2:1 – You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”

Coming up at Chapel

Wednesday, December 31
6:30 PM New Year’s Eve Service
Office Closed

Saturday, January 3
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, December 4
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Galatians 4:4 :But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law.” Jesus was born under the law so that He might fulfill the law in our place. His perfect righteousness is credited to us. And it is this free forgiveness of sins and this crediting of righteousness that sets us free to follow our Lord in godly living. Since we are freed from the law’s condemnation, we are freed from any mercenary attitudes. Now that the Lord has shown His love to us in saving us, we freely show our thanks to Him in generosity, humility and kindness.

HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week’s attendance (12/21/2025):

- Worship 195 and 11 visitors

Last week’s offering (12/21/2025):

- General Fund: \$33,133
- Building / Capital Fund: \$882
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$50

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$640,784
- Building / Capital Fund: \$74,738

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$754,728
- Building / Capital Fund: \$53,976