

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

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

**GOOD GIFTS GIVING TREE**

SELECT AN ORNAMENT FROM THE TREE IN THE NARTHEX AND PLACE YOUR DONATION IN AN EXTRA MILE ENVELOPE WITH A MEMO STATING "GOOD GIFTS" OR JUST PUT A CHECK IN THE OFFERING. GIFTS OF ANY DOLLAR AMOUNT ARE WELCOME. HANG THE ORNAMENT ON YOUR TREE AT HOME OR GIVE IT TO A PERSON YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO HONOR THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON. OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE AN EMPTY TREE BY CHRISTMAS!




**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Quilting Ministry:** Friday Mornings at 9:00 am  
**Girls Matter Period:** January 21 at 9:00 am  
**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** January 16 at 1:00 pm

NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

**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 31:7-14, Psalm 147:12-20  
Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:(1-9)10-18



**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, December 29, 2024**

First Sunday after Christmas

**9:00 AM** Worship Service (Lessons & Carols) (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 **NO** Sunday School—PK-4th Grade



**Monday, December 30, 2024**

5:00 PM **NO** Community Meal

**Tuesday, December 31, 2024**

8:15 AM King's Men

9:30 AM Renewal Group Meeting

11:00 AM Adult Bible Study

12:00 PM **NO** Community Lunch



**Wednesday, January 1, 2025**

Office Closed

**NO** Wednesday Night Activities

**Thursday, January 2, 2025**

11:00 AM American Red Cross Blood Drive

12:00 PM Men's Bible Study

3:30 PM Aitkin Youth Center

5:00 PM **NO** Community Meal



**Friday, January 3, 2025**

9:00 AM American Red Cross Blood Drive

9:00 AM Quilting Ministry

3:30 PM Aitkin Youth Center

**Saturday, January 4, 2025**



**Sunday, January 5, 2025**

Second Sunday after Christmas

**9:00 AM** Worship Service (Lessons & Carols) (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 **NO** Sunday School—PK-4th Grade

10:30 AM Worship Service w/Communion



**HAPPY NEW YEAR** MAY YOU SHINE WITH THE **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**LIGHT OF GODS BLESSINGS IN THIS NEW YEAR!**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**DON'T BE LATE OR PROCRASTINATE!**

**ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE JANUARY 15!**

**PLEASE EMAIL YOUR REPORTS TO JILL AT OFFICE@FLC-AITKIN.COM**



**SOLAR TASK FORCE MEETING**

**THE SOLAR TASK FORCE WILL BE MEETING IN THE LIBRARY ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 AT 7 PM. ANYONE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT DAVE DICKEY AT 218-232-4690.**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**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.

**December's Extra Mile Mission**

**God's Global Barnyard**

If you would like to donate, please go to our website [www.flc-aitkin.com](http://www.flc-aitkin.com) or send a check to the church

**END OF YEAR GIFTS**

If you are planning on making an end-of-year gift please remember that in order for this to be tax-deductible in the current year it must be received (or if mailed postmarked) by **December 31 2024**

**NEW** Offering Envelopes

Your 2025 offering envelopes are in your mailboxes located in the Church narthex. Please pick yours up on the way out. Thanks!

**JANUARY BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

January 12  
9:00 am

Come celebrate & remember your Baptism

January baptism anniversaries are listed in the January newsletter. If your name is not listed and you were baptized in January, please join the celebration.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Sunday, 12/22	9:00 am....	81
	10:30 am ....	9
Wednesday 12/18	6:00 pm....	40

**TOTAL OFFERINGS**

**Week of December 22—General Fund**

Offering :	\$	12,115
Offering YTD :	\$	368,410
Building Fund: (December) :	\$	7,735
Extra Mile Mission (December) (God's Global Barnyard)	\$	1,789



**AITKIN YOUTH CENTER SEEKING PT JANITOR**

The Aitkin Youth Center, which will be renting space here at First Lutheran Church, is looking for a cleaner-janitor for two nights a week, Thursday and Fridays. The time required would be an hour or maybe an hour and a half each night, after activities are ended. Work will begin on December 12th. Contact Pastor Doug Larson at 612-607-3701 for more information.

**JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

ALL SUNDAY'S IN JANUARY

SERVICE TIMES:  
9:00 & 10:30 am  
Coffee Fellowship immediately following  
9:00 am worship

**THE COMMUNITY MEAL WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 6, 2025.**

**PLEASE JOIN US AGAIN FROM 5 - 5:30 PM ON JANUARY 6.**