



February 2026

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Sunday Worship Service – 10:15 a.m.

Monday Women's Bible Study – 10:00 a.m.
(Not first Monday of the month)

Wednesday Prayer Meeting – 4 p.m.

Sunday School – 9 a.m.

Adult Sunday School – 9 a.m.

- Groundhog Day — February 2, 2026
- Valentine's Day — February 14, 2026
- Transfiguration Sunday — February 15, 2026
- Presidents' Day — February 16, 2026
- Ash Wednesday — February 18, 2026
- World Day of Prayer — March 6, 2026
- Daylight-Saving Time begins — March 8, 2026
- St. Patrick's Day — March 17, 2026
- First Day of Spring — March 20, 2026
- Palm Sunday — March 29, 2026

HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY

SAND LAKE CHAPEL BOARD MEMBERS

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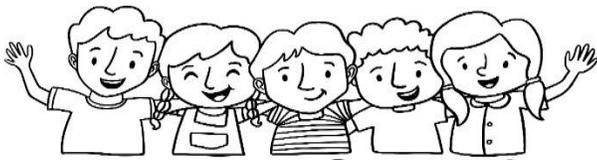
Board meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. If the first Monday is a holiday or extended holiday weekend, the meeting will be on the first Tuesday.

Church Secretary: Julie Jankila
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Sand Lake Chapel Purpose Statement

"To introduce people to Jesus, and membership in His family; develop them to Christ-like maturity and unity in the faith, equip all the saints for their ministry in the church and their life mission in the world, in order to glorify God's name."

Sand Lake Chapel is a member of the 4 C's - Conservative Congregational Christian Conference.



JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Even though the official holiday season was technically over by the time we returned to class on January 4th, we were still celebrating our Savior's birth with a lesson on the Magi and their visit to Jesus. Our Bible point was, "*Jesus is our King!*" This special lesson also served as our Christmas party. We completed decorating our tree with "Adornaments" from Family Life, a set of beautifully illustrated ornaments bearing names for Jesus we find throughout the Bible, the supporting Scripture, and a commentary for each. While playing a game of

charades, each child selected an ornament and tried to get the other children to guess the name applied to Jesus that was being acted out. After reading each Scripture and commentary, ornaments were placed on our tree, which we will keep up as part of our winter décor to remind us that we should celebrate the birth of Jesus all year long.

Our lessons for the rest of January brought us back to the books of 1 and 2 Kings in our study of "*The Bible in One Year.*" Through the story of Elijah and King Ahab, we saw how Elijah proved that God is real after challenging the prophets of Baal. We learned that God gives us what we need through the story of Elisha and the poor widow, whom God gave more than enough oil she needed to pay her creditors. The story of good king Josiah's actions after the discovery of God's Word in the Temple taught us that God's Word can change us. At the conclusion of that lesson, we wrapped up another quarter's summary verse focus, "*Your Word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.*" (Psalm 119:105).

As we begin February, it's time to plan for our annual Popcorn Pajama Party, scheduled for February 15th. Wearing our most comfortable PJs and enjoying tasty treats along with our popcorn, it's a great time of fellowship and fun as we learn more about our Lord. As always, students are encouraged to bring friends. This event is a great opportunity for them to introduce someone new to our Sunday School and tell them about Jesus.

We are so thankful for your continued prayers and support of Sunday School. Please know that we'll be praying for all of you throughout the year as well, and hope you will consider working with us in any way you prefer...special lessons, crafts, projects, etc. Our kids are blessed to be part of a loving church family here at Sand Lake Chapel and are always excited when someone comes to share their time and talents!

Mission News



Helping Hands Ministries, Inc.

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‘On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me as the Scripture has said, out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.” John 7:37 (NASV)

Helping Hands Ministries first started in 1985 with a beginning project of well drilling for water in the mountains of Jean Rabel in north Haiti. HHM is able to celebrate with the community of Nan Vincent with Pastor Admil Capre for the gush of water currently coming out of the well on the property of the church. Wells in Haiti must be on private land to ensure security. This safe drinking water, so precious for life will be made available to all residents. They will no longer go to the dirty river that carries a host of diseases as cholera that was rampant after the 2010 outbreak that killed over 10,000 people while the earthquake took out over a quarter million people.

