

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING CANCER

Wayne Royer  
 Bonnie Mickelson  
 Bev Bose  
 Sharon Lindberg  
 Maria Koslosky  
 Jan Werner  
 Sandra Kilde  
 Bill Hakes  
 Elaine Nordberg  
 Terry Mehr  
 Diane Newstrom  
 Susan Simons  
 Shelly Watson

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH OTHER HEALTH CONCERNS

Stefanie Weltsch  
 Jonathan Mickelson  
 Darlene Munneke  
 Kathy Dox  
 Wyatt Winter  
 Buzz Lindbo  
 David & Kim Eck  
 David Meyer  
 Dean Kolodji  
 Camden Visnovec  
 Diane Landstad  
 Julie Haar Klatt  
 Nancy Laquet  
 Kindrid Sandberg  
 Paul Martinsen  
 Dorothy Smeltzer  
 Carol Femling  
 Leah Bridger  
 Allyn Kolodji  
 Jan Kolodji  
 Mary Peterson  
 Linda Peterson  
 Mary Webster  
 Erik Svenkerud  
 Lloyd Henke  
 Beverly Rueger  
 Bob Kolodji

**GLOBAL MISSIONS-WE DID IT! WE MET OUR GOAL!**



**We have successfully raised \$2,500!** This funding will enable us to provide safe water access to up to 500 individuals in an ELCA partner community.



Having clean, safe drinking water is essential for any community, and your generosity has made this achievement possible! Thank you, FLC, for helping turn this vision into reality!



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Quilting Ministry:** Friday Mornings at 9:00 am  
**Girls Matter.Period:** February 18 at 9:00 am  
**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** February 20 at 1:00 pm

**QR Code For Easy Giving—Now Available**

Using your smart phone or device, scan this code and it will take you directly to our online giving.



**Serving in the Military:**

**Silas Berg, Nicholas Bruesewitz, Austin Burton, Nathan Hagestuen, Josh Hagestuen, Luke Oaks, Logan Lueck, Kurt Hagestuen, Wyatt Carlson, Landon Todd, Gregory Wenzel**

**Nursing Home Residents**

**John Fossen**

**Assisted Living Residents**

**Marlene Tholen; Ken & Shirley Hakes; Deloris Kosbau; Jerry Erlandson**

**Next Week's Readings**

Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6  
 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 4:21-30



**First Lutheran Church of Aitkin**

**Announcements**  
 107 Second Street SE, Aitkin, MN 56431  
 www.flc-aitkin.com 218-927-2028

Pastor Reggie Denton  
**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 7:30 AM-4:00 PM;  
 Fridays 7:30 AM-12:00 Noon



**Weekly Worship Schedule:**

Sunday 9:00 am & 10:30 am, Wednesday 6:00 pm

**Mission Statement: With God's love we embrace one another, our neighbors and all creation.**

**Welcome!** If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about First Lutheran, please stop by the church office, call, or visit our website.

**\*We are glad you are here!** We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, LGBTQ, filthy rich, black and proud, y no habla ingles. We extend a special welcome to those who are newborns, poor as dirt, skinny as a rail, got a hitch in their git-along, or just plain can't sing. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up, or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Lutheran than Luther, or more Catholic than the pope, or haven't been to church since little Maria's confirmation. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 40 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters, and people who stay up too late at night. If you're having problems, or you're down in the dumps, or you don't like "organized religion," we've been there, too. We offer a special welcome to those who could lose a few pounds, think the earth is flat, work too hard, can't spell, or came because grandma's in town and wanted to go to church. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, are three-times divorced, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid, or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers, doubters, bleeding hearts... and you!

**\*You do not need to be a member of First to receive Communion.** All who believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are welcome. We believe it is our Lord's invitation to which we respond, our Lord's meal at which we gather, our Lord's gifts which we receive. Children not yet communing are welcome – they may come forward for a goldfish and a blessing, but we do ask parents to have them keep their hands down, so that the communion assistant knows. All those who are communing are asked to extend both hands to receive. If you would like to receive communion but are not able to come forward, please let an usher know so that communion can be brought to you.

