



Dear Chapel of the Cross,

We are in the season of Epiphany. Have you had an Epiphany before? I will bet you have. We use the word to suggest we have a new or great idea. The Magi, or Wisemen from the East, had an Epiphany. They saw a huge bright star in the sky and knew something was new or different. They checked their records and found the Jewish prophecies and knew that the something new and different was coming from the West – around the city of Jerusalem. So they left everything to see this Epiphany with their eyes.

Long story short, the star and the Scriptures, God's Word, led them to Jesus. Jesus is the Epiphany. And the Epiphany about Jesus is that He is God in the flesh for all people, even the Magi – even for you and me. So yes, if you believe this, and I would say you do if you are reading this, then you have had an Epiphany. God has Epiphanied you in your baptism by giving you Jesus and the power of His Holy Spirit to cause you to believe in Jesus. God Epiphanies you every time you come to worship because He gives you Jesus in His Word and Sacraments.

So now what? What are you going to do with this Epiphany? Well, what did the Magi do? They were warned in a dream – they were Epiphanied to stay away from King Herod. You and I are Epiphanied likewise to stay away from the darkness and evil of our lives. Stay away from lifestyles and behaviors that do not bring Glory to God, to Jesus our Light and Life. Stay away from being agents of gossip and strife, laziness and greed, lust and inappropriate behaviors.

But what did the Magi do? Well, we don't know the rest of their story. But we do know that when they finally found Jesus, the ultimate Epiphany, they bowed down and worshipped Him and they brought Him gifts fit for a king and a God. Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. And then they left and told others I am sure. And God blessed their telling by Epiphanying others with the truth about Jesus.

So what should we do? Well, if we actually have been Epiphanied and actually believe that Jesus is our God and King who died for us and rose for us and who is actually living then I guess we too should bow and worship Him – as He commanded us – “where two or more are

gathered in My Name, I am there.”
“Take and Eat...Take and Drink...
Do this often...” “Go and make
disciples of all nations baptizing...”

And what do we bring? Gifts fit for this God and King? Maybe gifts you weren't expecting to bring? Our sins? Lay them at the cross. He died for them. Our fears? Lay them at the cross. He died for them. Our worries and anxieties? Cast them all upon Him for He cares for you. And when we are Epiphanied that Jesus has already taken all the darkness from our lives and replaced it with His Light and His Life – well then, yes, bring your tithes and offerings. And know that He does not need any of it, but as God and King, He will use your gifts to bless others. And He will use your telling of Jesus to bless others. And when He blesses others they will be Epiphanied.

A Most Blessed Epiphany to you all,

In Christ,

Pastor Mark

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Worship Times

Sundays @ 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

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.



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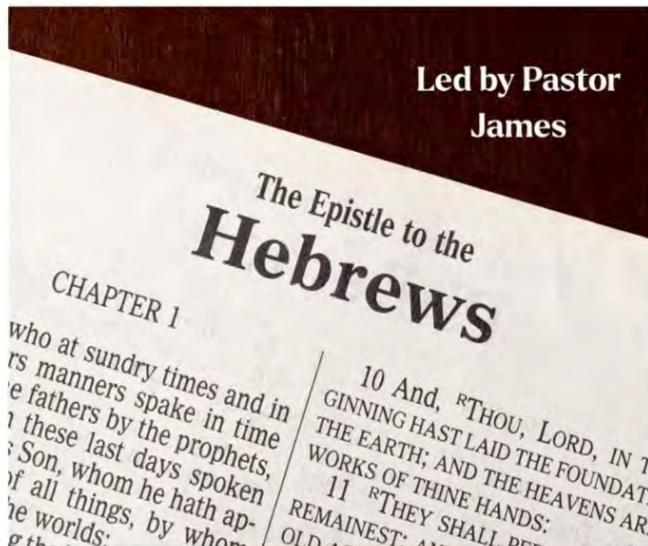
Adult Bible Studies

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

Bible Studies through February 15th.



This Bible study invites parents to engage deeply with God’s Word as they navigate the challenges of raising children in a digital age. Through reflection on current research, Scripture, and honest conversation, parents explore God’s design for family and vocation, the blessings and pitfalls of technology, and how faith speaks into anxiety and depression. Together, we seek to discover boundaries that foster peace, purpose, and trust in the presence of the Holy Spirit.



Hebrews calls believers to hold fast to Christ when life feels heavy and uncertain. Through every chapter, one message shines: Jesus is better. Better than angels. Better than Moses. Better than priests. Better than the law. Because He alone saves, sustains, and satisfies.

Adult Bible Studies beginning February 22nd.