Drinking water now flows freely once again in Nan Vincent, Haiti

Haiti has always suffered one calamity after another. The people, under nourished, under educated, due to its great poverty that continues to ravage the country and keeps them hostage. The current situation continues is that gangs have displaced 1.4 million countrymen. HHM sent monies to ease the hunger of refugees under Pastor Clovis Capre’s one church and neighborhood and refugees from four churches under Pastor St Luc Noel, all from the Central Plateau. The Mowazo gang still occupies Mirebalais and threatens to move to Lascaobas and reach the Dominican Republic near Belladere. Gangs control three quarters of Port au Prince. Travel through the country is nearly impossible with extortion fees at checkpoints. Gangs moved last week through the Artibonite Valley and another church under Pastor St Luc have had to run with what they could carry, bullets flying. They called Pastor St. Luc for permission to live with him. Gangs kill indiscriminately. The dogs get to clean the bodies. No one is able to bury their friends or relatives. The gangs are heavily armed from hunting to military weapons. How? Good question! It is illegal to own a gun for every citizen without special government permits issued typically to high end grocery stores and banks.

The rich seem to run what is left of the government and they tell the people there will be an election soon. My question is how is this fair? How is this even possible with so many of the populous displaced? Two Haitian criminals



US Military arriving at the Cap Haitien Airport

living in the USA, allegedly responsible for running guns and supporting terrorists in Haiti have been caught and put in Alligator Alcatraz. President Trump has sent US boots on the ground to Cap Haitien and Port au Prince assigned to protect the US Embassy and fight terrorist drug trafficking. A confrontation against the gangs just happened a week ago on Goat Mountain. I wait to see what kind of results this will bring. The people are waiting, watching, and are hopeful for an end to the tyranny.

BBQ gang leader boasts about their weaponry available to fight the establishment

With all calamities going on, we have been able to go ahead with another safe drinking well project in the general area, but not directly in, Cap Haitien, where Pastor St Luc found refuge. He is continually feeding 30 refugees and had an opportunity to purchase a simple lot of ground in the North District with the help of his brother in the USA taking out a personal loan to help him. The first on the agenda was to clear the lot so that a well drill could come in. Again, as said before, all wells for security sake must be on private land. This does not mean that the water is privately used. Just as Pastor Admil in the Northwest District, the water will be available to the people. We are seeing our founder's, Eino Koski and Irving Flinck, vision come to pass as in the beginning.



Second successful safe water well drilling in the North District of Haiti for Pastor St Luc Noel and his new community

We have made provision from our HHM annual meeting to allow this process as soon as it became available. I wish to thank all of you for believing in our efforts, even when at times it seems meager, we have been consistent to follow the vision of the founding board. Thank you for your faithful gifts to make this possible. Remember what God promised you, Psalm 41:1-3, "How blessed are those who care for the poor! When calamity comes, Adonai will save them. Adonai will preserve them, keep them alive, and make them happy in the land. You will not hand them over to the whims of their enemies. Adonai sustains them on their sickbed; when they lie ill, you make them recover." (Complete Jewish Bible, English Version).

Sincere gratitude for you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Dan" or similar, written in a cursive style.

Dear friends at Sand Lake Chapel,

It's the nearing the end of another year - hard to believe, so I have the joy of writing you and thanking you for your monthly gifts to the folks in Venezuela. These gifts are such a blessing to many families old and new. Right now, they are preparing to serve 500 Christmas meals over the next several weeks to the children they work with throughout the year. In addition, clothing shoes, toys, basic grocery items and Bibles are provided. The churches continue with the outreaches started during my time there plus new ones have been started.

The political climate has devastated the country and the poverty level is extreme with goods and services not even available. Millions have moved to Colombia and surrounding countries in order to provide for their families. To give you a little idea of how your monthly gifts are being used:

Provided motor repairs/parts and gas for Lucas and his group to travel further up and down the Orinoco River to reach more Indian Villages with God's Word and to revisit others to strengthen them in the Word. People are hungry for His Word.

Helped with needed supplies and food for the weekly Awana style clubs for the children in the churches and in the Indian villages. This ministry continues to grow and churches from other parts of Venezuela come and help out.

Funds are used to provide for the native Bible translators in several Indian communities so they can have God's Word in their own language.

