



## First Lutheran Church of Aitkin Announcements

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Pastor Reggie Denton

**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 7:30 AM-4:00 PM;  
Fridays 7:30 AM—12:00 PM



### 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 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.

\*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 4, 2026****Second Sunday After Christmas****9:00am Worship Service w/Communion -  
(Also available via Live stream on YouTube)****10:00am Coffee Fellowship****10:00am NO Sunday School (PK-4th grade)****10:00am Radio Broadcast of 9am Worship  
Service on KKIN 94.3FM****10:30am Worship Service w/Communion****Monday, January 5, 2026****8:15am King's Men****11:00am American Red Cross Blood Drive****1:00pm Mission Endowment Meeting****5:00pm Community Meal—Take out only****6:00pm Cub Scout Meeting****Tuesday, January 6, 2026****8:00am Aitkin WIC Clinic****9:00am American Red Cross Blood Drive****9:30am Renewal Group Meeting****11:00am Adult Bible Study****12:00pm Community Lunch—Take out only****4:00pm Worship & Music Meeting****Wednesday, January 7, 2026****8:00am Aitkin WIC Clinic****8:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast****9:00am Second Harvest CSFP Box  
distribution****3:30pm Youth CoffeeHouse****4:30pm Wed. Night Faith (5th -6th Grade)****5:30pm Family Dinner****5:00pm **Worship Service******6:30pm Affirmation Class (7th-8th Grade)****6:30pm Peer Ministry Class (9th Grade)****7:00pm Choir Practice****Thursday, January 8, 2026****8:00am Aitkin WIC Clinic****8:00am Pickleball—Ladies Tennis****12:00pm Men's Bible Study****3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center****5:00pm Community Meal—Take out only****Friday, January 9, 2026****9:00 AM Quilting Ministry****3:30 PM Aitkin Youth Center****Saturday, January 10, 2026****Sunday, January 11, 2026****Baptism of Our Lord****9:00am Worship Service w/Communion - (Also  
available via Live stream on YouTube)****10:00am Coffee Fellowship****10:00am Sunday School (PK-4th grade)****10:00am Radio Broadcast of 9am Worship Service on  
KKIN 94.3FM****10:30am Worship Service w/Communion****DON'T BE LATE OR PROCRASTINATE!****ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE****JANUARY 15!****PLEASE EMAIL YOUR  
REPORTS TO JILL AT  
OFFICE@FLC-  
AITKIN.COM****Christ in Our Home**January, February, March  
2016**LARGE PRINT EDITION****The new  
Christ in our Home  
devotional booklets  
are available now in  
the narthex. Bring  
Christ into your life  
everyday.****GIFT****Gathering In Fellowship Together****Fellowship and Bible Study for all ages of  
women at FLC.****Meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 9:30am.****Time for new pictures for the  
wall! Get your picture taken  
before/after service on Sundays.**



# WANNA QUILT?

Fridays/ September - May  
9-Noon in the Fellowship Hall

**Ways we help:**  
Lutheran World Relief  
Community Food Shelf  
**HOPE**

**Quilt Auctions**  
**Local**  
Call Linda Delaney  
with questions or  
suggestions at 218-820-6777

No  
Sewing  
Experience  
Required For  
Many  
Projects

Enjoy coffee  
& treats with  
your quilting  
buddies

**Quilters:**  
**Shop for fabric**  
**Wash & iron used fabric**  
**Cut squares**  
**Sort & design squares for quilt kits**  
**Choose quilt kits in the northern to**  
**take home & sew**  
**and sew much more!**  
*Join any time of the year!*



## It is time to renew your subscription to Northeastern Lights

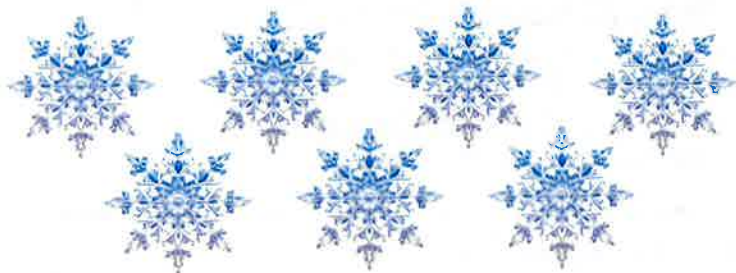


Your subscription to Northeastern Lights expires at the end of 2025.

If you would like to continue to receive this magazine, you need to renew your subscription.

To renew your subscription, send your check for \$10 made out to Woman of the ELCA to  
Dorothy Dybvig  
PO Box 392  
Sandstone, MN 55072

In order for you to receive your February edition, your renewal must be received by January 15. If sent later, please include \$2 for mailing the February



Looking for POWERPOINT OPERATORS  
Urgent Need Now

Join the team!

3 people run the technology portion of worship each week.

