

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
Camden Visnovec
Diane Landstad
Julie Haar Klatt
Nancy Laquet
Kindrid Sandberg
Paul Martinsen
Dorothy Smeltzer
Carol Femling
Leah Bridger
Bob & Jan Kolodji
Mary Peterson
Linda Peterson
Mary Webster
Erik Svenkerud
Lloyd Henke
Beverly Rueger

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!

FEBRUARY

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

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13), Psalm 138,
1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11



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, 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
 10:00 AM Sunday School—PK-4th Grade

Monday, February 3, 2025
 8:15 AM King's Men
 5:00 PM Community Meal—Take out only

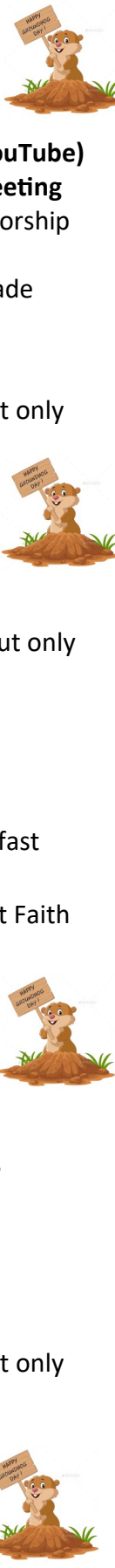
Tuesday, February 4, 2025
 9:30 AM Renewal Group Meeting
 11:00 AM Adult Bible Study
 11:15 AM Second Harvest CSFP Box Distribution
 12:00 PM Community Lunch—Take out only
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
 4:00 PM Worship & Music Meeting
 5:00 PM Parish Nurse Meeting

Wednesday, February 5, 2025
 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
 3:30 PM Youth Coffeehouse
 4:30 PM 5th & 6th Grade Wed. Night Faith
 5:00 PM Aitkin Youth Center Board
 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, February 6, 2025
 12:00 PM Men's Bible Study
 3:30 PM Aitkin Youth Center
 5:00 PM Community Meal—Take out only

Friday, February 7, 2025
 9:00 AM Quilting Ministry
 3:30 PM Aitkin Youth Center

Saturday, February 8, 2025



Sunday, February 9, 2025
 Fifth Sunday in Epiphany
9:00 AM Worship Service w/Communion (Also available 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



Sympathy Prayers

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the friends & family of **Ron Sadlowsky**, who passed away **January 23, 2025**, especially to his son & daughter-in-law **Dave & Jill Sadlowsky** and grandsons **Sam & Bennett**.

Sympathy Prayers

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the friends & family of **Phyllis Kirkhorn**, who passed away **January 22, 2025**. Her funeral will be held here on **Monday, February 17**.

KUWAA Mission —The KUWAA Mission in Liberia is a mission focus for 2024. Weekly sponsorship is \$25. Please consider supporting this important mission for a week or more. Information is in the narthex.

A very special Thank You to Dale & Mary Beth Woodrow for sponsoring the months of February & March.

Need a Notary?

Reminder—Our office manager, Jill Jameson, is a notary public. This is a free service available to all members of our church.



FEBRUARY'S EXTRA MILE MISSION

CAMPERSHIPS

HELP SEND OUR YOUTH TO CAMP
 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.FLC-AITKIN.COM
 OR 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!

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.

ATTENDANCE:

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| Sunday, 1/26 | 9:00 am.... | 66 |
| | 10:30 am | 3 |
| Wednesday 1/22 | 6:00 pm.... | 40 |

TOTAL OFFERINGS

Week of January 26—General Fund

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| Offering : | \$ | 4,873.00 |
| Offering YTD : | \$ | 28,044.00 |
| Building Fund: (January) | \$ | 2,550.00 |
| Extra Mile Mission (January) | \$ | 590.00 |



FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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| 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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HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY

Thank you to the members of Lydia circle and the congregation for their support of HOPE for giving generously for your purchases during the bake sale during last week's coffee fellowship. We raised close to \$400 for Hope Advocates Against Domestic Violence.

January's Extra Mile Mission

Church Positions Open
 Prayerfully Consider

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

