



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, December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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, December 22, 2025

8:15am King's Men
5:00pm NO Community Meal

Tuesday, December 23, 2025

8:00am Pickleball - Tennis Ladies
9:00am Community Food Shelf
9:30am Renewal Group Meeting
11:00am Adult Bible Study
12:00pm NO Community Lunch

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Office Closed—Holiday

8:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
3:00pm Worship Service w/Communion—
(Also available via Live stream on YouTube)
3:30pm NO Youth CoffeeHouse
4:30pm NO Wed. Night Faith (5th -6th Grade)
5:00pm Worship Service w/Communion—
(Also available via Live stream on YouTube)
5:30pm NO Family Dinner
6:30pm NO Affirmation Class (7th-8th Grade)
6:30pm NO Peer Ministry Class (9th Grade)
7:00pm NO Choir Practice

Thursday, December 25, 2025

Office Closed—Holiday

11:30am Christmas Day Dinner
12:00pm NO Men's Bible Study
5:00pm NO Community Meal

Friday, December 26, 2025

Office Closed

9:00 AM Quilting Ministry
3:30 PM Aitkin Youth Center

Saturday, December 27, 2025



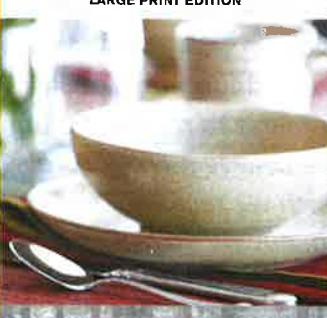
Sunday, December 28, 2025

First 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 NO Worship Service






The Community Meal
will Be closed from
December 22 -
January 1, 2026.
please Join us again
from 5 - 5:30 PM on
January 5.



Christ in Our Home
January, February, March 2026
LARGE PRINT EDITION

The new
Christ in our Home
devotional booklets
are available now in
the narthex. Bring
Christ into your life
everyday.

DON'T BE LATE OR PROCRASTINATE!
ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE
JANUARY 15!
PLEASE EMAIL YOUR
REPORTS TO JILL AT
OFFICE@FLC-
AITKIN.COM

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.**



GOOD GIFTS GIVING TREE



SELECT AN ORNAMENT FROM THE TREE IN THE NARTHEX AND PLACE YOUR DONATION IN AN EXTRA MILE ENVELOPE WITH A MEMO STATING "GOOD GIFTS" OR JUST PUT A CHECK IN THE OFFERING. GIFTS OF ANY DOLLAR AMOUNT ARE WELCOME. HANG THE ORNAMENT ON YOUR TREE AT HOME OR GIVE IT TO A PERSON YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO HONOR THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON. OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE AN EMPTY TREE BY CHRISTMAS!



JOIN
OUR
TEAM

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 or call: 218-927-2028

CHRISTMAS EVE

3pm & 5pm

Traditional Candlelight Worship

GIFT

Gathering In Fellowship Together

Fellowship and Bible Study for all ages of women at FLC.

Meets on 2nd Tuesday at 9:30am.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

NEXT MEETING: December 18th

1 pm



ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 12/14

9:00 am 115

Cantata 142

Wednesday: 12/10

6:00 pm 38



TOTAL OFFERINGS

Week of December 14 — General Fund

Offering : \$ 17,741

Offering YTD : \$ 360,149

Offering Budget YTD: \$ 398,397

Building Fund: (December) \$ 2,360

Extra Mile Mission (December) \$ 460

(Global Barnyard)

General Fund Catch-Up (Dec) \$ 1,050

Let's play catch-up!

We are significantly behind in our finances
for the year.

If you can find it in your hearts and pockets,
please give a little extra this month so we
can end the year strong!

To my First Lutheran Church family:

I send heartfelt thanks for the prayers,
cards, and phone calls while I was in the
hospital/nursing home. It was a great
comfort to know you were thinking of me. I
appreciated it very much.

Thank
you

Thanks again - Dorothy Smeltzer



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS AT 11 A.M.

IN THE LIBRARY

NEW SIX WEEK ADVENT SERIES

BEGINNING DECEMBER:

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**



**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**

**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 2nd 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
2026-APL-19671

Please use the Red Cross Donor App, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit 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 63:7-9; Psalm 148;
Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23**

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.**