**\*Parents with Young Children:** When you are here, the church is filled with a joyful noise. When you are here, the Body of Christ is more fully present. When you are here, we are reminded that this worship thing we do isn't just about Bible Study or personal, quiet contemplation, but about coming together to worship as a community where all are welcome, where all share in Word and Sacrament together. When you are here, we know that your little ones are learning how and why we worship.

**"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!"**

**\*Nursery is available** during the 9:00 AM service on Sunday mornings (8:45-10:15). The nursery is located off of the Fellowship Hall. An usher will be happy to assist you in finding the nursery. Parents who need to leave the service with children can still see the Sunday service on a TV in the nursery.

**\*Children are always welcome** in worship. "Busy bags" with activities, a book, crayons and scratch paper are available on the wall across from the sanctuary. There is also a pray ground at the back of the sanctuary.

**\*You're invited** to coffee & goodies on Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM.

**\*Assisted hearing devices** are available. An usher can assist you.



**Sunday, January 26, 2025**  
**Third Sunday in Epiphany**  
**9:00 AM Worship Service w/ Communion** (Also available via Livestream on YouTube)  
 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship  
 10:00 AM Radio Broadcast of 9 am Worship Service on KKIN 94.3 FM  
 10:15 AM Sunday School—PK-4th Grade  
**10:30 AM Worship Service w/Communion**



**Monday, January 27, 2025**  
 8:15 AM King's Men  
 5:00 PM Community Meal—Take out only

**Tuesday, January 28, 2025**  
 9:30 AM Renewal Group Meeting  
 11:00 AM Adult Bible Study  
 12:00 PM Community Lunch—Take out only  
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting  
 1:30 PM For His Glory Co-Op



**Wednesday, January 29, 2025**  
 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast  
 3:30 PM Youth Coffeehouse  
 4:30 PM 5th & 6th Grade Wed. Night Faith  
 5:15 PM Family Dinner  
**6:00 PM Worship service w/Communion**  
 6:30 PM 7th & 8th Grade Affirmation class  
 6:30 PM 9th Grade Affirmation Class  
 7:00 PM Choir Practice

**Thursday, January 30, 2025**  
 12:00 PM Men's Bible Study  
 3:30 PM Aitkin Youth Center  
 5:00 PM Community Meal—Take out only



**Friday, January 31, 2025**  
 9:00 AM Quilting Ministry  
 3:30 PM Aitkin Youth Center

**Saturday, February 1, 2025**  
**Sunday, February 2, 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday in Epiphany**  
**9:00 AM Worship Service w/ Communion** (Also available via Livestream on YouTube)  
**10:00 AM Annual Congregational Meeting**  
 10:00 AM Radio Broadcast of 9 am Worship Service on KKIN 94.3 FM  
 10:15 AM Sunday School—PK-4th Grade



**Radio Ministry**—We invite you to consider sponsoring our weekly Sunday broadcast. FLC's **Sunday worship is aired at 10 am on KKIN FM Radio Station 94.3. The cost is \$40 per week**, but any amount will help. Envelopes are available in the narthex.  
**A very special Thank You to Eileen Westward in memory of Steve's January birthday.**

**Flowers on the Altar** — Please consider signing up for the opportunity to enhance our worship of God and our enjoyment of God's creation. The cost is determined by the type of flowers you order. You'll find the flower clip board in the narthex.  
**A very special Thank You to Sandy & Brian Smeltzer for sponsoring today's flowers in memory of their son, Justin Johnson, and Sandy's mom, Marian Sutich.**



