



First Lutheran Church of Aitkin Announcements

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Pastor Reggie Denton

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 7:30 AM-4:00 PM;
Fridays 7:30 AM—12:00 PM



Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 9:00 am & 10:30 am, Wednesday 6:00 pm



Mission Statement: With God's love we embrace one another, our neighbors and all creation.

Welcome! If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about First Lutheran, please stop by the church office, call, or visit our website.

***We are glad you are here!** We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, LGBTQ, filthy rich, black and proud, y no habla ingles. We extend a special welcome to those who are newborns, poor as dirt, skinny as a rail, got a hitch in their git-along, or just plain can't sing. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up, or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Lutheran than Luther, or more Catholic than the pope, or haven't been to church since little Maria's confirmation. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 40 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters, and people who stay up too late at night. If you're having problems, or you're down in the dumps, or you don't like "organized religion," we've been there, too. We offer a special welcome to those who could lose a few pounds, think the earth is flat, work too hard, can't spell, or came because grandma's in town and wanted to go to church. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, are three-times divorced, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid, or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers, doubters, bleeding hearts... and you!

***You do not need to be a member of First to receive Communion.** *All who believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are welcome. We believe it is our Lord's invitation to which we respond, our Lord's meal at which we gather, our Lord's gifts which we receive. Children not yet communing are welcome – they may come forward for a goldfish and a blessing, but we do ask parents to have them keep their hands down, so that the communion assistant knows. All those who are communing are asked to extend both hands to receive. If you would like to receive communion but are not able to come forward, please let an usher know so that communion can be brought to you.*

***Parents with Young Children:** When you are here, the church is filled with a joyful noise. When you are here, the Body of Christ is more fully present. When you are here, we are reminded that this worship thing we do isn't just about Bible Study or personal, quiet contemplation, but about coming together to worship as a community where all are welcome, where all share in Word and Sacrament together. When you are here, we know that your little ones are learning how and why we worship.

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!"

*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.

*You're invited to coffee & goodies on Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM.

*Assisted hearing devices are available. An usher can assist you.



Sunday, December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:00am Sunday School Christmas Program
- 9:00am Worship Service**
(Also available Livestream on YouTube)
- 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00am Radio Broadcast of 9 am Worship Service on KKIN 94.3 FM
- 10:30am NO Worship Service**

Monday, December 15, 2025

- 8:15am King's Men
- 3:00pm Community Meal Board Meeting
- 4:00pm Executive Committee Meeting
- 5:00pm Community Meal - Take out only
- 5:00pm Council Meeting
- 6:00pm Cub Scout Troup Meeting

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

- 8:00am Pickleball - Tennis Ladies
- 9:00am Girls Matter Period Workshop
- 9:30am Renewal Group Meeting
- 11:00am Adult Bible Study
- 12:00pm Community Lunch - Take out only

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

- 8:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
- 3:30pm Youth CoffeeHouse
- 4:30pm Wed. Night Faith (5th -6th Grade)
- 5:30pm Family Dinner
- 6:00pm Worship Service w/Communion**
- 6:30pm Affirmation Class (7th-8th Grade)
- 6:30pm Peer Ministry Class (9th Grade)
- 7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, December 18, 2025

- 8:00am Pickleball - Tennis Ladies
- 12:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center
- 5:00pm Community Meal - Take out only
- 6:00pm Longest Night/Blue Christmas**
Worship Service

Friday, December 19, 2025

- 9:00 AM Quilting Ministry
- 3:30 PM Aitkin Youth Center

Saturday, December 20, 2025



Sunday, December 21, 2025

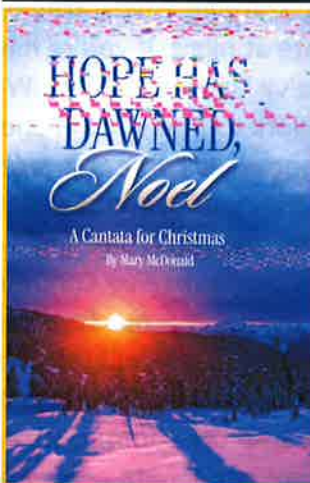
Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:00am Worship Service w/Communion - (Also available via Live stream on YouTube)**
- 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00am **NO** Sunday School (PK-4th grade)
- 10:00am Radio Broadcast of 9am Worship Service on KKIN 94.3FM**
- 10:30am Worship Service w/Communion**



**BLUE CHRISTMAS
LONGEST NIGHT
WORSHIP**

December 18th
6:00 pm



**SUNDAY
DECEMBER
14TH AT
3:00PM**



2026 offering envelopes will be available soon.
Please let office know if you need envelopes or no longer use your envelopes.

