



First Lutheran Church of Aitkin

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

Week of September 27, 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

Prelude Songs
Welcome & Invocation
Moments for Mission
*Confession & Forgiveness
Gathering Song "Time and Time Again"
Song of the Day "Everything's in Your Hands"
Greeting
Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Second Reading: Romans 2:1-13
*Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23-32
Time for Children Pastor Glen Bickford
Sermon Pastor Glen Bickford
*Apostles' Creed
*Prayers of the Church

Meal

*Sharing of God's Peace
Offering
*Offering Prayer
Holy Communion
*The Great Thanksgiving
Words of Institution
The Lord's Prayer
Communion Invitation
Distribution of Communion
Songs "Healing is in Your Hands"
"Give Thanks"
Post-Communion Prayer

Sending

*Benediction
Mission Statement of First Lutheran Church
Sending Song "Go Now"
Dismissal

* = Please stand

Sunday, September 27, 2026—Praise Band**Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

- 9:00am Worship Service w/Communion
- (Also available via Live stream on YouTube)
- 9:00am 3 yr. old Bible Milestone
- 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
- 6:00pm C.S. Lewis Book Study - The Lion,
The Witch, & the Wardrobe

Monday, September 28, 2026

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

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

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

Wednesday, September 30, 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
- 6:30pm Stole Making—10th Grade

Thursday, October 1, 2026

- 12:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center

Friday, October 2, 2026*Office Closed*

- 9:00am Quilting Ministry

Saturday, October 3, 2026**Sunday, October 4, 2026—Traditional****Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

- 9:00am Worship Service w/Communion
- (Also available via Live stream on YouTube)
- 10:00am Family Hike/Banning State Park
- 10:00am Brunch/ BINGO/ Bake Sale
College Scholarships
- 10:00am Radio Broadcast of 9am Worship
Service on KKIN 94.3FM
- 10:10am NO Sunday School
- 10:40am Worship Service w/communion
- 6:00pm C.S. Lewis Book Study - The Lion,
The Witch, & the Wardrobe

First Lutheran Church**2026
Fall CYF Ministry**

Join us for a great fall of community, mission
and growing in your faith!

Sunday School:

- 9/13 Blessing of the Backpacks
- 9/20 First day of Sunday School
- 9/27 3-year old Bible Milestone
- 10/11 First Grade Worship Milestone
- 11/15 Pre-School Prayer Milestone

Wednesday Night Schedule**(Begins September 23 with Leader Blessing in Worship)**

- 3:15PM Coffee House
- 4:15PM Wednesday Night Faith
- 5:15PM Family Meal and Fellowship
- 6:00 Worship
- 6:30PM Affirmation Classes (7th-9th Grades)

Other Events:

- Mentor Blessing 9/30 at worship**
- Banning Park Hike 10/4 (9:30AM-5:30PM)**
- Highway Clean Up 10/7**
- Affirmation of Baptism 10/25 9AM**

CHOIR INFO

Choir will sing Sunday, October 25th at 9am service.

Practice will be the Wednesday (Oct. 21st)

before at 7pm.

**Next Week's Readings**

Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians
3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

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



**Council Minutes
Available in print
version on slat wall
in Narthex.**



ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 9/20 9:00 am 87
 10:40 am 5

TOTAL OFFERINGS

Week of Sept. 6th — General Fund

Offering Rec'd:	\$ 5,375
Weekly Budget:	\$ 8,472
Offering YTD:	\$ 232,540
Offering Budget YTD:	\$ 321,936
Building Fund: (Sept.)	\$ 2,045
Extra Mile Mission (September)	\$ 0
(Lutheran Campus Ministry)	

Family Hike at Banning State Park Sunday October 4th

Your family is invited to join us in a fun day of hiking, fellowship, and adventure as we explore God's amazing wilderness! Bus leaves at 10am and returns at 5:30pm.

RSVP to the Office. Lunch provided.

September Extra Mile Mission Focus

Lutheran Campus Ministry

ELCA

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

Flowers on the Altar — 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 clip board in the narthex.

A very special Thank You for the altar flowers this week to Jan Gardner in memory of Doug.

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!

Starting October 7th

GIRLS MATTER.

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.

WORKSHOP DATES

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

CS Lewis Book Study

Want to learn more about theology and having fun at the same time? Reading *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe* by CS Lewis led by Pastor Glen allows you to do just that.



Starting September 13th:

We'll meet in the library or fellowship hall every Sunday evening for an hour at 6 pm.

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe can be purchased on eBay used, Amazon, or checked out from the library.

Cost of the book is from \$3-10.

This study is open to everyone

prayer LIST

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

Jonathan Thompson

Barb Wernli

**Roland & Linda
Anderson**

Gayle Gilbertson

Ryan Schugel

Ken Lebens

Dorothy Smeltzer

Michael May

Jacob Mehr

Monte Olson

Herm Newton

Diane Landstad

Paul Martinsen

Jan Kolodji

Mary Peterson

Beverly Rueger

Otto Sotnak

Don Schend

Debby Yates

Phyllis Johnson

Ally Ehnstrom

Jeffrey Hahn

*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.

Join Us for
Brunch, BINGO and Bake Sale

PRIZES

Sunday, October 4th
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Brunch - Free Will Offering
BINGO - \$25 per person donation to play all games with fabulous prizes!!!
If you'd like to donate a baked good for the bake sale, it can be dropped off at the church beforehand.
Supports the First Lutheran College Scholarship Fund!

WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Regular class day schedule: (3 year olds - 4th graders)

10:00-Treats and fellowship
10:10-Opener in sanctuary
10:15-Classes in education wing
10:45-Songs together in God's Garden Room
10:52-Games in Gym
11:00-End (pick up in gym)

1st Day 9/20/26

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