First Lutheran Church of Aitkin

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

Week of November 15, 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.

Grace

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 in the Fellowship Hall directly north of the Sanctuary. **Come!**

*Nursery is open during the 9:00 AM service on Sunday mornings. An usher will be happy to assist you in finding the nursery. The worship service can be viewed there. Children are always welcome in worship. "Busy bags" with activities, are available on the wall across from the sanctuary. There is also a *pray ground* at the back of the sanctuary.

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Welcome & Invocation
Moments for Mission
Annual Appeal Temple Talk—Linda Hommes
*Confession & Forgiveness
Gathering Hymn
"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"
Greeting
Kyrie ELW page 184
Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-12
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Gospel Acclamation ELW page 188
*Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30
Time for Children Pastor Glen Bickford
Sermon Pastor Glen Bickford
Hymn of the Day "Christ, Be Our Light"
*Apostles' Creed

Prayer

*Prayers of the Church
*Sharing of God's Peace
Offering
*Offering Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Sending

*Benediction
Mission Statement of First Lutheran Church
Sending Hymn
"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"
Dismissal

* = Please stand

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 15, 2026— Traditional
Newsletter Articles due
9:00am Worship Service
(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)
10:40am Worship Service w/Communion
5:00pm AHS Volleyball Banquet

Monday, November 16, 2026
8:15am King's Men
4:00pm Executive Council Meeting
5:00pm Church Council Meeting
5:00pm Community Meal—Take out only
6:00pm Cub Scout Meeting

Tuesday, November 17, 2026
8:00am Pickleball Ladies
9:30am Renewal Group Meeting
11:00am Adult Bible Study
3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center

Wednesday, November 18, 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, November 19, 2026
8:00am Pickleball Ladies
12:00pm Men's Bible Study
1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center

Friday, November 20, 2026
Office Closed
9:00am Quilting Ministry
All Youth Gathering at Cragun's

Saturday, November 21, 2026
All Youth Gathering at Cragun's

Sunday, November 22, 2026— Praise Band
9:00am Worship Service
(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)
10:40am Worship Service w/Communion

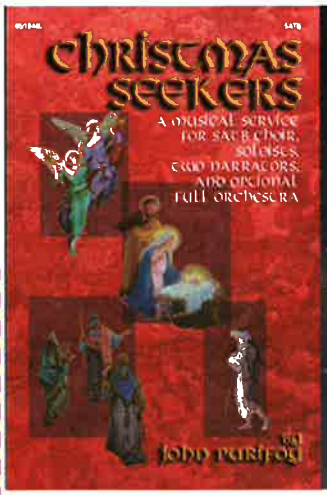
PLEASE NOTE—DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER
On Wednesday evenings – if school is cancelled or let out early because of inclement weather, all Wednesday evening activities will be cancelled.





Children's Christmas Program: "Jesus is the Reason"
Sunday, December 20th - 9:00am service





FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH CHOIR PRESENTS THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 13 at 9:00 am & 3:00 pm
First Lutheran Church

Gratitude Gathering

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

Need 2-3 pies from FLC for this event





ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 11/8	9:00 am 80
Pet Blessing	10:30 am 10
Wednesday: 11/4	6:00 pm No service

TOTAL OFFERINGS

Week of November 1st — General Fund

Offering Rec'd:	$ 5,638
Weekly Budget:	$ 8,472
Offering YTD:	$ 272.323
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Building Fund: (Sept.)	$ 1,053
Extra Mile Mission (November) (Aitkin Youth Canter)	$ 0

November Extra Mile Mission Focus

AITKIN
YOUTH CENTER



If you would like to donate, please go to our website: www.flc-aitkin.com or send a check to the church

QR Code For Easy Giving

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

Next Week's Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-16; Psalm 95:1-7a;
1 Corinthians 1:3-9' Mark 13:24-37

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 in the library.

Come and have fun!

November schedule includes the 11th & 18th

Need to order early to guarantee availability. Ushers have envelopes!



Christmas Poinsettia Order Form



Help to decorate the sanctuary this Christmas season while honoring and/or memorializing your loved ones in the Christmas bulletin.

☐ In Honor of _____

☐ In Memory of _____

FLOWERS

Red Poinsettia.....$16.00.....Qty._____

White Poinsettia.....$16.00.....Qty._____

Totals $_____ **Qty.** _____

Orders must be received before Monday November 16th at 12 Noon!



Donor Name _____

Power of Prayer

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING CANCER

Cory Thole
Steve Moreland
Emily Forzani
Maria Koslosky
Jan Werner
Bill Hakes
Diane Newstrom
Peggy & Stan Miller
Don Schend

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH OTHER HEALTH CONCERNS

Easton Brezinsky
Arvilla Unzeitig
Wayne Royer
Lewis Moore
Lora 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
Phyllis Johnson



36th ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

The annual Community Christmas Day Dinner will be hosted at First Lutheran Church on Christmas Day, Friday, December 25.
Pick-up and delivery starts at 11am. Dine-in 12pm - 1:30pm.
To pre-order local delivery & pick-up or make reservations (parties of 10 or more), contact Kathy Lebens at 218-398-2537.

HELPERS ARE NEEDED to make this event a success. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex to volunteer.

A very special thank you to Kathy & Ken Lebens and Carla & Bill Hakes for making this event a success.

Serving in the Military:

Silas Berg, Nicholas Bruesewitz, Austin Burton, **Nathan Hagestuen, Josh Hagestuen, Luke Oaks,** Logan Lueck, Kurt Hagestuen, **Wyatt Carlson,** Gregory Wenzel

Ministry Site Profile Team



Dave Benson, Linda Delaney, Chancy Nordick, Paige Holmgren, Pastor Glen Bickford

Assisted Living Residents

Diane Landstad, Marlene Tholen; Shirley Hakes; Deloris Kosbau; Jerry Erlandson, Carol Harmon; Elaine Selseth; Marty Swanson, Glen & Dorothy Smeltzer