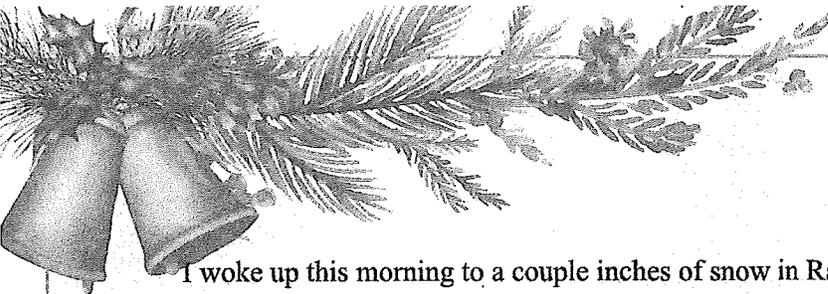
Help to support the family that is overseeing the outreaches in Puerto Ayacucho and the Indian villages on the outskirts of Puerto Ayacucho and along the Orinoco River.

I could go on, but I think you get the picture – the ministries are growing and expanding and it gives me great joy to share this with you. In spite of great suffering, God's Word is being sought out and shared with many throughout the year. Thank you for continuing to be part of what God is doing in Venezuela. My heart is deeply grateful to all of you who make this possible.

With gratitude beyond words,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Linda Batz', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Linda Batz (retired – TEAM Venezuela)



Christmas 2025

I woke up this morning to a couple inches of snow in Rapid City. The snow makes my apartment bright and cheerful. I'm boiling the carcass of the Thanksgiving turkey to make soup, so it smells good in here too. I decorated my tree yesterday. Next comes sewing projects for Christmas gifts. But first I want to write to you.

I keep busy with various tasks; teaching the Bible twice a week, involvement with the Literacy Council, and serving on the Board of ZEMA working in South Africa, but the prayer concern that remains closest to my heart is the team in Chad. Tensions in America over illegal immigration and terrorist threats have affected TEAM's work in Chad. Because borders across the Sahara Desert are fluid, and because Chadian authorities are often unable to confirm citizenship or parentage for lack of birth certificates, Chadian passports are suspect. Our current administration put Chad on the black list for visas, so the Chadian administration reciprocated by refusing to issue visas to Americans. Over the past several months, as visas expired, TEAM missionaries in Chad found themselves unable to return to their ministry or were forced to leave the country. We have no idea how long the stand off will continue. TEAM's annual conference in Chad this week is greatly reduced with only 7 missionaries attending; one couple from Northern Ireland, three missionaries from Canada, one from India, and another from Australia. A German couple who has worked with our TEAMmates for years is currently running the office in N'Djamena. This, of course, leaves us sad as we have many strategic and effective ministries across the country that now lack leadership. But not to worry, the Lord is still on the Throne and very much in control.

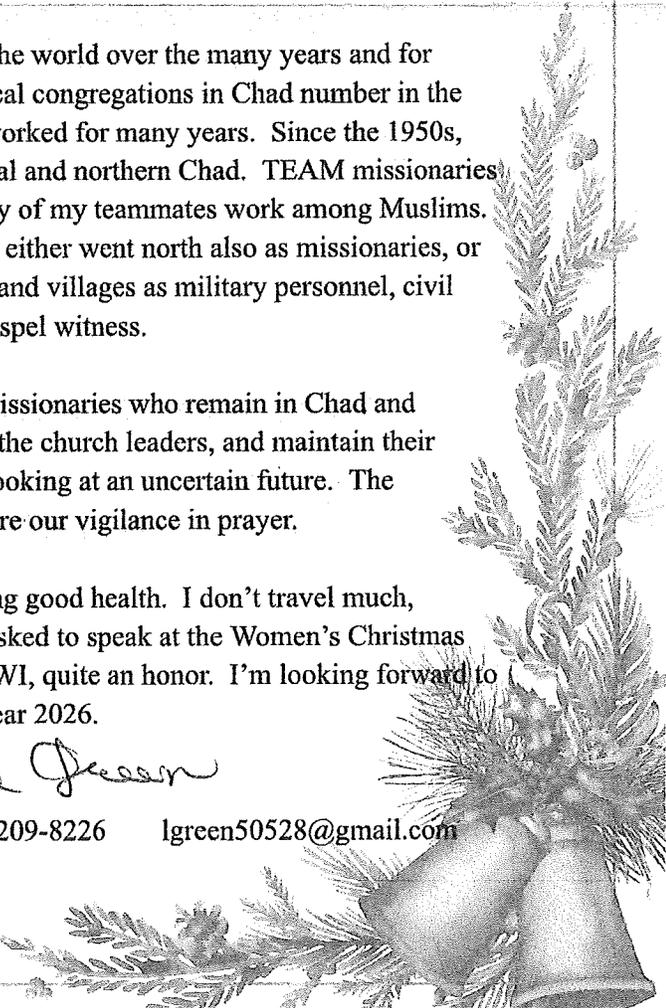
Missionaries have been forced to abandon their work around the world over the many years and for various reasons, but the global Church continues to grow. Local congregations in Chad number in the thousands. Most are concentrated in southern Chad where I worked for many years. Since the 1950s, missionaries have worked among the Islamized tribes of central and northern Chad. TEAM missionaries gradually shifted north over the past 30 years until the majority of my teammates work among Muslims. They have always worked in fellowship with southerners who either went north also as missionaries, or who found themselves working in central and northern towns and villages as military personnel, civil servants, or as educators. The country is not left without a Gospel witness.

