



# First Lutheran Church of Aitkin

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 7:30 AM-4:00 PM;  
Fridays 7:30 AM—12:00 PM  
Week of March 1, 2026



## Weekly Worship Schedule:

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



**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 10:30 am service, in the Fellowship Hall directly north of the Sanctuary. **Come!**

### Gathering

Welcome & Invocation  
Confession and Forgiveness  
Gathering Hymn “O God of Mercy, God of Light”  
ELW #714

Greeting  
Kyrie & Hymn of Praise “Glory to God” Page 138-140  
Prayer of the Day

### Word

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalm 121  
Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
Gospel Acclamation “Stay Here” WOV #667  
Gospel: John 3:1-17  
Time for Children Pastor Doug Larson  
Sermon “Born Again? Really!” Pastor Doug Larson  
Hymn of the Day “Let All Things Now Living”  
ELW #881

Apostles' Creed  
Moments for Mission  
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 “We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus” ELW #451  
Hymn “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”  
ACS #966  
Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer  
Sending of Communion

### Sending

Benediction  
Mission Statement of First Lutheran Church  
Sending Hymn “Go, My Children, With My Blessing”  
ELW #543  
Dismissal

**Sunday, March 1, 2026**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**9:00am Worship Service w/Communion -  
(Also available via Live stream on YouTube)**

- 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00am Sunday School (PK-4th grade)
- 10:00am Radio Broadcast of 9am Worship  
Service on KKIN 94.3FM

**10:30am Worship Service w/Communion**

**Monday, March 2, 2026**

- 8:15am King's Men
- 1:00pm Mission Endowment Board Meeting
- 5:00pm Community Meal - Take out only
- 6:00pm Cub Scout Troup Meeting

**Tuesday, March 3, 2026**

- 8:00am Aitkin WIC Clinic
- 8:00am Pickleball—Ladies Tennis
- 9:30am Renewal Group Meeting
- 11:00am Adult Bible Study
- 12:00pm Community Lunch—Take out only
- 4:00pm Worship & Music Meeting

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026**

- 8:00am Aitkin WIC Clinic
- 8:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
- 9:00am Second Harvest CSFP Box Distribution
- 3:30pm Youth CoffeeHouse
- 4:30pm Wed. Night Faith (5th -6th Grade)
- 5:30pm Family Dinner
- 6:00pm Lent Holden Service w/Communion**
- 6:30pm Affirmation Class (7th-8th Grade)
- 6:30pm Peer Ministry Class (9th Grade)
- 7:00pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, March 5, 2026**

- 8:00am Aitkin WIC Clinic
- 8:00am Pickleball—Ladies Tennis
- 12:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center
- 5:00pm Community Meal—Take out only

**Friday, March 6, 2026**

- 9:00am Quilting Ministry
- 3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center

**Saturday, March 7, 2026**

**Sunday, March 8, 2026**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

- 9:00am 4th Grade Prayer Milestone
- 9:00am Worship Service w/Communion -  
(Also available via Live stream on YouTube)**
- 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00am Sunday School (PK-4th grade)
- 10:00am Radio Broadcast of 9am Worship  
Service on KKIN 94.3FM
- 10:30am Worship Service w/Communion**



**Sympathy Prayers**



**As a Communion of Saints, we  
extend our sympathy to:**

**Steve Spigarelli**, his son Jeff and family on the death of Steve's wife, **Betty**, who died on Monday, February 16th. Betty's funeral will be at a later time.

**Bob and Jan Kolodji** and family on the death of their son, Dean, who died on Saturday, February 21st. His funeral was in Park Rapids on this last Thursday.