Adult Bible Study The Chosen, Season 5

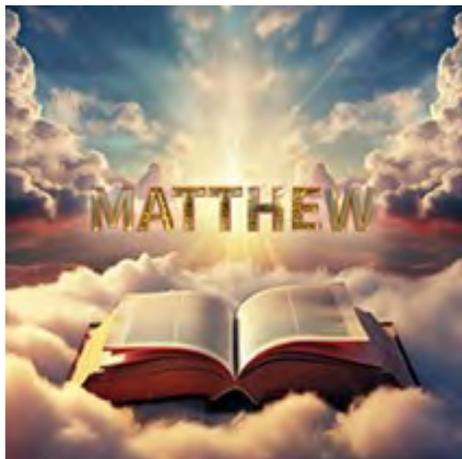
Starting in Lent on March 29th one of our adult Bible studies will be discussing the events of Jesus ministry through The Chosen. This Bible study will meet in room 224 and be led by Pastor James.



Journey Through Lent: Exploring the Appointed Scriptures

Join Pastor Mark in the Sanctuary for a meaningful Lenten Bible study exploring the Scripture readings appointed for each week of the season. Discover why the Church has returned to these passages year after year—and how they shape our journey toward the cross. Come, listen, and grow together in God’s Word.





Tuesday Bible Study for men and women Matthew: The Kingdom of God is at Hand Come and Follow Me

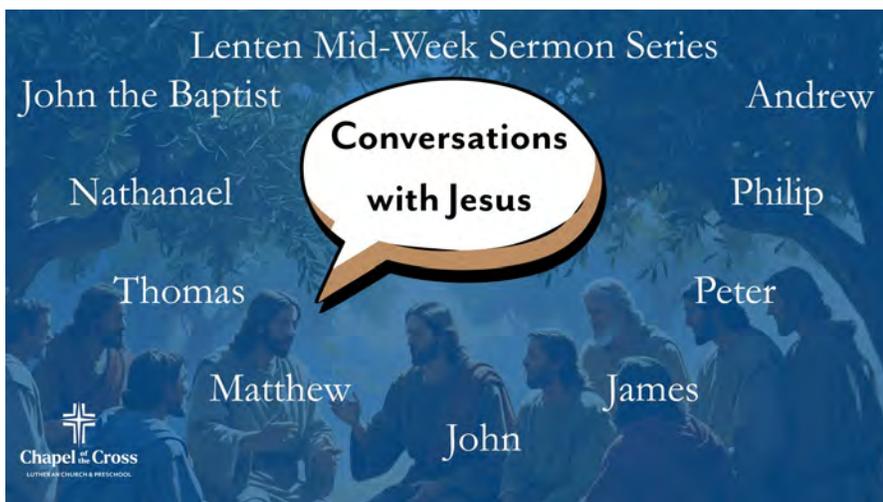
You may join us at any time of the year. Our studies have 3 facets: homework to be completed at home as you are able, small group discussion time and a teaching lecture. Men and women meet separately, but complete the same lesson. Both morning and evening classes follow the same schedule, so you may attend either one.

CLASS TIMES:

Women: Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:00 a.m. Room 224
 Wednesday mornings on Zoom 9:00-9:45 a.m.
Men: Tuesday mornings 9:30-11:00 a.m. Lower Level
Women: Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30 p.m. Room 224



Register at: <https://forms.gle/RiwhAzLxhXogVNU38> , use the QR code above or contact Margaret Hibbeler at: St_charles_hibbelers@yahoo.com



This Lenten season we will be listening in on some of the conversations that the disciples had with Jesus and learning from them what it is to follow Christ.

2/18	Ash Wednesday	John the Baptist	John 1:29-34
2/25	Midweek 1	Nathanael	John 1:43-51
3/4	Midweek 2	Thomas	John 11:1-16
3/11	Midweek 3	Matthew	Matthew 9:9-13
3/18	Midweek 4	John	Mark 10:35-45
3/25	Midweek 5	James	Luke 9:51-56
4/2	Maundy Thursday	Peter	John 13:1-17
4/3	Good Friday	Philip	John 14:1-14

The Twelve spent three years walking with Jesus and learning from Him. Whether we believe it or not, there is a little bit of them in all of us.

