



June 2026 Update

A New Chapter for Sisters Exploring the Word

Happy Summer!

The long, dark, dreary days of winter and Lent are over. The tomb is empty, and Jesus our Savior has been resurrected and lives! He remained on earth for some 40 days and then ascended to heaven, where He sits at the right hand of God. But He did not leave us. As Jesus promised, on Pentecost He sent the Holy Spirit—not just to the early Christians, but to each one of us, dear sisters.

“Then the Holy Spirit impresses on our hearts His own yearning for our salvation by preserving that saving gospel from generation to generation.” (Deutschlander, 2018)

Let this lifesaving, joyful news dwell in your hearts and guide you to spend more time in the Word so that you are prepared to answer and share God’s saving message with others.

An Exciting Renewal

Today we would like to announce that *Sisters Exploring the Word* will be undergoing a renewal in the coming months and years. Our goal is to provide sound, in-depth, Bible-based content that encourages women to seek, study, and meditate on God’s Word.

Two very dear sisters have joined us as regular contributors and spiritual advisors for the content featured on the website. Some of you may know them from their pioneering work with WELS Women’s Ministry, but we would like to give them an opportunity to introduce themselves. So, continue reading below!

Meet Our Contributors

Marilyn Miller



After a successful career as an international management consultant serving Fortune 500 companies, Marilyn Miller enrolled at Martin Luther College in 2005 and earned certification as a staff minister. She was then called by her home congregation in Houston, Texas, where she had the privilege of serving the Lord and His people in full-time ministry.

Marilyn was honored to be a charter member of WELS Women's Ministry and its first chairperson. During her leadership, she recognized a growing need for accessible Bible study resources for women. In response, she developed and shared Bible studies that were used both in her congregation and by women throughout the country. She also helped foster a greater understanding of how men and women can work together in faithful service to God.

Over the past two decades, Marilyn has been a sought-after speaker at Christian women's retreats and conferences across the nation. In retirement, she continues her passion for in-depth Bible study and writing, while also volunteering in her church and enjoying time with her family.

Kathie Wendland



Kathie Wendland's life has been shaped by one central truth: *God has already saved the people—and calls His people to share that message wherever they are placed.*

Raised in rural Wisconsin in a Christ-centered home, Kathie saw firsthand what it looks like to live out faith in daily life—at home, in work, and in the community. Her early years built a strong foundation in Scripture, but it was her experiences beyond the classroom that deepened her understanding of her calling.

Through her work as a nurse—in the U.S. Navy Reserve, in underserved communities, and in developing countries—Kathie encountered both the brokenness of the world and the deep spiritual need for the Gospel. In those moments, God clarified her purpose: not to fix the world's pain, but to faithfully share the hope that is already found in Christ.

For over 30 years, Kathie has been leading women's Bible studies, speaking at retreats and conferences, and encouraging others to grow in God's Word. Her passion is helping women recognize their identity as God's ambassadors—equipped by Scripture, strengthened by faith, and called to serve wherever God has placed them.

Kathie invites you to explore the Word with her—and to grow in a daily hunger for Scripture that shapes how you live, serve, and share Christ with others.

Looking Ahead

In the coming months, Marilyn, Kathie, and Lou Ann will be working together to develop new Bible study resources, including blog posts, written Bible study materials, online Bible studies, podcast conversations and potentially in-person conferences.

We ask first and foremost for your prayers as we move forward in our efforts to encourage women to dig deeply into God's Word. We welcome your feedback as well as suggestions for content that you would like us to consider.

Please encourage your family and friends to subscribe to the website as we begin this renewed chapter. We pray that these efforts will be fruitful and edifying as you continue your walk with Jesus.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.” — Colossians 3:16

