



First Lutheran Church of Aitkin

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 7:30 AM-4:00 PM;
Closed Fridays

Week of August 30, 2026



Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 9:00 am & 10:40 am



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 "Lift High the Cross" ELW #660

Greeting

Kyrie

WOV p. 28

Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" WOV p. 29-30

Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalm 26:1-8

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" WOV p. 31

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

Time for Children Pastor Glen Bickford

Sermon Pastor Glen Bickford

Hymn of the Day "Will You Come and Follow Me"
ELW #798

*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

Hymn "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" ELW #659

Hymn "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"
ELW #445

Post-Communion Prayer

Sending Communion

Sending

*Benediction

Mission Statement of First Lutheran Church

Sending Hymn "Go My Children, With My Blessing"
ELW #543

Dismissal

* = **please stand**

Sunday, August 30, 2026—Traditional Music**Fourteenth 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
- 10:40am Worship Service w/Communion

Monday, August 31, 2026

- 8:15am King's Men
- 12:00pm American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

- 9:00am American Red Cross Blood Drive
- 9:30am Renewal Group Meeting
- 11:00am Adult Bible Study
- 3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center
- 4:00pm Worship & Music Meeting

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

- 8:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
- 9:00am Second Harvest CSFP Box distribution

Thursday, September 3, 2026

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

Friday, September 4, 2026

- Office Closed
- 9:00am Quilting Ministry

Saturday, September 5, 2026

- 8:00am Friends of Spirit Lake

Sunday, September 6, 2026—Traditional Music**Fifteenth 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
- 10:40am Worship Service w/Communion

Instructions for Worship Services:

1. Live Broadcast or Recording link at <https://www.youtube.com>, search for First Lutheran Church Aitkin or
2. Facebook Page at First Lutheran Church of Aitkin MN or
3. Check our website for the link at www.flc-aitkin.com or
4. Listen to FM Radio Station 94.3 at 10:00 AM Sundays for broadcast of the 9am service.

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 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

Radio Ministry—We invite you to consider sponsoring our weekly Sunday broadcast. FLC's **Sunday worship is aired at 10 am on KKIN FM Radio Station 94.3. The cost is \$40 per week**, but any amount will help. Envelopes are available in the narthex.

A very special Thank You to Linda Delaney for sponsoring the month of August in honor of the radio listeners.

KUWAA Mission—The KUWAA Mission in Liberia is a mission focus for 2026. Weekly sponsorship is \$25. Please consider supporting this important mission for a week or more. Information is in the narthex.

A very special Thank You to Dale & Mary Beth Woodrow for sponsoring 4 weeks.

Next Week's Readings

Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40;
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

ADVOCACY IN ACTION
August - December 2026
Joining our Voices for Neighbors and Nature

PREPARE · CONNECT · ACT

Join us this Fall to learn and practice faith-based civic engagement from a Lutheran perspective. Please scan QR code or visit ecofaithnetwork.org for more information and to register for webinars.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/2tZ2fac7rCz6BNyq8>
(More dates and topics coming soon.)



8/25 (3 - 4:30 pm) Stretching our Civic Engagement Muscles
9/22 (6:30 - 8:00 pm) The Biblical Basis for Civic Engagement

Email: ecofaith@nemnsynod.org (Pastor Beth Pottratz, EcoFaith Network)

School Supplies Needed

**Crayola Colored Pencils
Crayola Markers
Hand Sanitizer
Clorox Wipes
7" Scissors
USB-C Headphones**

Bring donations to the office to help local schools. Thank you!

Quilters Are Back!

Quilters have resumed their work and are meeting every Friday at 9:00 AM beginning September 4th.

We need people who would like to tie quilts, cut squares, sew bindings, prepare packets for sewing and any other aspects of quilting. You can work at home or at church. No education required. We are a happy group that shares stories, time together and deep friendships and some tasty snacks too!

**Call Linda Delaney with questions:
218-820-6777.**



WORKSHOP DATES

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

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.



ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8/23 9:00 am 78
10:40 am 7

TOTAL OFFERINGS

Week of August 23 — General Fund

Offering Rec'd:	\$ 4,925
Weekly Budget:	\$ 8,472
Offering YTD:	\$ 209,076
Offering Budget YTD:	\$ 288,048
Building Fund: (August)	\$ 2,068
Extra Mile Mission (August)	\$ 150
(Lutheran Social Services)	

September Extra Mile Mission Focus

Lutheran Campus Ministry

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

FREE CRAFTING ITEMS

Embroidery Floss
Paints
Cardstock
India Ink
Hardanger Thread

CONTACT JAN AT 218-429-1222

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
 Kristi Wetzel
 Richard Jackman

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH OTHER HEALTH CONCERNS

Barb Wernli
 Roland & Linda Anderson
 Gayle Gilbertson
 Ryan Schugel
 Ken Lebens
 Dorothy Smeltzer
 Michael May
 Jacob Mehr
 Monte Olson
 Craig Fawley
 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.

**CHURCH OFFICE IS
 CLOSED ON FRIDAYS
 IN SUMMER**

**Aitkin Community
 Blood Drive**

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107 2nd Street SE - Aitkin

Monday, August 31, 2026

12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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.



1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App



**Please call
 Michele at
 218-838-0184 to
 volunteer or bake
 goodies.**



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