Our theme verse is: Psalm 62:6

“He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

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STANDING ON THE ROCK

2026 GIRLFRIEND GATHERING
FEBRUARY 27TH & 28TH

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & FUN
with SPEAKER DONNA SNOW



SCAN ME TO REGISTER

SCHEDULE

Friday, February 27TH

6:00 - 6:30 pm	Badge Pickup
6:30 - 7:00 pm	Opening
7:00 - 8:00 pm	Donna Snow
8:15 - 9:30 pm	Dessert and Rock Painting

Saturday, February 28TH

8:00 - 8:30 am	Breakfast & Badge Pickup
8:30 - 9:00 am	Opening
9:00 - 10:00 am	Donna Snow
10:15 - 11:15 am	Breakout Session #1
11:15 am - 12:15 pm	Lunch
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Breakout Session #2
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Donna Snow
2:30 - 2:45 pm	Closing

Marketplace open during event hours

FRIDAY NIGHT ACTIVITY

Rock Painting

Attendees will paint rocks with Christian symbols or words. Rocks and supplies will be provided.

FOOD PROVIDED

Friday Night • Hot Drinks & Treats
Saturday • Continental Breakfast & Boxed Lunch

MISSION & DONATIONS

Our mission project is LERT, Lutheran Early Response Team. The group responds to disasters and emergencies and also provides Missions of Mercy. LERT is purchasing a shower trailer.

You may support this mission project with a financial gift or donating travel size containers of body wash, shampoo, conditioner, or laundry detergent.

We look forward to the return of our Guest Speaker, Donna Snow. Her passion is writing and teaching Bible Studies. Donna has published seven Bible Studies through Concordia Publishing House, and five video-based Bible studies through LWML. Her newest Bible Study on the Book of Joshua was released in April 2025 and won the AWSA Christian Market Bible Study Book of the Year.

Breakout sessions include: Fitness for Healthy Living, Bible Study on Joshua, Demystifying Grief, Relaxed Scenic Painting, Music and Reflection, Workout-Refresh & Renew, Life After..., and Following Jesus' Footsteps in the Holy Land.

Cost is \$25 for Friday & Saturday; \$5 for Friday ONLY; \$20 for Saturday ONLY.

Registration runs Sunday, February 1 thru Sunday February 22. You can register in the Coffee Shop on Sunday mornings, Online at ChapeloftheCrossLutheran.org, Scan the QR code above, or Contact GirlfriendGathering@gmail.com with any questions.

First Quarter Voters
 Assembly Meeting
 February 22nd
 following late
 service in Rm 224.

Preliminary Slate of
 Elective Candidates.

Pizza will be served.



Friday, February 13, OWLS will gather in the lower level for a bag lunch at 11:30. Drinks and dessert will be furnished, and games will follow. If you are 60 years old or older, please join us for fellowship and fun.

New Adult Changing Table



We are grateful to share that our facility now includes an **adult changing station** located in the bathroom in our Family Room off the Coffee Shop. This

space is designed to support individuals with disabilities and those who care for them, offering greater comfort, safety, and dignity. We give thanks for this improvement and for the congregation's continued commitment to being a place of welcome for all.

Open Gym and Mom's Group

Open Gym is exactly what it sounds like. A time for you to bring your kids up to church for some free play. We set the bounce houses up in the gym and then parents have an opportunity to visit with each other as our kids play. During Open Gym from 9:30-10:30 the 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 9-11am starting in November and going through March. The Open Gym Saturdays left in this year are 2/14, and 3/14.





Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Preschool



At COTC PS, we believe that play is a child's work. Through play, preschoolers learn to problem solve, communicate, and develop social skills. Play – based learning is developmentally appropriate because it supports early academic skills, motor development, and creativity in meaningful, engaging ways.

Warming Shelter 2026

Chapel is joining with other churches in our community to offer a warm and safe place for our homeless neighbors to stay on winter nights when the temperature outside is forecasted to drop below 20 degrees. Chapel is responsible for three weeks this winter. January 11-17, January 25-31 and February 22-28. At the time this article was written we hosted our first week. We were activated three nights and served 24 guests.



During these weeks please be sure to pray for all of those who are involved in this critical and life-saving ministry. Also consider prayerfully joining in the effort. We especially could use people to help on our overnight shifts. These shifts last 4 hours so no one loses an entire night's sleep. In return for a little of your sleep you can help and 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

IS ANYONE IN THE MOOD TO MAKE SOUP?

What is "Soup's On"?

Women Rooted in Christ sets aside half a day each year to prepare homemade soup which we box and label. This year we had a surplus of food so we are having a **Second Round** of soup making on a Saturday allow those who work during the week a chance to join us.



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The soup is placed in the church freezer and the pastors and church staff have it at their disposal to deliver to families who need a warm bowl of goodness. We also designate two pots of soup for the warming shelter to use when they are on call and this winter, they have really needed it.

We will be meeting at the church kitchen on the **morning of Saturday, February 7, from 9 am -12 pm** to make soup. Jobs include dishwashing, measuring, labeling, chopping vegetables and boxing soup. We would love to have you join us. The more help, the quicker the job! Please sign up on the table in the Coffee Shoppe to let us know you are coming.

