

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, LBGTQ, 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 threetimes 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 available 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 Sunday May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:00 AM Worship Service w/Communion (Also available Livestream on YouTube) 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Radio Broadcast of 9 am Worship Service on KKIN 94.3 FM 10:30 AM Worship Service W/Communion

Monday, May 26, 2025

Office Closed—Memorial Day 5:00 PM **NO** Community Meal

<u>Tuesday, May 27, 2025</u>

8:15 AM King's Men 9:30 AM Renewal Group Meeting 11:00 AM Adult Bible Study 12:00 PM Community Lunch—Take out only 1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 28,2025

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast

Thursday, May 29, 2025

12:00 PM Men's Bible Study 3:30 PM Aitkin Youth Center 5:00 PM Community Meal—Take out only

Friday, May 30, 2025

Office Closed 3:30 PM Aitkin Youth Center Aitkin Youth Center Lock-in



Saturday, May 31, 2025

1:00 PM Ken Hakes Visitation 2:00 PM Ken Hakes Celebration of Life 3:00 PM Ken Hakes Refreshments

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM Worship Service w/Communion (Also available Livestream on YouTube)
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
10:00 AM Radio Broadcast of 9 am Worship Service on KKIN 94.3 FM
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<u>Radio Ministry</u>—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 Barry & Eileen Foss for sponsoring the month of May in memory of their son, Cully Foss.



See the front page of our website at FLC-Aitkin.com For the link to register for VBS now!



<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR</u> THOSE EXPERIENCING

CANCER

Wayne Royer Bonnie Mickelson Bev Bose Maria Koslosky Jan Werner Bill Hakes Elaine Nordberg Terry Mehr Diane Newstrom Susan Simons Shelly Watson

<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR</u> <u>THOSE WITH OTHER</u> <u>HEALTH CONCERNS</u>

Craig Fawley Herm Newton **Diane Rachev Bev Gray Kathy Dox** Jonathan Mickelson Wyatt Winter **David Meyer Camden Visnovec Diane Landstad** Paul Martinsen **Dorothy Smeltzer** Bob & Jan Kolodji **Mary Peterson Mary Webster** Erik Svenkerud Lloyd Henke

<u>Assisted Living Residents</u> Marlene Tholen; Shirley Hakes; Deloris Kosbau; Jerry Erlandson, Carol Harmon

