

## **Chapter History of Lake County Illinois Threshold Singers 2025**

The Lake County Illinois Threshold Singers chapter was form in 2020. Faith Curtis and Joanie Bleck started the chapter after they were introduced to Threshold by Leann Enright. Faith is still an active member of the Lake County chapter.

The current membership of the Lake County chapter is twelve. There are four original members who are still active. New members are recruited by word-of-mouth.

The Lake County chapter practices twice per month. They have an average of seven bedside sings per month, as well as an average of two song baths per month. An average of ten members sing at bedside/song baths per month. Their clients are mostly from a large hospice organization.

The Lake County chapter's leadership model includes a Music Director (Faith Curtis), Mentoring Coordinator, and Practice Leader Coordinator. They also have five anchors who lead at bedside and who also take turns leading their practice sessions.

COVID came along right after the chapter had its first gathering in January 2020. They met around three-four times, and then after COVID hit, they went to Zoom. The members learned their songs on Zoom - singing without meeting in person for two years. Surprisingly, the chapter bonded on Zoom. Their turnover has had little to do with COVID.

Picture of chapter taken in 2023. Lisa Mendoza, Rebecca Gaunky, Melissa Stevens, Alicia Becker, Randa Clark, Judi Larsen, Feather Schroeder, Faith Curtis, Joannie Keller, Kathy Szemprurch, Kathy Werning, Darya Glass.