Questions?

Call or Text Kim Harnagel 314-749-9568



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.



February Mtg.

Thursday, February 19, 2026 - Bring your brown bag lunch at Noon in Room 114.

The activity will be making cards for the homebound!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Feb 27

Snacks for GG.

Chapel Circle is invited to help with desserts/snacks on Friday evening for the Girl Friend Gathering at Chapel. Please contact Megan Niemeyer at 636-487-6721 with any questions.

March Mtg.

Thursday, March 19, 2026 - Bring your brown bag lunch at Noon in Room 114.

Our speaker is Amanda Schmidt speaking on Parkinson's Disease.

Chapel Circle ladies donated dozens of cookies to be sold at our annual Christmas sale in December! Thank you everyone for helping with this event! We sold over 80 pounds of cookies! Some of the funds will be sent to LWML to support global mission grants.

The annual Christmas Potluck and gift exchange was December 18th. The ladies in attendance brought a salad to share! The delicious desserts and drinks were provided by our hostesses, Barb Tebeau and Judy Wiegand. Thank you Barb and Judy for a job well done! Everyone joined in for plenty of fellowship and a fun time playing Christmas bingo!

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 News



At our meeting in January, we assembled 100 kits and purchased women's sweatsuits for the Women's Shelter of St Charles.

Thank you, Thrivent Action Team, for your help with buying the sweatsuits.



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!

Closing Thought - Psalm 23: Line by Line Meaning

The LORD is my shepherd = RELATIONSHIP

I shall not want = SUPPLY

He makes me lie down in green pastures = REST

He leads me beside quiet waters = REFRESHMENT

He restores my soul = HEALING

He guides me in the paths of righteousness = GUIDANCE

For His name's sake = PURPOSE

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death = TESTING

I will fear no evil = PROTECTION

For You are with me - FAITHFULNESS

Your rod and Your staff they comfort me = DISCIPLINE

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies = HOPE

You anoint my head with oil - CONSECRATION

My cup overflows = ABUNDANCE

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life = BLESSING

YOUTH EVENTS WITH OTHER CHURCHES

The Getting Through What You're Going Through Show
2/19 @ 7:00-8:30 PM
Lutheran High School South

A powerful evening of poetry, storytelling, and music celebrating the release of Tanner Olson's book, *Getting Through What You're Going Through*. Join Tanner as he shares moving poetry and personal stories from the book, inviting audiences into moments of honesty, humor, and hope. Singer-songwriter Matt Doering will also share music throughout the night, adding songs that deepen the stories and bring the evening's themes to life. A perfect night for high schoolers and older. This event is FREE! RSVP below to arrange for carpooling:

bit.ly/poetry26music



Middle School Trivia Night

2/27
Immanuel St. Charles
\$15

Immanuel St. Charles is hosting a Trivia Night for Middle School Youth in February! Interested in joining our team? Sign up below! We will plan to meet at Immanuel at 6:30 and DCE Josh will bring dinner for the event. Cost per person is \$15.

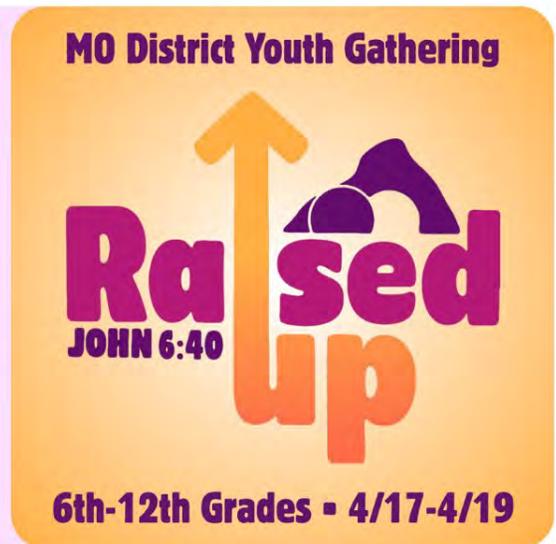
Sign up here: bit.ly/ms26trivia

MO District Youth Gathering

4/17-4/19
Cross Pointe Retreat Center
\$TBD

The MO District Youth Gathering will be happening from 4/17-4/19. Join us for worship, main sessions together, topical break out sessions, fun recreational activities, opportunities to build relationships centered around God's Word with others in Missouri, and more!

