



# Taking Christ's Light to Campus

Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel (UW-Madison)

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## Encouraging One Another Through the Word

As a student at UW, Chapel welcomed me with open arms, encouraged me in my faith, and quickly became my home away from home. This powerful ministry equipped me to encourage students in their walk with Christ. One way I do this is by facilitating our newest life group, *Women in the Word*.



The young women at Chapel have blown me away with their passion for the Gospel. This passion is what drives our discussion each week. Students share the topics they'd like to discuss, and I build a study to encourage them with God's Word.

*Women in the Word* is offered on Tuesday mornings and evenings, so students can attend when it works best for them. While most students are still asleep, a group gathers to discuss the Word of God. On busy evenings, another group takes the time to discuss their Savior's love. In addition to the two in-person groups, we use a Facebook group to post summaries and encourage one another during the week. This allows students who cannot make weekly meetings to participate online.



***And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:24, 25)***

*Women in the Word* is just one of the many ways the Lord continues to bless this New Day in Chapel Ministries. I am excited to encourage our students in the same way our Chapel family encouraged me.

Kim Marshall -Outreach and Development Coordinator, UW Class of 2016

## Support from a Chapel Alumnus

In life after college, I am constantly reminded of how much God has blessed me with opportunities to grow in my faith. During college, Chapel supported me in my faith and offered new ways for me to encourage others. As a Chapel Housefellow, I had the opportunity to strengthen my faith and grow as a leader. Now, I apply the skills I learned at Chapel as I lead the young professionals group at Grace Lutheran in Milwaukee. This group brings believers together through Bible studies and social events. I am thankful for Chapel's support during my academic career and am thrilled to support Chapel financially after graduation. Through my gifts, I hope to create opportunities for current Madison students to find the same Christ-centered home that I did. – Josh Grefe, UW Class of 2015



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## Local Service with a Global Impact

I'm always amazed and encouraged by the joy of the adults and children that I've met through the International Ministry. One of my favorite ways to volunteer is by teaching English to beginning students. Starting with simple words, gestures and smiles, it is incredible seeing students grow as they learn the language.

Many times, my students ask me, "Why are you doing this? Why are you volunteering?" I tell them how I have been given so much— life, grace, forgiveness— that I want to share what I've been given. I tell them about Chapel, where I worship God, play music, and meet friends.

ESL classes offer new ways for Chapel to share the Word of God with people from all around the world. Through our ESL classes, students are drawn to Chapel where some read the Bible for the very first time. - Jenna Kohrt, student at MATC, congregation member



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## Focusing on the Future

Chapel is blessed with staff members who share God's Word on campus, preparing our future Church leaders. This year, Chapel staff is also traveling to WELS high schools throughout Wisconsin, encouraging students to keep Christ at the center of their future plans. Chapel is able to serve as a resource for all young people, even if they attend college elsewhere. By sharing campus ministry information and ministry materials, we strive to help keep all of our high school graduates connected to the Word.



As Chapel supports the future leaders of the Church, we are also planning for Chapel's future. Stay tuned for updates after our Vision 2020 planning session in November!