**PowerPoint Operator**  
**Soundboard Technician**  
**Video Technician**  
\*Training provided

Students in  
6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> gr.  
Adults welcome  
too

Reach out to FLC office for more info.  
[office@flc-aitkin.com](mailto:office@flc-aitkin.com)



## ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 12/24	3:00 pm ....	146
	5:30 pm ....	151
Sunday: 12/28	9:00 am ....	45



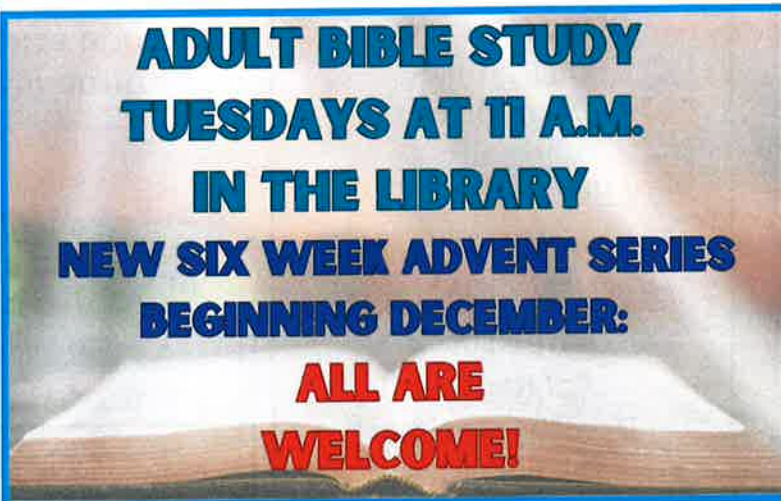
## TOTAL OFFERINGS

### Week of December 28— General Fund

Offering :	\$	\$16,574
Offering YTD :	\$	392,552
Offering Budget YTD:	\$	414,332
Building Fund: (December)	\$	4,750
Extra Mile Mission (December)	\$	1,715
(Global Barnyard)		
General Fund Catch-Up (Dec)	\$	1,250

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY TUESDAYS AT 11 A.M.

**IN THE LIBRARY**  
**NEW SIX WEEK ADVENT SERIES**  
**BEGINNING DECEMBER:**  
**ALL ARE**  
**WELCOME!**



## First Lutheran Church

Job Opening

## Ministry & Media Coordinator

Creative lead on all visual aspects of online and printed advertising of events happening at our busy church/community on many platforms.

11-15 hours weekly, PTO, flexible/remote hours

Apply today @ Indeed.com or in the church office!

email: [office@flc-aitkin.com](mailto:office@flc-aitkin.com) or call: 218-927-2028

JOIN  
OUR  
TEAM

## PLEASE NOTE—DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

In case of inclement weather, First Lutheran will have the regularly scheduled worship service on Sundays. Special circumstances would be broadcast on KKIN radio (94.3). **On Wednesday evenings – if school is cancelled or let out early because of inclement weather, all Wednesday evening activities will be cancelled.**





**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
THOSE EXPERIENCING  
CANCER**

**Dave Paulson**  
**Emily Forzani**  
**Tony Carlstrom**  
**Bonnie Mickelson**  
**Maria Koslosky**  
**Jan Werner**  
**Bill Hakes**  
**Diane Newstrom**  
**Peggy Miller**  
**Stan Miller**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
THOSE WITH OTHER  
HEALTH CONCERNS**

**Karen Lueck**  
**Cal Raushel**  
**Dorothy Smeltzer**  
**Michael May**  
**Jacob Mehr**  
**Mark Olson**  
**Juanita Nolan**  
**Monte Olson**  
**Craig Fawley**  
**Herm Newton**  
**Diane Rachey**  
**Bev Gray**  
**Kathy Dox**  
**Jonathan Mickelson**  
**Diane Landstad**  
**Paul Martinsen**  
**Bob & Jan Kolodji**  
**Mary Peterson**  
**Mary Webster**  
**Beverly Rueger**  
**Betty Spigarelli**  
**Otto Sotnak**

**Aitkin Community  
Blood Drive**

**First Lutheran Church**

107 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE - Aitkin

**Monday, January 5, 2026 • 11:00am – 5:00pm**

**Tuesday, January 6, 2026 • 9:00am – 2:00pm**

Come to give Jan. 1-25 for chance to win trip for 2 to Super Bowl LX in Calif! [rcblood.org/SuperBowl](http://rcblood.org/SuperBowl)  
2026 APN-0672

Please use the Red Cross Donor App, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Aitkin to schedule an appointment.



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**Please call  
Michele at  
218-838-0184 to  
volunteer or bake  
goodies.**

**QR Code For Easy Giving**

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**



**Assisted Living Residents**

**Diane Landstad, Marlene Tholen; Shirley Hakes; Deloris  
Kosbau; Jerry Erlandson, Carol Harmon**

**Next Week's Readings**



**Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 29;  
Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17**



**Prayer Request Cards**

Available in the pews. If you have a special request, please fill out a card and place it in the offering plate, or give it to one of the ushers. Thank you for your concern.