To be notified when registration is available, sign up here: bit.ly/modyg26



Chapel of the Cross YOUTH

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FEBRUARY

Youth Group

2/15 6th-12th Grades
11:30-2:00

• 2/15 | 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: bit.ly/yg260215

O.A.S.I.S. Youth Food Challenge

O.A.S.I.S. Food Drive 2/15-3/8
HELPERS NEEDED 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, & 3/8

Over the course of four weeks, we will be bringing donated items to O.A.S.I.S. food pantry. We are looking for volunteers to pack and deliver the donations to O.A.S.I.S. on 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, & 3/8. Let DCE Josh know if you can help out on any of those dates below:

- RSVP: bit.ly/oasis26

High School Lock-In

2/20-2/21 | 6:00p-8:00a
Chapel of the Cross

We have a full night of games, food, devotions, and fellowship in store for any and all 9th-12th graders. All high schoolers and friends are welcome to join us! Bring yourself and a snack to share. Sign-up below:

- RSVP: bit.ly/hs26li

Lent Dinner Help

Youth families are set to provide the Lent Dinner on Wednesday, February 25. We're looking for people to bring food, help serve, and assist with with setup/cleanup. Setup starts at 5:30 and cleanup will end a little after 7:00. Sign up below:

- 2/25 Lent Dinner Help: bit.ly/lent26dinner

MARCH

Youth Group

3/15 6th-12th Grades
11:30-2:00

• 3/1 & 3/8 | 11:30a-12:30p
• Narthex & O.A.S.I.S.

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- RSVP: bit.ly/yg260315

Youth Group

3/15 6th-12th Grades
11:30-2:00

• 3/15 | 11:30a-2:00p
• Gym & Daniel's Den

Help "eggssemble" Easter eggs for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt and prepare for Easter at our "eggstravagan" event. We'll have food (besides Easter candy) and fun activities as well. Both Middle and High School youth are welcome.

- RSVP: bit.ly/eggssemble26

MO Youth Gathering

The MO District Youth Gathering will be happening from 4/17-4/19 with special guest speaker AJ Vega and musical guests Remedy Drive. Join us for worship, main sessions together, topical break out sessions, fun recreational activities, opportunities to build relationships centered around God's Word with others in Missouri, and more! Cost & more info to come soon. To be notified when registration is available, sign up through the link below:

- MODYG Registration Reminders: bit.ly/modyg26



YOUTH DAY OF SERVICE | 1/19

Many of our youth and families took time on a day off of school to serve their community in various service projects. Participants sanitized tables at Chapel of the Cross, spent time with residents at Breeze Park, and helped out at Bethlehem Lutheran Food Pantry. It was a joy to serve the Lord and care for our neighbors!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Study God's Word with your brothers and sisters in Christ! 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-3rd Grades

- Rooms 113 & 114

4th & 5th Grades

- Room 105

Middle School

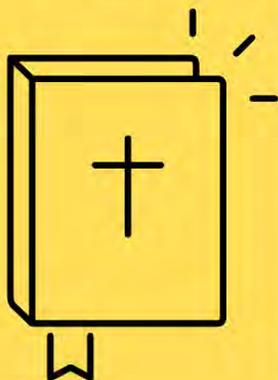
- Room 222

High School

- Daniel's Den (youth room)

Adult Bible Studies

- Sanctuary & Room 224



ELEMENTARY SCHEDULE

02/01 Pentecost pt. 1

02/08 Pentecost pt. 2

02/15 Stephen pt. 1

02/22 Stephen pt. 2

03/01 Philip and an Ethiopian pt. 1

03/08 Philip and an Ethiopian pt. 2

03/15 Palm Sunday, Holy Week, & Easter pt. 1

03/22 Palm Sunday, Holy Week, & Easter pt. 2

03/29 Sabbath Stations: Holy Week & Easter



PLAY & PRAISE

Wednesday, 2/18 - 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 & participate in activities to start off the night.



OPEN GYM PLAYDATES

Saturdays, 2/14 & 3/14 - 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.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4th from 10:00a-11:30a

Join us on the Saturday before Easter for an Easter Egg Hunt! The Egg Hunts will be divided by ages throughout the morning. Besides the hunts, we will also have special prizes, a petting zoo, sidewalk chalk, and a family take-home activity. No need to sign up, just show up!

7 PRACTICES OF HEALTHY YOUTH MINISTRY



Congregations Help All Young People Deeply Understand Their Baptismal Faith (written by Josh Eckstein)

“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

2 Timothy 3:14-15

“but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

John 20:31

The above verses highlight the importance of regularly hearing the Word of God throughout our lives. We value hearing, reading, and exploring the Scriptures whether you're young, have a lot of life experience, or anywhere in between. The outcome of this practice is not simply to gain more knowledge about God and our human condition, but to be given new life. The Holy Spirit works through the Bible to give us faith in Christ that grants us everlasting life (Romans 10:17).

