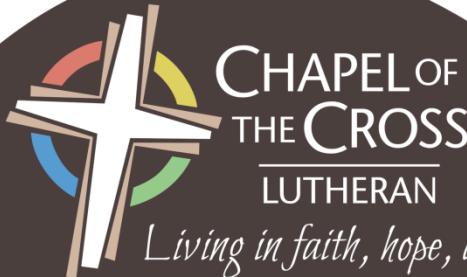


# THE CHAPEL

# Weekly



February 8, 2026

## BIBLE STUDY

### Sunday 9:45 am

"Short Studies on tough topics" – Room 9

Children's Sunday School – Rooms 2 & 4

Senior High Youth – Youth Room Confirmation – Room 8

### Wednesday 6:30 pm

Prophet Isaiah – Room 8

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

Women's Bible Study- Room 8  
"When you've been wronged"

## Announcements

**Highlighting 60 Years of Chapel Ministries and Organizations – First Friday Men'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 First Friday Men's Fellowship which offers the men of Chapel the opportunity to study the Word of God and discuss their faith all the while sharing a meal together at a local restaurant. Bill Rusnak is one of the leaders of this group so if you are interested in learning more about it or becoming a part of it, please contact Bill or the church office.

**Mary-Martha Guild** will hold its next meeting on February 9 at 6:30 in room 8. It is our annual Soup Supper and Vicar Chuck Wallace will be our guest speaker. This will be followed by a business meeting. Please join us for good food and fellowship.

**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!

**Marriage Anniversary Sunday:** Please join us on Sunday, February 15, 2026, after the late worship service (around 12:15 p.m.) for our annual Marriage Anniversary Service. All married couples and their families are invited to celebrate and renew their wedding vows. Bring a wedding picture to be displayed.

**Family Night:** Our next Family Night will be Tuesday February 24th, from 5:30-7:30pm. Help is needed with preparing and serving the meal, along with volunteers to help lead the Children's Bible Time. We also want to invite you to come and enjoy a free meal and fellowship! If you would like to volunteer or simply attend, please use the sign-up in the Welcome Center or contact Vicar Chuck.

**Director of the Week:** Matt Gahr became a member of Chapel of the Cross in 2010 along with his wife Rachel. He retired from Keurig Dr Pepper after 42 years. At Chapel he has served as "Mr. King" (Kingdom Quest Sunday School), sung in the Choir, served on the Board of Elders, plays Bells, is a Lector, Communion Assistant, and a member of Chapel's Live Stream Team. Matt and Rachel have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

**The Rose** on the altar is in honor of Courtney Brummett's 34<sup>th</sup> birthday. Steve and Julie Seibert

## 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)  
Cheryl Ehmke  
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  
Ken Kreitner  
Marlene Kreitner (sister of Cheryl Ehmke)  
Joyce 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)  
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)  
Stephanie Wallace  
Mickie Wallerstein (friend of Bill & Marilyn Miller)  
Eric Williams (son of Betty and Les Williams)  
Marcia Young (friend of Marilyn Miller)

### 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 Schwepler (friend of Don Albers & Karen Totra)  
Arrion Soll (friend of Jerri Bolden)  
Vernida Summers

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**LAMP summer mission teams** are now forming. If you would like more information about serving on a LAMP mission team, please come on Sunday February 15 to an informational meeting after late service to learn more. The trip dates are July 22- August 3. We plan to meet in room A. Light lunch will be served. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Ellen or Mike Kehe with any questions. 314-607-3734.

**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.

**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 March 2 - 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.

## **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** - A 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** - 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 covering the Prophet Isaiah.

## **LIFE TEAM**

"You are the light of the world." God's people do wonderful things before the world: march for life, support local pregnancy resource centers, speak up on behalf of the unborn and vulnerable. However, we must always remember that we are to shine our light before men, not to earn favor with men or with God. Such self-serving works "will not make your voice be heard on high". Instead, knowing Christ crucified and having the mind of Christ, we let our light shine before men to give glory to God, that all might have life now and forever.

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:

Erv Wilson – February 13  
Alice Lombard – February 14

Joanne Fansin – February 14

## **MAPP GOD'S WORD**

**Philemon 1:6** – "That the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus,"

## Coming up at Chapel

### **Monday, February 9**

6:30 PM Mary-Martha Guild  
7:00 PM Elders

### **Tuesday, February 10**

2:00 PM Grief Share

### **Wednesday, February 11**

6:30 PM Bible Study

### **Thursday, February 12**

7:00 Choral Singers

### **Saturday, February 14**

9:00 AM Women's Fellowship  
5:00 PM Worship Service

### **Sunday, February 15**

#### **Transfiguration**

8:30 AM Worship Service  
9:45 AM Bible Study  
11:00 AM Worship Service  
12:15 PM Marriage Anniversary

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

**Matthew 5:17** – "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." We cannot keep the Law of God perfectly. We are sinners. For us to be saved, Jesus had to fulfill the Law in our place so that the threat of the Law is abolished and the Law itself is upheld. Now, in Christ, we do desire to fulfill the Law, to live out a godly Christian life, precisely because we are so full of thanksgiving toward God for His salvation in Christ.

## HIS LOVE, OUR RESPONSE

Last week's attendance (2/1/2025):

- Worship 182 and 6 visitors.

Last week's offering (2/1/2025):

- General Fund: \$13,052
- Building / Capital Fund: \$2,140
- 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions: \$37

YTD Offerings:

- General Fund: \$46,927
- Building / Capital Fund: \$6,047

YTD Need:

- General Fund: \$74,100
- Building / Capital Fund: \$5,285