**LET'S REDUCE OUR ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT**  
 The FLC Solar Task Force is proposing to install a 22 kilowatt array of solar panels that will provide about 20% of our annual electricity usage. That amount of solar energy is the equivalent of burning 137,000 pounds of coal. Coal burning is the most polluting method of generating electricity. Depending on the type of coal burned and emissions controls, various amounts of cancer causing particulates, nitrogen and sulfur oxides and CO2 are released into the air, contributing to human disease, acid rain, lake acidification, smog, and climate change. Coal also contains mercury which is released into the air and eventually enters aquatic systems, where it is transformed into methyl mercury, a neurotoxin that contaminates our fish.  
 Solar Task Force & Creation Care Ministry

**First Lutheran Church Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**FEBRUARY 2, 2025**  
**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 9:00 AM SERVICE**  
 Changes to the Constitution will be voted on in accordance to the most recent ELCA model constitution and amendments issued in 2022.

**January's Extra Mile Mission**  
**Hope Advocates against Domestic Abuse**  
 If you would like to donate, please go to our website [www.flc-aitkin.com](http://www.flc-aitkin.com)  
 Or you may send a check to the church



**God's Word Comes Near**  
 Explore with us this summer how God's Word is ALIVE in God's great Northwoods. ULM offers a variety of summer camp experiences for all generations. Gather a group of confirmation students to explore their faith along the lakeshore of Camp Vermilion, bring intergenerational groups together around the campfire for a week at our new Flex-Family Camp at Camp Hiawatha, or introduce camp to a young camper for the first time through our Discoverers Day Camp and two-night Venturers Camp.

**REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP AT ULM!**

**2025 SUMMER REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

**Aitkin Youth Center is Open!**  
**ARE YOU A KID ON A QUEST FOR THE ULTIMATE AFTER-SCHOOL CHILL ZONE?**  
**SWING BY THE AITKIN YOUTH CENTER! NESTLED RIGHT AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, WE'RE OPEN THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS STARTING AT 3:30 PM. GET READY FOR A FEAST OF HOT MEALS, EPIC GAMES, AND TONS OF FUN! WANT TO KNOW MORE? CHECK US OUT ONLINE AT WWW.AITKINYOUTHCENTER.ORG!**

**GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD**  
 THIS YEAR FLC HAS BEEN VERY GENEROUS IN OUR GIVING TO THE GLOBAL BARNYARD:  
 BUCK-A-CHICK: (FEB-MAR 2024): \$329 - 329 CHICKS  
 GLOBAL BARNYARD: TOTAL \$1,182.19  
 \$195 - CHICKS  
 \$220 - PIG/PIGLET  
 \$ 60 - VACCINATIONS  
 \$100 - GOATS  
 \$ 25 - ROOSTER  
 \$ 10 - MOSQUITO NET  
 \$ 30 - 3 BACKPACKS FILLED W/FOOD  
**\$542.19 - GENERAL GLOBAL BARNYARD**

**ATTENDANCE:**  
 Sunday, 1/19 9:00 am.... 66  
 10:30 am .... 3  
 Wednesday 1/15 6:00 pm.... 40

**TOTAL OFFERINGS**  
**Week of January 19—General Fund**  
 Offering : \$ 12,308.00  
 Offering YTD : \$ 23,171.00  
 Building Fund: (January) \$ 2,110.00  
 Extra Mile Mission (January) \$



**FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

February 2 9:00 am only Followed by Annual Congregational Meeting	February 9, 16 & 23 Services at 9:00 & 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship immediately following 9:00 am worship
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**Blood Drive at First Surpasses Expectations!**

<b>January 2</b> 52 units collected 106 % of goal! 6 power red donors gave 12 pints! 3 first time donors!	<b>January 3</b> 47 units collected 102 % of goal! 6 power red donors gave 11 pints!
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**Monday August 25, 2025 and Tuesday August 26, 2025 will be the next blood drive at First Lutheran!**

**Church Positions Open**  
 Prayerfully Consider

VLM Ministry - 1 opening  
 Youth Church Council - 1 opening  
 Nominating Committee - 1 opening