



First Lutheran Church of Aitkin

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

Week of October 4, 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

Welcome & Invocation

Moments for Mission

*Confession & Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn "When I Survey the Wonderful Cross" ELW #803

Greeting

Kyrie

ELW page 184

Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:7-15

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel Acclamation ELW page 188

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-46

Time for Children Pastor Glen Bickford

Sermon Pastor Glen Bickford

Hymn of the Day "Beautiful Savior" ELW #838

*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

Hymns "You Are Holy" (2X) ELW #525

"Change My Heart, O God" (2X) ELW #801

"Lord, Be Glorified" ELW #744

Post-Communion Prayer

Sending

*Benediction

Mission Statement of First Lutheran Church

Sending Hymn "All Creatures Worship God Most High" vs. 1,2 & 6 ELW #835

Dismissal

* = Please stand

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/communion6:00pm C.S. Lewis Book Study - The Lion,
The Witch, & the WardrobeMonday, October 5, 2026

8:15am King's Men

12:00pm Mission Endowment Meeting

5:00pm Community Meal—Take out only

6:00pm Cub Scout Meeting

7:00pm MSP Team

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

9:30am Renewal Group Meeting

11:00am Adult Bible Study

3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center

4:00pm Worship & Music Planning Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

8:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast

9:30am A.C.T Meeting

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 8, 2026

9:00am Community Food Shelf

12:00pm Men's Bible Study

3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center

Friday, October 9, 2026*Office Closed*

9:00am Quilting Ministry

Saturday, October 10, 2026Sunday, October 11, 2026—Youth Band**Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost****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)

10:10am 1st Grade Worship milestone

10:40am Worship Service w/communion6:00pm C.S. Lewis Book Study - The Lion,
The Witch, & the Wardrobe

CHOIR INFO



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

Practice will be the Wednesday (Oct. 21st)

before at 7pm.



*"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.

TRANSITIONAL PLANNING

Planning Today for Peace of Mind Tomorrow

Monday, October 5, 2026

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

First Lutheran Church of Aitkin • Fellowship Hall

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Christine Bright • Jason Brezinsky • Rebecca May • Lowell Larson

FREE EVENT • LIGHT SNACKS PROVIDED • ALL INVITED

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
ProjectsEnjoy coffee
& treats with
your quilting
buddiesQuilters:**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!*

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



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.



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 clipboard in the narthex.

**A very special Thank You for the altar flowers
this week to Olan & Mimi Watters.**

ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 9/27 9:00 am 92
10:40 am 12

TOTAL OFFERINGS

Week of October 4th — General Fund

Offering Rec'd:	\$ 5,622
Weekly Budget:	\$ 8,472
Offering YTD:	\$238,163
Offering Budget YTD:	\$330,408
Building Fund: (Sept.)	\$ 2,543
Extra Mile Mission (September) (Lutheran Campus Ministry)	\$ 175



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)

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.

WORKSHOP DATES

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

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.

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 25:1-9, Psalm 23;
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

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

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.

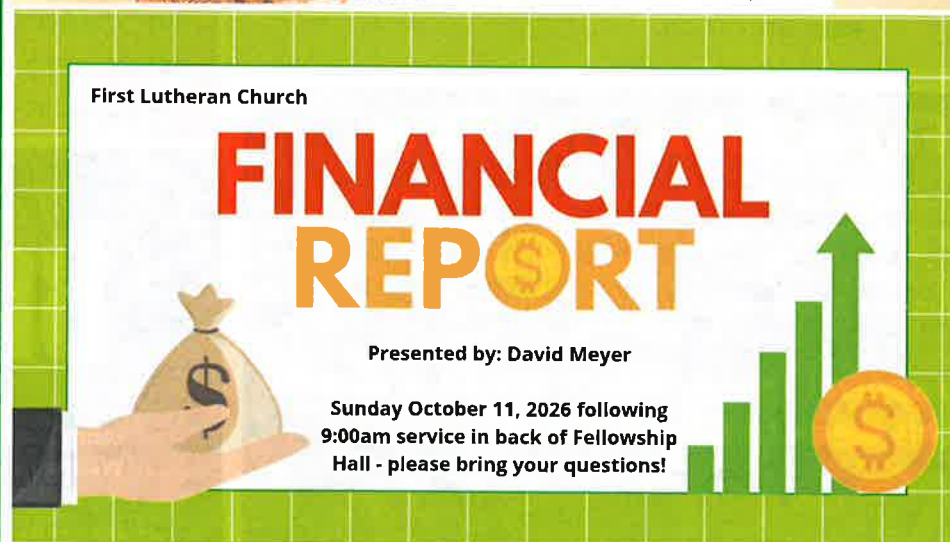


Join Us for
Brunch, BINGO and Bake Sale

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!

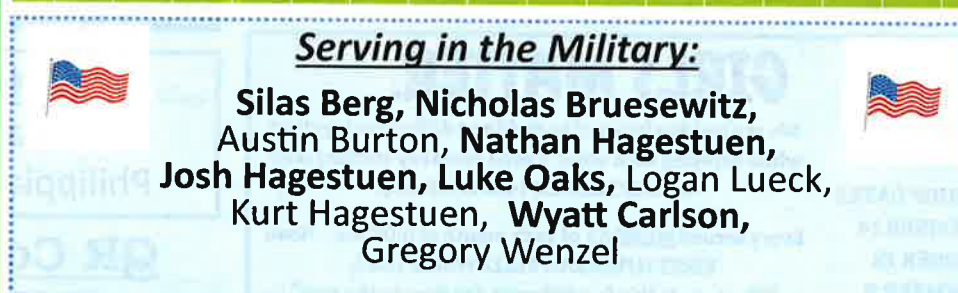


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FINANCIAL REPORT

Presented by: David Meyer

Sunday October 11, 2026 following 9:00am service in back of Fellowship Hall - please bring your questions!



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