



First Lutheran Church of Aitkin

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Office Hours: Mon.—Thurs. 10:00AM-4:00PM;
Fridays Closed
Week of October 11, 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 "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Greeting
Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9
*Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14
Time for Children Pastor Glen Bickford
Sermon Pastor Glen Bickford
Song of the Day "Lord Most High"
*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 "Abide"
Post-Communion Prayer

Sending

*Benediction
Mission Statement of First Lutheran Church
Sending Song "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"
Dismissal

* = Please stand

Sunday, 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**Monday, October 12, 2026**

8:15am King's Men

9:00am Girl's Matter Period Workshop

5:00pm Building & Property Meeting

5:00pm Community Meal—Take out only

6:00pm Mutual Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

8:00am Pickleball Ladies

9:30am G.I.F.T. Bible Study

9:30am Renewal Group Meeting

11:00am Adult Bible Study

3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center

7:00pm Stewardship Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

8:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast

3:15pm NO Youth Coffee House

4:15pm NO Wed. Night Faith—5th & 6th Grade

5:15pm NO Family Meal

6:00pm NO Worship Service

6:30pm NO Affirmation Class-7th & 8th Grade

6:30pm NO Peer Ministry—9th Grade

Thursday, October 15, 2026

8:00am Pickleball Ladies

12:00pm Men's Bible Study

1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center

Friday, October 16, 2026*Office Closed*

9:00am Quilting Ministry

Saturday, October 17, 2026**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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

NEXT MEETING:
October 15th
1 pm*"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

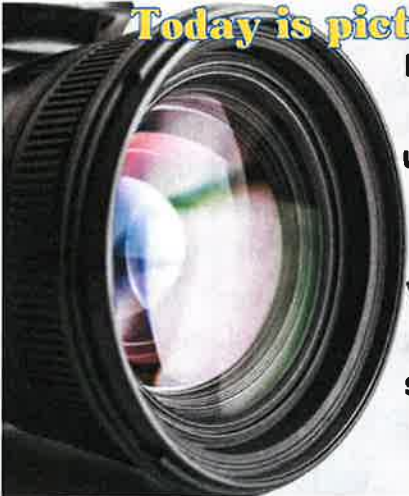
(some candy will be provided to
you from donations)

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.

Today is picture Sunday!



Nanci & Walt Sauerbrei are taking pictures today to keep our wall updated. They will be in the North hallway after service.

You may also email your photo to office@flc-aitkin.com. All submissions must be in landscape orientation.



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.

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



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)

ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 10/4

9:00 am 76

10:40 am 12

TOTAL OFFERINGS

Week of October 4th — General Fund

Offering Rec'd:	\$	
Weekly Budget:	\$	Not
Offering YTD:	\$	available
Offering Budget YTD:	\$	at time
Building Fund: (Sept.)	\$	of print
Extra Mile Mission (October)	\$	
(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-aitkin.com
or send a check to the church

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.



Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-13; 1
Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

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

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

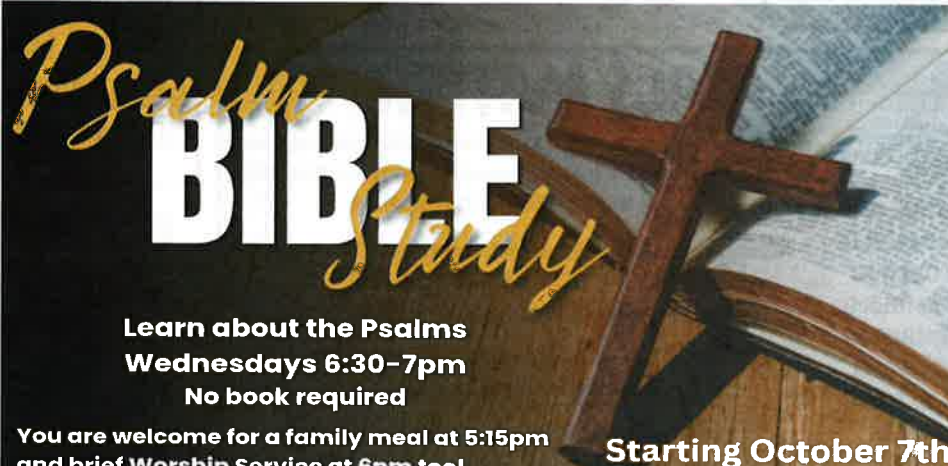
Phyllis Johnson

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.

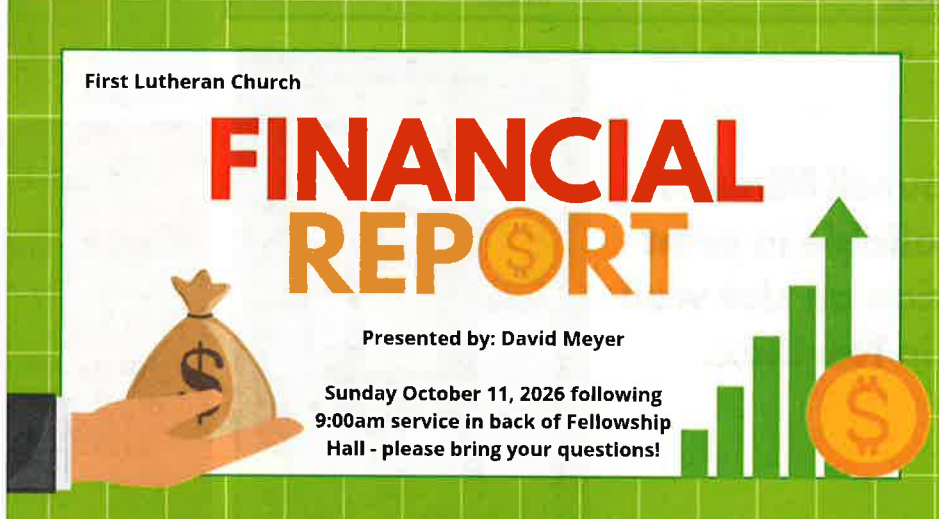


**Psalm
BIBLE
Study**

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



First Lutheran Church

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