PLEASE NOTE—DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

In case of inclement weather, First Lutheran will have the regularly scheduled worship service on Sundays. Special circumstances would be broadcast on KKIN radio (94.3). **On Wednesday evenings – if school is cancelled or let out early because of inclement weather, all Wednesday evening activities will be cancelled.**



GOOD GIFTS GIVING TREE



SELECT AN ORNAMENT FROM THE TREE IN THE NARTHEX AND PLACE YOUR DONATION IN AN EXTRA MILE ENVELOPE WITH A MEMO STATING "GOOD GIFTS" OR JUST PUT A CHECK IN THE OFFERING. GIFTS OF ANY DOLLAR AMOUNT ARE WELCOME. HANG THE ORNAMENT ON YOUR TREE AT HOME OR GIVE IT TO A PERSON YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO HONOR THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON. OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE AN EMPTY TREE BY CHRISTMAS!



JOIN
OUR
TEAM

First Lutheran Church

Job Opening

Ministry & Media Coordinator

Creative lead on all visual aspects of online and printed advertising of events happening at our busy church/community on many platforms.

11-15 hours weekly, PTO, flexible/remote hours

Apply today @ Indeed.com or in the church office!

email: office@flc-aitkin.com or call: 218-927-2028

CHRISTMAS EVE

3pm & 5pm

Traditional

Candlelight Worship

GIFT

Gathering In Fellowship Together

Fellowship and Bible Study for all ages of women at FLC.

Meets on 2nd Tuesday at 9:30am.

December 9th - Caroling at Nursing Homes
Lunch following.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

NEXT MEETING: December 18th
1 pm



ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 12/7 9:00 am 91
10:30 am 12
Wednesday: 12/3 6:00 pm 42



TOTAL OFFERINGS

Week of December 7 — General Fund

Offering :	\$ 10,377
Offering YTD :	\$ 342,408
Offering Budget YTD:	\$ 390,429
Building Fund: (December)	\$ 1,078
Extra Mile Mission (December)	\$ 0
(Global Barnyard)	
General Fund Catch-Up (Dec)	\$ 300

Let's play catch-up!

We are significantly behind in our finances for the year.

If you can find it in your hearts and pockets, please give a little extra this month so we can end the year strong!

GIRLS MATTER. PERIOD

Next workshop will be:

Tuesday, December 16

9 am



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS AT 11 A.M.

IN THE LIBRARY

NEW SIX WEEK ADVENT SERIES

BEGINNING DECEMBER:

ALL ARE
WELCOME!



PLEASE PRAY FOR
THOSE EXPERIENCING
CANCER

Dave Paulson
Emily Forzani
Tony Carlstrom
Bonnie Mickelson
Maria Koslosky
Jan Werner
Bill Hakes
Diane Newstrom
Peggy Miller
Stan Miller

PLEASE PRAY FOR
THOSE WITH OTHER
HEALTH CONCERNS

Cal Raushel
Dorothy Smeltzer
Michael May
Jacob Mehr
Mark Olson
Juanita Nolan
Monte Olson
Craig Fawley
Herm Newton
Diane Rachey
Bev Gray
Kathy Dox
Jonathan Mickelson
Diane Landstad
Paul Martinsen
Bob & Jan Kolodji
Mary Peterson
Mary Webster
Beverly Rueger
Betty Spigarelli
Otto Sotnak



MN Adult & Teen Challenge
~ CHOIR ~

The special love offering for Adult and
Teen Challenge brought in \$967!
Way to go, 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.



Serving in the Military:



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



Assisted Living Residents

Diane Landstad, Marlene Tholen; Shirley Hakes; Deloris
Kosbau; Jerry Erlandson, Carol Harmon

Next Week's Readings



Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;
Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25



Prayer Request Cards

Available in the pews. If you have a special request,
please fill out a card and place it in the offering plate,
or give it to one of the ushers. Thank you for your
concern.

