The Story in the Windows

The 6 west windows depict Old Testament stories looking toward Christ. The story begins with the Father’s creation of the world, the Fall into sin, Noah’s Ark, Joseph, the plagues of Egypt, Moses, Rahab and Jericho, Ruth, David, Daniel and Jonah. The 6 north windows reveal the Savior in the Christmas story, feeding of the 5,000, Jesus calming the storm, Jesus praying in the garden of Gethsemane, the Resurrected Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit. These stories are foundational and impactful in the lives of our residents.
Making Stained Glass

1. The shapes are cut from sheets of colored (stained) glass.
2. The cut pieces are laid out on the window pattern.
3. The pieces on the pattern are finely ground to ensure a tight fit.
4. The pieces are laid out again and are fitted together with strips of lead.
5. Once all the pieces are in place with lead separators, the joints are soldered.
6. The window is then cemented with a compound that will seal the pieces.
7. After the pieces are fully set, the window is buffed, cleaned, and installed.

Engaging and Empowering Families and Community with Love, Compassion, Faith, and Support

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Our Spiritual Engagement, Education and Development (SEED) program is focused on Christ-centered spiritual care to our residents and staff. Whether through chapel services, one-on-one conversations, or providing Bibles and visits from local church volunteers, SEED is the intersection of faith and mental health. If you would like to learn more about our SEED program please call or email seed@lutheranfamily.org

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No matter the form, the purpose remains the same: to picture God’s story so that all can find and grow in God’s grace. Those who enter our chapel whether it be residents, staff, or visitors will see and know the unconditional love of Jesus when they survey the beautiful windows.