I hope that you will join me in prayer for the non-American missionaries who remain in Chad and continue to do what they can to manage resources, encourage the church leaders, and maintain their testimony. TEAMmates from America are left in limbo and looking at an uncertain future. The international tensions that precipitated this situation also require our vigilance in prayer.

So other than that, 2025 was a good year for me. I am enjoying good health. I don't travel much, although I'll be in the Duluth area December 4-8. I've been asked to speak at the Women's Christmas Event on December 6 at Mission Covenant Church in Poplar WI, quite an honor. I'm looking forward to that. I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2026.

Lorraine Jessen

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Greetings for the season !

Wishing you the very best as we remember the birth of our Lord this month. We will be celebrating with all of our family this year. A lot has changed in the last couple of months, especially with regards to Dale's health, so all the children and grandchildren are making a special effort to be with us for the days surrounding Christmas.

PROJET BELLEDONNE



In October we were able to attend the 70-year anniversary of the Champfleuri Center where Brian and Theresa, our son and daughter-in-law, minister. At the same time, they were inaugurating one of the housing units which, as an asbestos filled former US Army barracks, had to be completely rebuilt to EU standards. It was a project that we were particularly interested in. For Dale it was a long and tiring day even though we did not stay for all the activities.

TEAM France for whom we worked all these years was having their annual conference in the Waldensian country in northern Italy. We were invited to attend and fellow retirees offered to drive us there. Since Sherry's grandparents had emigrated from that region, we were particularly interested in going. The country was beautiful with its fall colors, the speaker challenging, and the meals had pasta twice a day. Both of us were able to visit the Waldensian Museum which documents the growth of the



movement and the persecutions over the centuries. All went well until the last night, when Dale's liver disease notched up in severity. Not wanting to go to an Italian ER, our friends drove us rapidly back to Annecy, where God allowed us on a public holiday to get him into the Clinique where his liver doctor practices. He was hospitalized for 2 weeks, and now is at home with hospitalization at your domicile (HAD). This has removed a number of Sherry's worries as he has daily nurse visits, as well as furnished medications. However, there are many people visiting our home each day, which has changed the rhythm of our lives. Dale's liver disease will continue to fluctuate as he approaches the time to meet our Lord.

Sherry had continued active in the organization of our senior "house" group, which meets at the church. Dale attends church and the house group as he is able. Sherry is helping in a Christmas craft outreach at ABBA, guiding one of the crafts for children and their parents. The ladies of the church organized a Thanksgiving dinner for women under the leading of a young American woman who teaches in town. For Sherry it was so encouraging to see things done well, without our help. That is except for making pecan pies.

December 13th the church is having a Christmas Soirée as an outreach. There will be a soup bar, then a program of music and drama, followed by dessert. We hope both of us will be able to attend. Dale is extremely tired and sleeps for long periods of time.



Our family Christmas celebrations will be at our son Brian's for the most part. Since they live near the Champfleuri center, there is housing available. We would like for each member of the family to have one on one time with Dale while we are there for 2 days. We are also having a sort of pre-celebration of our 60th anniversary which is next June.

We want to thank you all for the many years you have supported us by your prayers and gifts. This year is our 55th year of ministry here in France. We covet your prayers during the coming months which will be an uncharted course in our lives. We are grateful for the support of our ABBA church.

Still in His service,
Sherry and Dale Anderson

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