



First Lutheran Church of Aitkin

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

Week of October 18, 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!**

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost Gathering

Prelude Songs

Welcome & Invocation

Moments for Mission/Temple Talk

*Confession & Forgiveness

Gathering Song "Thanks and Praise"

Song of the Day "Way Maker"

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-17

Psalms 96:1-13

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

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

Distribution of Communion

Song "Healing is in Your Hands"

Song "Healer"

Post-Communion Prayer

Sending

*Benediction

Mission Statement of First Lutheran Church

Sending Song "Your River O God"

Dismissal

*= please stand

Sunday, October 18, 2026—Praise Band**Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost****9:00am Worship Service w/Communion**

- (Also available via Live stream on YouTube)

9:00am Service of Healing

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/communion6:00pm C.S. Lewis Book Study - The Lion,
The Witch, & the Wardrobe**Monday, October 19, 2026**

8:15am King's Men

4:00pm Executive Committee Meeting

5:00pm Church Council Meeting

5:00pm Community Meal—Take out only

6:00pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

8:00am Pickleball Ladies

9:30am Renewal Group Meeting

11:00am Adult Bible Study

11:00am Aitkin Lions Salad Luncheon

3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center

Wednesday, October 21, 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 22, 2026

8:00am Pickleball Ladies

9:00am Community Food Shelf

12:00pm Men's Bible Study

3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center

Friday, October 23, 2026*Office Closed*

9:00am Quilting Ministry

Saturday, October 24, 2026**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
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*"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.



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)

Help Needed!

*First Lutheran is serving the Community Meal on Monday, November 2nd. We are in need of one more person to assist with serving and need 5 more people to provide 2 dozen cookies.

If you would like to serve and/or bake please contact Val Thompson @ 218-839-6016.

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)

Gratitude Gathering

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

Need 2-3 pies
 from FLC for
 this event



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!

November schedule includes the 11th & 18th
 (No activities November 4th or 25th due to school breaks)

ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 10/11 9:00 am 84
 10:40 am 8
 Wednesday: 10/14 6:00 pm 60

TOTAL OFFERINGS

Week of October 11th — General Fund

Offering Rec'd:	\$ 3,800
Weekly Budget:	\$ 8,472
Offering YTD:	\$250,746
Offering Budget YTD:	\$347,352
Building Fund: (Sept.)	\$ 1,508
Extra Mile Mission (October)	\$ 0
(ELCA Global Missions)	

 **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-altkin.com
 or send a check to the church



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

First Lutheran Church

AFFIRMATION WORSHIP SERVICE—9AM

Reception follows during fellowship time

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.



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

Enjoy coffee
 & treats with
 your quilting
 buddies

No
 Sewing
 Experience
 Required For
 Many
 Projects

Quilters:
 Shop for fabric
 Wash & iron used fabric
 Cut squares

Sort & design squares for quilt kits
 Choose quilt kits in the narthex to
 take home & sew
 and sew much more!

Join any time of the year!

Next Week's Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 46;
 Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

QR Code For Easy Giving

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



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

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

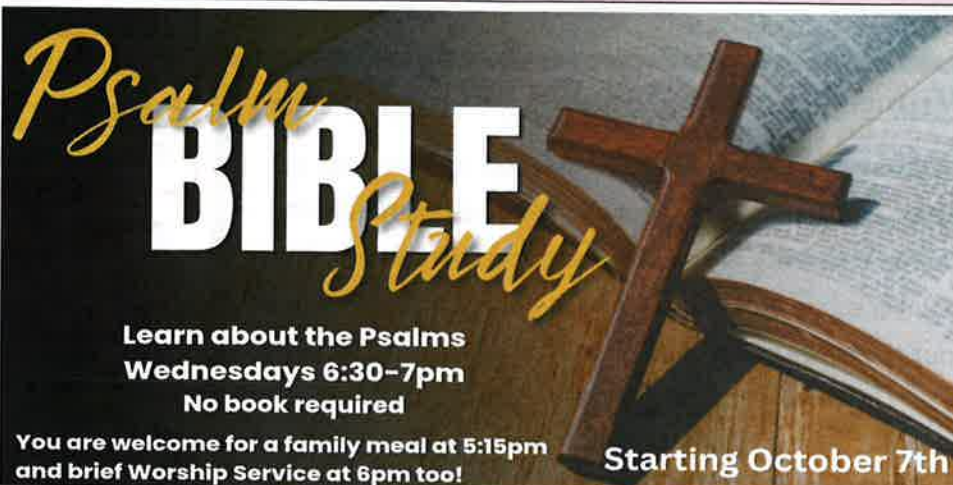
Otto Sotnak

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!

Starting October 7th



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

