

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: January 21 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

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21



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.

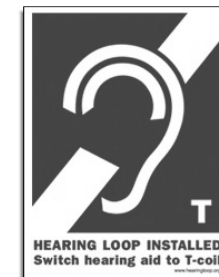
"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!"

***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 19, 2025

Second 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**



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 20, 2025

8:15 AM King's Men

3:00 PM Community Meal Board Meeting

5:00 PM Community Meal—Take out only

6:30 PM Mutual Ministry



Tuesday, January 21, 2025

9:00 AM Girls Matter.Period

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

Wednesday, January 22, 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 23, 2025

12:00 PM Men's Bible Study

3:30 PM Aitkin Youth Center

5:00 PM Community Meal—Take out only

Friday, January 24, 2025


9:00 AM Quilting Ministry

3:30 PM Aitkin Youth Center



Saturday, January 25, 2025

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 Loren & Diane Rachey for sponsoring today's flowers in memory of their daughter Susan Sutton.

DID YOU KNOW?

FLC buys our electricity from Aitkin Public Utilities, which purchases it from Minnesota Power. Minnesota Power, to its credit generates about half of its electricity from renewables such as wind and hydropower, but their remaining power generation is mainly through burning coal, the most polluting and environmentally damaging power source. Thus, FLC is currently contributing to air and water pollution, and climate change. However, we could significantly reduce our environmental footprint if we install solar panels on the church roof.

Solar Task Force & Creation Care Ministry

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.



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

Or you may send a check to the church

HOPE
Healing Opportunity Provided Equally



God's Word Comes Near

Explore with us this summer how God's Word is ALIVE in God's great Northwoods. VLM 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 VLM!

2025 SUMMER REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



VLM HIRING SUMMER STAFF

JOIN OUR SUMMER TEAM NOW HIRING

GROW WORKING AT CAMP

- LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- VOCATIONAL CLARITY
- LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS
- WILDERNESS SKILLS

VLM is hiring summer staff eager to grow in confidence, learn in community, and build lasting friendships. There are a variety of positions that are suitable for young adults with diverse skills and interests. Apply today or encourage a young adult you know to apply!



Annual Christmas Day Dinner is a Resounding Success!

A very special Thank You to Ken & Kathy Lebens, Bill & Carla Hakes, Buzz & Judi Lindbo, Terry Dox, Terry Otto, Lincoln & Amber Roth and their children Norah & Enzo Roth for organizing and leading this wonderful event. Thanks to everyone else who volunteered in so many other ways! You are a true blessing to our church and the community!

336 meals were served, 118 were delivered, 117 were picked up, and 121 were dine-in!

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, 1/12	9:00 am....	64
	10:30 am	1
Wednesday	6:00 pm....	NA

TOTAL OFFERINGS

Week of January 12—General Fund

Offering :	\$	3,706
Offering YTD :	\$	10,863
Building Fund: (January)	\$	1,005
Extra Mile Mission (January)	\$	

JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ALL SUNDAY'S IN JANUARY

SERVICE TIMES:

9:00 & 10:30 am

Coffee Fellowship immediately following

9:00 am worship



Blood Drive at First Surpasses Expectations!

January 2	January 3
52 units collected	47 units collected
106 % of goal!	102 % of goal!
6 power red donors gave 12 pints!	6 power red donors gave 11 pints!
3 first time donors!	

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
- Mission Endowment - 2 openings
- Church Council - 1 opening
- Youth Church Council - 2 openings
- Nominating Committee - 3 openings