**Let us keep them in our prayers and thoughts in the time ahead.**

***Holy Week Schedule 2026***



**First Lutheran Church**

***Palm/Passion Sunday,***

**Worship—Sunday March 29th, 9:00 am only**  
(Also available via livestream on YouTube at 9am and Radio broadcast on KKIN 94.3FM **at 10am**)

*Wednesday April 1st — No Worship or evening activities*

***Maundy Thursday,***

**Worship—Thursday April 2nd, 12:00 noon & 7:00 pm**

**3rd grade+ — First Holy Communion 7:00 pm**

**5th & 6th grade, families & guests—Seder Meal 5:00 pm**

***Good Friday***

*Office closed*

**Good Friday Service—Friday April 3rd, 12:00 pm**  
**Stations of the Cross—8:00 pm**

***Easter Sunday***

**Sunday April 5th**

**8:00 am—Worship Service**

*No Coffee Fellowship*

**10:00am—Worship Service**

(Also available via livestream on YouTube and Radio broadcast on KKIN 94.3FM)



**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.

ROSALLINI'S IN AITKIN

# Diaper Drive



WHEN YOU DONATE A DOZEN DIAPERS OR MORE AT ROSALLINI'S YOU WILL GET A COUPON FOR \$5 OFF YOUR PURCHASE AT ROSALLINI'S

AITKIN LOCATION ONLY  
119 MINNESOTA AVE N  
AITKIN, MN 56431

WHOLE MONTH OF FEBRUARY



Diapers will be collected at Rosallini's and donated to HOPE

Rosallini's is kicking in an extra \$5, so that makes \$10 off a pizza if a person brings in one package of diapers! Coupons have no expiration.  
\*Wipes are also needed.

## MARCH EXTRA MILE MISSION COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF

If you would like to donate, please go to our website at [www.flc-aitkin.com](http://www.flc-aitkin.com) or send a check to the church



Matching funds based on a formula, plus grant funds

Let's celebrate Easter with a Resurrection Garden!

### PLANTS

- Purple Cyclamen .....\$15.00.....Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
12 total for the 12 tribes of Israel  
Purple for the color of Lent and royalty (Jesus Christ is the King of Kings)
- Red Tulips .....\$15.00.....Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
10 total for the Ten Commandments  
Red for the blood of Christ
- Yellow Begonia .....\$15.00.....Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
7 total for the "Seven Last Words" of Christ  
Yellow for the sun of the breaking dawn on Easter morning
- Easter Lilies .....\$15.00.....Qty. \_\_\_\_\_  
12 total for the 12 apostles  
White for the color of Easter and the Holiness of God

### ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 2/22	9:00 am .... 82
	10:30 am .... 11
Ash Wednesday: 2/18	12:00 pm .....19
	6:00 pm .... 82

### TOTAL OFFERINGS

#### Week of February 22— General Fund

Offering :	\$ 5,348
Offering YTD :	\$ 49,481
Building Fund: (February)	\$ 2,603
Extra Mile Mission (February) (Camperships)	\$ 210

**"Gritty Prophets of the Bible" is our Lenten theme this year. This Wednesday evening we will hear from "Elijah" who took on the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel, in something that turned out to be more than a cookout!**

**The Holden Evening Prayer will be our worship service and as usual, there will be a time to light candles for those we care about in the service. The service begins at 6 pm and you are invited to a light supper beforehand.**

### 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.**

### EASTER RESURRECTION GARDEN FLOWERS

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL MONEY ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Orders must be received by Wednesday April 1st.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

**First come, First served. Only amounts listed are ordered.**

# prayer LIST

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING CANCER

**Dave Paulson**

Emily Forzani

Tony Carlstrom

**Bonnie Mickelson**

Maria Koslosky

**Jan Werner**

**Bill Hakes**

**Diane Newstrom**

Peggy & Stan Miller

Kristi Wetzel

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH OTHER HEALTH CONCERNS

**Ken Lebens**

**Karen Lueck**

**Milan Klitzke**

**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**

**Otto Sotnak**

**Don Schend**

\*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.

## QR Code For Easy Giving

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



**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 the month of March.**

## Time for new pictures for the wall!

**Get your picture taken before/after service on Sundays.**



## 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**



## Next Week's Readings



Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95;

Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

## Assisted Living Residents

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