



First Lutheran Church of Aitkin

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Office Hours: Mon.—Thurs. 10:00AM-4:00PM;
Fridays Closed

Week of October 25, 2026



Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 9:00 am & 10:40 am; Wednesdays at 6:00pm

Mission Statement:

With God's love we will embrace one another, our neighbors and all creation.

JESUS said,

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me to preach:

Good News to the afflicted, the oppressed, the poor,
Release to the captives,
Recovery of sight to the blind,
Freedom to those who are in prison
Proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord
And today this has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Luke 4:18-21

All are welcome at First Lutheran Church! ALL!

You know the burdens you carry, what needs you have for love, acceptance, forgiveness, understanding, comfort, hope and renewal. Come and be welcomed, whether you are a long time member or a visitor who is searching or someone between all of these situations.

The Lord's Supper is offered believing that Jesus Christ is truly present in, with and under the form of bread and wine. Jesus offers Himself to us for the forgiveness of sins, renewal of life and strengthening of our faith along with a taste of the feast to come in the fullness of God's Kingdom. Jesus offers Himself so that we may re-experience Him again and again in this Holy Sacrament. **ALLELUIA!**

Please know that YOU are welcome and invited.
to Coffee Fellowship following the 9 am Service and
before the 10:40 am service, in the Fellowship Hall
directly north of the Sanctuary. **Come!**

Gathering

Welcome & Invocation

Processional Hymn "A Mighty Fortress is our God"

Moments for Mission

*Confession & Forgiveness

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Special Music "You Are Mine"

FLC Choir

Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 46

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

*Gospel Reading: John 8:31-36

Sermon

Pastor Glen Bickford

Songs of the Day "Who You Say I Am

"Child of the Water"

Affirmation of Baptism

*Prayers of the Church

*Sharing of God's Peace

Meal

Offering & Hymn "The Church's One Foundation"

*Offering Prayer

Holy Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Invitation

Distribution of Communion

Hymns "Have No Fear Little Flock"

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

"This Little Light of Mine"

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

Sending of Communion

Sending

*Benediction

Mission Statement of First Lutheran Church

Sending Song "As You Go on Your Way"

Dismissal

* = Please stand

Sunday, October 25, 2026-Blended**Affirmation of Baptism/Reformation**

- 9:00am Worship Service w/Communion
 - (Also available via Live stream on YouTube)
 10:00am Coffee Fellowship/Reception
 10:00am Radio Broadcast of 9am Worship
 Service on KKin 94.3FM
 10:10am Sunday School (PK-4th)
 10:40am **NO Worship Service**
 6:00pm C.S. Lewis Book Study - The Lion,
 The Witch, & the Wardrobe

Monday, October 26, 2026

- 8:15am King's Men
 5:00pm Garden Club Group
 5:00pm Community Meal—Take out only

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

- 8:00am Pickleball Ladies
 9:30am Renewal Group Meeting
 11:00am Adult Bible Study
 3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

- 8:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
 3:15pm Youth Coffee House
 4:15pm Wed. Night Faith—5th & 6th Grade
 5:15pm Family Meal
 6:00pm **Worship Service**
 6:30pm Affirmation Class-7th & 8th Grade
 6:30pm Peer Ministry—9th Grade

Thursday, October 29, 2026

- 8:00am Pickleball Ladies
 12:00pm Men's Bible Study
 3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center

Friday, October 30, 2026

- Office Closed*
 9:00am Quilting Ministry

Saturday, October 31, 2026

- 4:00pm Trunk or Treat—parking Lot

Sunday, November 1, 2026—Traditional**All Saints Sunday**

- 9:00am Worship Service w/Communion
 - (Also available via Live stream on YouTube)
 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
 10:00am Radio Broadcast of 9am Worship
 Service on KKin 94.3FM
 10:10am Sunday School (PK-4th)
 10:40am **Worship Service w/Communion**

**Host a Trunk !****October 31st****4-6pm****FLC parking lot**

**Please donate candy to
 the "trunkers" if you
 cannot host a trunk—
 bring to the office**

**(some candy will be provided to
 you from donations)**

CANDY FOR TRUNK OR TREAT

**IT'S THAT MAGICAL SEASON AGAIN WHEN THE FABULOUS FOLKS OF FIRST
 SPRUCE UP THEIR CAR TRUNKS ON OCTOBER 31, BECOMING CANDY-
 WIELDING HEROES FOR THE COSTUMED KIDDOS DASHING THROUGH THE
 NEIGHBORHOOD WITH GRINS AND TRICK-FILLED BAGS!**

**JOIN THE FUN BY DECKING OUT YOUR TRUNK OR BY BEING THE CANDY
 FAIRY WE ALL NEED. WE NEED A MOUNTAIN OF CANDY TO KEEP THOSE
 SMILES BEAMING! PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR CANDY STASH AT THE OFFICE
 BY NOON ON OCTOBER 31. AND REMEMBER, IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO
 START CANDY SHOPPING!**

*"Each of you should give whatever gift you have received
 to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's Grace."*