As we close our journey through the 7 Practices of Healthy Youth Ministry, we end on how healthy congregations help all young people deeply understand their baptismal faith. Healthy churches prioritize instilling in our youth what the Scriptures say about the one, true God and what He has done for them in Jesus. Youth are delivered forgiveness from Jesus while in worship and the sacraments. Through regular study of God's Word with their peers and with the church at large, they can be minded that the God who created all things cares for them and has saved them.

When youth have a grasp on their baptismal faith, it can offer them comfort, peace, and hope in a world that often does not reflect the love of God. As youth live out their faith, their actions and words can be lights in this world that glorify their Heavenly Father (Matthew 5:16) and proclaim His love to a world that desperately needs it.

As a healthy congregation, let's encourage our youth and families to come regularly to worship and receive God's good gifts. Share what you have learned in Bible Class with our young people either through an informal conversation or in a formal classroom setting. As youth continue to live in an ever-changing world, let us help teach them about the Savior of the world and His love for them that is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

For more information on the 7 Practices: youthsource.com/seven-practices/
For more information on Warmth, Challenge, & Grace: bit.ly/baptismalfait
Listen to a podcast about Congregations Teaching Baptismal Faith





Family Highlights

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL | 12/8

We had a fun night where people of all ages came to celebrate the birth of Jesus through song.



12/8



12/8



12/8



12/14



12/14



12/14

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM | 12/14

Our Sunday School students did a wonderful job sharing the news of the birth of Jesus through their "A Piece of Christmas" performance.



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FAITH MILESTONE MINISTRY

Highlights

Speaking the Faith K - 1st Grade 6 families participated



Family Experience

1/14



Parents and youth gather for a shared meal before separating for their own unique training experiences. Parents will explore the faith and developmental phases of 10th and 11th graders, gaining tools for setting healthy boundaries, navigating difficult conversations, and supporting their teen's freedom in Christ. Youth will have time to ask honest questions, explore what they believe, and connect faith to real life, purpose, and their own freedom in Christ. Together, the event creates space for growth as families navigate this important season of faith formation.



Learning the Faith

The Importance of Worshipping Together
For Families with Children 3-5 Years Old

Parent Training
February 15 @ 11:30 a.m.

Milestone Recognition
February 22 @ Worship


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FAITH MILESTONE MINISTRY

Families will receive a customizable "Worship Bag" for their children.

The Parent Training focus is on the importance of intergenerational worship, encouragement through the difficulties of small children in worship, and some best practices for making the most of it together! The parents present their child with a canvas drawstring bag and a few worship aid items. Children can personalize this bag and families are encouraged to set it aside and use it (and the items inside) exclusively for church.

Deepening the Faith

Discovering Your Freedom in Christ
For Sophomores & Juniors & their Parents

Parent & Youth Training
March 1 @ 11:30 a.m.

Milestone Recognition
March 8 @ Worship


Chapel of the Cross
FAITH MILESTONE MINISTRY

Youth will receive a Christian Bracelet

Ebenezer Lutheran Church Update

The Epiphany of Our Lord divine service on Sunday, January 5, 2026 was a blessed worship service and fellowship opportunity for 40 individuals including 9 immigrant visitors from the countries of Liberia and Nigeria. Presiding Pastor Clifford Bischoff assisted Pastor Dixon Gbeanquoi with leading the service while vicar Jamie Dennis was the Lector. The head of River Roads Lutheran School Dr. Yvonne Mackey-Boyd also attended worship service and invited some of the immigrant families to visit the school to see if there was interest in enrolling some of the children.



The theme of the service was inspired by a passage from 1 Samuel 7:12 “The Lord has helped us.” Pastor Gbeanquoi emphasized how Jesus was the “light in this wicked and darkened world we live in today”. He spoke with great conviction and passion, the flock was indeed fed. His sermon was very well received.

Pastor Bischoff announced during the “Minister’s minute” that we would have lunch immediately following the worship service and 38 out of the 40 individuals attended! Baked and fried chicken, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, with dessert was served. The event lasted around an hour and a half and it was a joyous occasion. Kendall Dennis, Ebenezer’s unofficial “junior ambassador” frolicked and played with the visiting children while the adults conversed. Vicar Dennis’ wife Sandra and mother-in-law Valerie Satchell graciously served the meal. There was just enough food for everyone and nothing was leftover which made clean up a cinch job for elder Samuel Campbell and Juwuan Dennis!

This was a small and intimate gathering which was truly a success that as the theme suggested, “The Lord has helped us.” All left this fellowship with high spirits and looked forward to visiting us again. This was a great way to bring in the new year!

Happy blessed 2026 brothers and sisters in Christ!





