



First Lutheran Church of Aitkin

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

Week of August 23, 2026



Weekly Worship Schedule:
Sunday 9:00 am & 10:40 am



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

Welcome & Invocation

Moments for Mission

*Confession & Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn "Give Me Jesus" ELW #770

Greeting

Kyrie

WOV p. 28

Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" WOV p. 29-30

Prayer of the Day

Special Music Colleen Kent Chute/Rebecca May

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalms 138

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" WOV p. 31

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

Time for Children Pastor Glen Bickford

Sermon Pastor Glen Bickford

Hymn of the Day "Built on a Rock" ELW #652

*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

Communion Invitation

Distribution of Communion

Hymn "Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me" ELW #623

Hymn "We Are Offering" ELW #692

Post-Communion Prayer

Sending Communion

Sending

*Benediction

Mission Statement of First Lutheran Church

Sending Hymn "O Savior, Precious Savior" ELW #820

Dismissal

*** = please stand**

Sunday, August 23, 2026—Traditional Music**Thirteenth 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**10:40am Worship Service w/Communion****Monday, August 24, 2026**

8:15am King's Men

9:30am Advent Tea Meeting

5:00pm Garden Club Group

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

9:30am Renewal Group Meeting

11:00am Adult Bible Study

3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

8:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast

9:30am Aitkin Churches Together Meeting

Thursday, August 27, 2026

9:00am Community Food Shelf

12:00pm Men's Bible Study

3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center—CLOSED

5:00pm Community Meal Meeting

Friday, August 28, 2026*Office Closed***Saturday, August 29, 2026****Sunday, August 30, 2026—Traditional Music****Fourteenth 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**10:40am Worship Service w/Communion****Instructions for Worship Services:**

1. Live Broadcast or Recording link at <https://www.youtube.com>, search for First Lutheran Church Aitkin or
2. Facebook Page at First Lutheran Church of Aitkin MN or
3. Check our website for the link at www.flc-aitkin.com or
4. Listen to FM Radio Station 94.3 at 10:00 AM Sundays for broadcast of the 9am service.

SAVE THE DATE**BLESSING OF BACKPACKS
RALLY DAY**

Sun, Sept 13

Blessing during
9:00am worshipRegister for
Sunday School
after service**FIRST DAY OF CLASS**

Sun, Sept 20

10:10am-11:00

Start in the
Sanctuary
Finish in the gym**3 YO BIBLE
MILESTONE**

Sun, Sept 27

Blessing and Bible
presentation during
9:00am worship

Radio Ministry—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 Linda Delaney for sponsoring the month of August in honor of the radio listeners.

Flowers on the Altar — Please consider signing up for the opportunity to enhance our worship of God and our enjoyment of God's creation. The cost is determined by the type of flowers you order. You'll find the flower clip board in the narthex.

A very special Thank You for the altar flowers this week to Rebecca & Mike May in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

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 4 weeks.

Next Week's Readings

Jeremiah 15:15-21;

Psalm 26:1-8;

Romans 12:9-21;

Matthew 16:21-28

ADVOCACY IN ACTION
August - December 2026
Joining our Voices for Neighbors and Nature

PREPARE • CONNECT • ACT

Join us this Fall to learn and practice faith-based civic engagement from a Lutheran perspective. Please scan QR code or visit ecofaithnetwork.org for more information and to register for webinars.
Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/2fZ2fac7rCz6BNyg8>
(More dates and topics coming soon.)



8/25 (3 - 4:30 pm) Stretching our Civic Engagement Muscles
9/22 (6:30 - 8:00 pm) The Biblical Basis for Civic Engagement

Email: ecofaith@nemnsynod.org (Pastor Beth Pottratz, EcoFaith Network)

School Supplies Needed

Crayola Colored Pencils
Crayola Markers
Hand Sanitizer
Clorox Wipes
7" Scissors
USB-C Headphones

Bring donations to the office to help local schools. Thank you!

Quilters Are Back!

Quilters have resumed their work and are meeting every Friday at 9:00 AM beginning September 4th.

We need people who would like to tie quilts, cut squares, sew bindings, prepare packets for sewing and any other aspects of quilting. You can work at home or at church. No education required. We are a happy group that shares stories, time together and deep friendships and some tasty snacks too!

Call Linda Delaney with questions:
218-820-6777.

Baking Pans in Kitchen



We have several unclaimed baking pans in the Kitchen area - please look to see if they are yours and please take home.



ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8/16

9:00 am 96

10:40 am 7

TOTAL OFFERINGS

Week of August 16 — General Fund

Offering Rec'd:	\$ N/A
Weekly Budget:	\$ N/A
Offering YTD:	\$ N/A
Offering Budget YTD:	\$ N/A
Building Fund: (August)	\$ N/A
Extra Mile Mission (August)	\$ N/A
(Lutheran Social Services)	

**August Extra
Mile Mission
Focus**



**If you'd like
to donate
please go to our
website
www.flc-aitkin.com
or send a check
to the church**



FREE CRAFTING ITEMS

Embroidery Floss
Paints
Cardstock
India Ink
Hardanger Thread

CONTACT JAN AT 218-429-1222

CS Lewis Book Study

Want to learn more about theology and having fun at the same time? Reading *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe* by CS Lewis led by Pastor Glen allows you to do just that.



Starting September 13th:

We'll meet in the library or fellowship hall every Sunday evening for an hour at 6 pm.

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe can be purchased on eBay used, Amazon, or checked out from the library. Cost of the book is from \$3-10.

This study is open to everyone



**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THOSE EXPERIENCING
CANCER**

Steve Moreland

Emily Forzani

Maria Koslosky

Jan Werner

Bill Hakes

Diane Newstrom

Peggy & Stan Miller

Kristi Wetzel

Richard Jackman

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THOSE WITH OTHER
HEALTH CONCERNS**

Gayle Gilbertson

Ryan Schugel

Ken Lebens

Dorothy Smeltzer

Michael May

Jacob Mehr

Monte Olson

Craig Fawley

Herm Newton

Diane Landstad

Paul Martinsen

Jan Kolodji

Mary Peterson

Beverly Rueger

Otto Sotnak

Don Schend

Debby Yates

Phyllis & Dick 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.

**CHURCH OFFICE IS
CLOSED ON FRIDAYS
IN SUMMER**

**Aitkin Community
Blood Drive**

First Lutheran Church

107 2nd Street SE - Aitkin

Monday, August 31, 2026

12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please use the Red Cross Donor App, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Aitkin to schedule an appointment.



1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App



**Please call
Michele at
218-838-0184 to
volunteer or bake
goodies.**



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**