First Lutheran Church of Aitkin

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

Week of November 29, 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.

Grace

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 in the Fellowship Hall directly north of the Sanctuary. **Come!**

*Nursery is open during the 9:00 AM service on Sunday mornings. An usher will be happy to assist you in finding the nursery. The worship service can be viewed there. Children are always welcome in worship. "Busy bags" with activities, are available on the wall across from the sanctuary. There is also a *pray ground* at the back of the sanctuary.

First Sunday of Advent

Gathering

Welcome & Invocation
Moments for Mission
Temple Talk—MSP Team
*Confession and Forgiveness
Gathering Hymn "My Lord, What a Morning"
Advent Candle Litany: Hope Candle
Holmgren Family
Advent Candle Lighting "He Came Down" vs. 1
Greeting
Kyrie ELW page 184
Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel Acclamation ELW page 188
*Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37
Sermon Pastor Glen Bickford
Hymn of the Day
"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"
Theo Hinnenkamp Baptism
*Prayers of the Church

Meal

*Sharing of God's Peace
Offertory & *Offering Prayer
Holy Communion
Words of Institution
The Lord's Prayer
Communion Invitation
Distribution of Communion
Hymn "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"
Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Post Communion Prayer

Sending

*Benediction
Mission Statement of First Lutheran Church
Sending Hymn "Soon and Very Soon"
Dismissal * = Please stand

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 29, 2026— Traditional
9:00am Worship Service w/Communion
(Also available via Live stream on YouTube)
Baptism of Theo Hinnenkamp
Advent Candle Lighters—Holmgren Family
10:00am Coffee Fellowship
10:00am Radio Broadcast of 9am Worship Service on KKIN 94.3FM
10:10am NO Sunday School (PK-4th)
10:40am Worship Service w/Communion
2:00pm Advent by Candlelight

Monday, November 30, 2026
8:15am King's Men
5:00pm Community Meal—Take out only

Tuesday, December 1, 2026
8:00am Pickleball Ladies
9:30am Renewal Group Meeting
11:00am Adult Bible Study
3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center
4:00pm Worship & Music Planning Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 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, December 3, 2026
8:00am Pickleball Ladies
12:00am Men's Bible Study
3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center

Friday, December 4, 2026
Office Closed
9:00am Quilting Ministry

Saturday, December 5, 2026

Sunday, December 6, 2026— Traditional
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

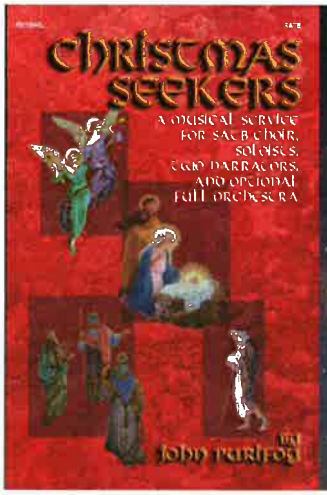
Prayer Request Cards

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.

Flowers on the Altar

A very special Thank You for the altar flowers this week to Kaitlin Ditsworth and Mitchell Hinnenkamp in honor of Theo Hinnenkamps' Baptism.

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 clipboard in the narthex.



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH CHOIR PRESENTS THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 13
at 9:00 am & 3:00 pm
First Lutheran Church

Children's Christmas Program: "Jesus is the Reason"
Sunday, December 20th - 9:00am service



36th ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

The annual Community Christmas Day Dinner will be hosted at First Lutheran Church on Christmas Day, Friday, December 25.
Pick-up and delivery starts at 11am. Dine-in 12pm - 1:30pm.
To pre-order local delivery & pick-up or make reservations (parties of 10 or more), contact Kathy Lebens at 218-398-2537.

HELPERS ARE NEEDED to make this event a success. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex to volunteer.

A very special thank you to Kathy & Ken Lebens and Carla & Bill Hakes for making this event a success.

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: 11/22	9:00 am	86
	10:40 am	9
Wednesday: 11/18	6:00 pm	40

TOTAL OFFERINGS

Week of November 8th — General Fund

Offering Rec'd:	$ 11,118
Weekly Budget:	$ 8,472
Offering YTD:	$ 301,049
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Building Fund: (Sept.)	$ 2,808
Extra Mile Mission (November)	$ 0

(Aitkin Youth Canter)

November Extra Mile Mission Focus

AITKIN
YOUTH CENTER



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

QR Code For Easy Giving

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

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13;
2 Peter 3:8-15; Mark 1:1-8

BLUE CHRISTMAS
LONGEST NIGHT
WORSHIP

December 21st
6:00 pm

CONGREGATIONAL LISTENING SESSIONS

Your Voice Matters

Help shape the call of our next pastor.

Share your hopes, priorities, and concerns at one of our listening sessions.

SUNDAY NOV 29	Immediately after the 9:00 AM service Fellowship Hall
WEDNESDAY DEC 2	After the Wednesday evening service Listening session

Everyone is welcome!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

NEXT MEETING:
December 17th
1 pm



Power of Prayer

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING CANCER

Cory Thole
Steve Moreland
Emily Forzani
Maria Koslosky
Jan Werner
Bill Hakes
Diane Newstrom
Peggy & Stan Miller
Don Schend

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH OTHER HEALTH CONCERNS

Austin Gardner
Dorothy Brandt
Easton Brezinsky
Arvilla Unzeitig
Wayne Royer
Lewis Moore
Lora 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
Phyllis Johnson



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.



DON'T BE LATE OR PROCRASTINATE!

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE JANUARY 15!



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



GIRLS MATTER.

WORKSHOP DATES
SEPTEMBER 14
OCTOBER 12
NOVEMBER 9
DECEMBER 14
JANUARY 11
FEBRUARY 15
MARCH 8
APRIL 12
MAY 10

We are looking forward to making a difference together while enjoying each other's good company starting with our SEPTEMBER 14th Workshop.

Every second MONDAY of each month at 9:00 am - Noon
FIRST LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP HALL
Please note this is a different day than in the past

As Always...There are many different tasks to be done, both sewing and non-sewing.

WE ESPECIALLY CAN USE PEOPLE WHO SEW.
So, if you think you can sew a straight line, consider giving it a try.

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