1 Peter 4:10

**Our fall stewardship (Annual Appeal) campaign is starting in mid-
 October. It's called "Freely Given, Freely Give," and we'll have
 member speakers at worship telling about their love of the church
 and why they support our ministry. In the weeks that follow, we will
 be reaching out in various ways, to talk about ways you can help this
 church's ministry during this crucial time, as we begin the pastoral
 search.**

Gratitude Gathering

**Need 2-3 pies
 from FLC for
 this event**

November 23rd 6:00 p.m.**United Methodist Church****Pie Fellowship Following Service**



Sympathy Prayers



We extend our sympathy and prayers to:

The family and friends of **Virginia Okeson** who died on October 7th, especially to her husband **Scott** and good friend **Jan Moriarty**



ELCA October Extra Mile Mission Focus

Global Missions

Helping to make our world a better place

If you would like to donate, please go to our website
www.flc-aitkin.com
or send a check to the church



Tote Bag Drive

"Our food shelf is looking for donations of clean, reusable shopping/tote bags to reduce dependence on paper grocery sacks. Please place grocery bag size (or larger) tote bags in the food shelf donation boxes in the Fellowship Hall or in the room by the east entrance.



Next Week's Readings

Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22;
1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

ADVENT

by Candlelight

Sunday, November 29th at 2p

"An Advent Alphabet"

In FLC Fellowship Hall

Dessert Served

All Women and Girls are Welcome!

Please Sign Up (after service, or at the office)

ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 10/18 9:00 am 82
10:40 am 10
Wednesday: 10/14 6:00 pm No service

TOTAL OFFERINGS

Week of October 11th — General Fund

Offering Rec'd:	\$ 5,992
Weekly Budget:	\$ 8,472
Offering YTD:	\$256,739
Offering Budget YTD:	\$355,824
Building Fund: (Sept.)	\$ 1,950
Extra Mile Mission (October) (ELCA Global Missions)	\$ 0

Wednesday Night Worship and Meal

News!

Wednesday evening Faith Formation is increasing in students, participation, and our Wednesday meals and worship currently are at 60+ members. Worship is short and interactive so folks of all ages gather together to talk about theology and the Bible. Half hour devotional study on Psalms after at 6:30 pm.

Come and have fun!

GIRLS MATTER. PERIOD

Next workshop will be:
Monday, November 9th
9 am



QR Code For Easy Giving

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



Power of Prayer

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING CANCER

Steve Moreland

Emily Forzani

Maria Koslosky

Jan Werner

Bill Hakes

Diane Newstrom

Peggy & Stan Miller

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH OTHER HEALTH CONCERNS

Wayne Royer

Lewis Moore

Laura Hendricks

Jonathan Thompson

Roland & Linda

Anderson

Gayle Gilbertson

Ken Lebens

Dorothy Smeltzer

Michael May

Jacob Mehr

Herm Newton

Diane Landstad

Jan Kolodji

Beverly Rueger

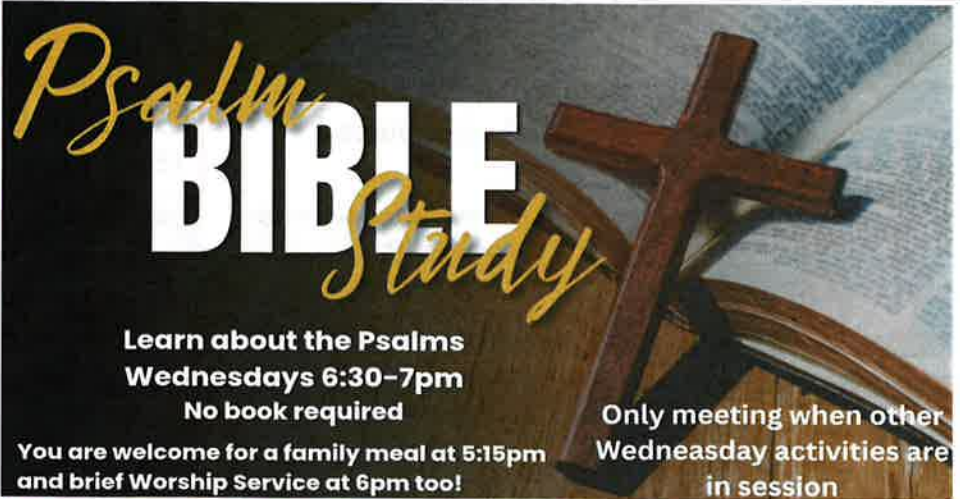
Otto Sotnak

Don Schend

Phyllis Johnson

*Nursery is open 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.



Psalm
BIBLE
Study

Learn about the Psalms
Wednesdays 6:30-7pm
No book required

You are welcome for a family meal at 5:15pm
and brief Worship Service at 6pm too!

Only meeting when other
Wednesday activities are
in session



Pet Blessing

Sunday Nov. 8th - 10:30am

Animal orientated service at 9am - bring animals
back to parking lot at 10:30am for a special blessing.



Serving in the Military:

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

Assisted Living Residents

**Diane Landstad, Marlene Tholen; Shirley Hakes; Deloris
Kosbau; Jerry Erlandson, Carol Harmon; Elaine Selseth;
Marty Swanson, Glen & Dorothy Smeltzer**