Ebenezzer Lutheran Church
Update



Prayers



Pray for our pastors
and called workers

Pray for our Preschool

Pray for our
unhoused neighbors

Pray for families
who are struggling

Pray for those affected by
the winter storms

Pray for those
who have fallen from faith



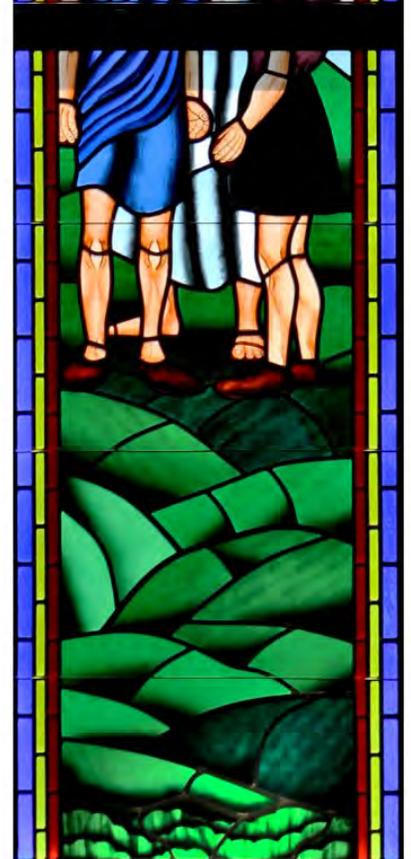
Pray for the victims
of violence

Pray for the lonely

Pray for those struggling
with depression

Pray for those who
care for the sick

Pray for the unemployed
and underemployed



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February

Happy Birthday

Mary Beth Granger,	02-01	August Lansche,	02-11	Diane Broste,	02-20
Carson Stroup,	02-01	Debra Rodriguez,	02-11	Stephanie Linde,	02-20
Rich Piehl,	02-01	Caileigh Wegener,	02-11	Austin Post,	02-20
Jimi Matson,	02-02	Katy Goltz,	02-11	Jennifer Ratliff,	02-20
Kristen Stafford,	02-02	Sherry Buddemeyer,	02-12	Bob Keubler,	02-20
Everett Weidner,	02-02	Amanzhol Kashenov,	02-12	Phil Clayton,	02-21
Bob Wold,	02-03	Eunice Aubuchon,	02-12	Maisie Morrow,	02-22
Julie Harms,	02-03	Eliot Hummer,	02-12	Dorothy Robinson,	02-22
Brandon Schwarzen,	02-03	Clarice Sage,	02-13	Doris Dowdall,	02-22
Abbey Kister,	02-04	Beth Standiford,	02-13	Grant Veit,	02-22
Suzie Mathis,	02-04	Eric Nold,	02-13	James Hearty,	02-22
Linda Umbertino,	02-04	Sara Miller,	02-14	Holly Stansberry,	02-23
Lillian Henry,	02-04	Katey Higgins,	02-14	Kristi Pooch,	02-23
Sharon Hudzinski,	02-05	Maryclaire Mason,	02-15	Debbie Haferkamp,	02-24
Kevin Sayers,	02-05	Jason Morrow,	02-15	Keith Landers,	02-24
Brian Thomas,	02-05	Stephanie Seifert,	02-15	Matthew Middendorf,	02-25
Emma Bast,	02-06	Beverly Cossey,	02-16	Tammy Hempten,	02-25
Christina Hummer,	02-06	Tracey Sherman,	02-16	Cynthia Harris,	02-25
Erin Schlottach,	02-07	Wesley Harms,	02-16	Barb Spangenberg,	02-25
Dale Obermoeller,	02-07	Greg Walgate,	02-17	Phil Wunderlich,	02-25
Ed Leppert,	02-08	David Buenger,	02-18	Janet Minasian,	02-26
Chris Bridges,	02-08	Margaret Schulz,	02-18	Mark Linneman,	02-26
Nolan Day,	02-08	Cynthia Lawrence,	02-18	Hannah Maier,	02-26
Justin Ohmie,	02-08	Mel Jones,	02-18	Charles Stansberry,	02-27
Nicole Grate,	02-09	Cindy Connoley,	02-18	Wes Young,	02-27
Pat Cranmer,	02-09	Jordan Lane,	02-19	Pat Middendorf,	02-27
Beau Herman,	02-09	Maeve Pircher,	02-19	Alex Mick,	02-27
Andrea Welty,	02-09	Caitlyn Wegener,	02-19	Marilyn Collins,	02-28
Tim Scheer,	02-10	Lance Mueller,	02-19		

Happy

Anniversary

Jamie and Sandra Dennis,	02-04	Cornel and Margo Savala,	02-16
Jim and Rita Hermann,	02-04	Paul and Beth Standiford,	02-17
Marty and Sherry Wittmus,	02-11	Sharon and Steve Hudzinski,	02-21
Mel and Steven Jones,	02-14	Carolyn and Kwan Thai,	02-26
Terry and Connie Johnson,	02-14	Stephanie and Steve Linde,	02-27
Paul and Debbie Stromberg,	02-16		

March

Happy Birthday

Roger Dunajcik,	03-01	Kevin Tschannen,	03-09	Myles Markus,	03-18
Maximos Hasson,	03-01	Lindsay Neu,	03-10	Carol Sayers,	03-19
Kevin Schleicher,	03-01	Frieda Clark,	03-11	Kristin Mueller,	03-19
Sandra Sellini,	03-02	Lydia Hoffman,	03-11	Devin Bommarito,	03-19
Chris Obernuefemann,	03-02	Daniel Moellering,	03-11	Kim Forney,	03-21
Jon Allmon,	03-02	Anita Frank,	03-12	Amy Spiess,	03-21
Jeffrey Roach,	03-02	DeeDee Brommelhorst,	03-12	Nora Frank,	03-21
Kathy Dent,	03-02	Patty Ostermeyer,	03-12	Melanie Kozel,	03-22
Caitlin Middendorf,	03-03	Tyler Sage,	03-13	Art Baranovic,	03-22
Sophia Tepen,	03-03	Lindsay Frank,	03-13	Barry Fehl,	03-23
Kendra Whittle,	03-03	Beck McDade,	03-13	Kim Woodworth,	03-24
Jason Ratliff,	03-03	Phyllis Schierbecker,	03-13	Leon Heitgerd,	03-24
Sharon Thomas,	03-03	Jayson Sayers,	03-14	Carolyn Miller,	03-24
Maxine Dierkes,	03-03	Pauline Kibler,	03-14	Gwen Leadbetter,	03-24
Al Clark,	03-04	Bradley Harms,	03-14	Sarah King,	03-24
Greg Aubuchon,	03-04	Dan Heidemeyer,	03-15	Dennis Bardle,	03-24
Mike Fujinaka,	03-04	Sandi Matson,	03-15	William Doctorman,	03-25
Ron Hoormann,	03-04	Lisa Keubler,	03-15	Warren Evans,	03-25
Bob Cason,	03-05	Heather DuFour,	03-15	Lauren Kemper,	03-25
Jacquie VanGilder,	03-06	Pat Hoormann,	03-15	Debbie Stromberg,	03-26
Emmanuel Clausing,	03-06	Jeff Cowan,	03-16	Evan Brown,	03-27
Brielle Stansberry,	03-06	Thomas Clayton,	03-16	Tim Bratton,	03-27
Kyle Krull,	03-07	Estella Bennett,	03-16	Andrew Riedemann,	03-27
Nancy Applegate,	03-07	Jaiden Gittemeier,	03-17	Carolyn Fitch,	03-28
Debbie Finder,	03-07	Analiesa Hollowood,	03-17	Cris D'Angelo,	03-28
Kim Jones,	03-08	Jim Holm,	03-17	Emma Day,	03-28
Melissa Kroehnke,	03-08	Jennifer Book,	03-17	Donovan Leiker,	03-29
Owen Hasson,	03-08	Josh Smith,	03-17	Michelle Brinkmeier,	03-29
Abigail Ratliff,	03-08	Greg Stansberry,	03-18	Shawn Urban,	03-30
Brian Todd,	03-09	Alexis Floyd,	03-18	Gary Henricks,	03-30
Theodore Boswell,	03-09	Mark Kamphoefner,	03-18	Sandy Dunajcik,	03-31

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Anniversary

Kevin and Diane Harms,	03-03	Mike and Nicole Laskowsky,	03-19
Brian and Jill Rensing,	03-04	Samantha and Billy Wilson,	03-21
Jay and Darla Hollowood,	03-06	Mike and Ruth Conant,	03-23
Austin and Stephanie Seifert,	03-07	Wyatt and Kristen Gross,	03-25
Jerry and Lori Bravi,	03-08	Roy and Carole Schoenholtz,	03-28
Brian and Mackenzie Thomas,	03-13	Hunter and Amanda Lansche,	03-28
Amy and John Brake,	03-14	Ryan and Megan Kemper,	03-30
John and Joyce Hume,	03-14	Brian and Karen Stricklett,	03-30
Don and Kathy Randolph,	03-17	John and Kim Harnagel,	03-31
Bill and Peggy Clemens,	03-17	George and Mary Marcher,	03-31
Joe and Patty Ostermeyer,	03-18		



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