



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, 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 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!"

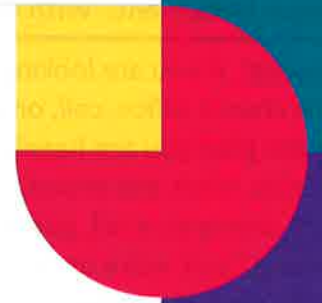
*Nursery is open during the 9:00 AM service on Sunday mornings (8:45-10:15). The nursery is located off of the Fellowship Hall. An usher will be happy to assist you in finding the nursery. Parents who need to leave the service with children can still see the Sunday service on a TV in the nursery.

*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, January 18, 2026**Second Sunday after the Epiphany****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, January 19, 2026****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, January 20, 2026****8:00am Pickleball—Ladies Tennis****9:00am Girls Matter Period Workshop****9:30am Renewal Group Meeting****11:00am Adult Bible Study****12:00pm Community Lunch—Take out only****Wednesday, January 21, 2026****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, January 22, 2026****8:00am Pickleball—Ladies Tennis****9:00am Community Food Shelf****12:00pm Men's Bible Study****3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center****5:00pm Community Meal—Take out only****Friday, January 23, 2026****9:00 AM Quilting Ministry****3:30 PM Aitkin Youth Center****Saturday, January 24, 2026****Sunday, January 25, 2026****Third Sunday after the Epiphany****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****First Lutheran
Church Annual
Congregational
Meeting****FEBRUARY 8, 2026****IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE 9:00 AM SERVICE**

Thank You

***Farewell and Godspeed
for Pastor Reggie & Wendy Denton***

***Sunday, January 25, 2026
10:00 a.m.***

***Farewell & Godspeed reception
served by the Men in Mission***

Thank You

GIFT

Gathering In Fellowship Together

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

Meets on 2nd Tuesday at 9:30am.

**Time for new pictures for the wall! Get your picture
taken before/after service on Sundays.**



GIRLS MATTER. PERIOD

Next workshop will be:
Tuesday, January 20
9 am



It is time to renew your subscription to Northeastern Lights



Your subscription to Northeastern Lights expires at the end of 2025.

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Sandstone, MN 55072

In order for you to receive your February edition, your renewal must be received by January 15. If sent later, please include \$2 for mailing the February

ANNUAL BUDGET Q & A SESSION

Sunday, February 1st - 10:30am

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ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 1/11	9:00 am	86
	10:30 am	10
Wednesday: 1/7	6:00 pm	41

TOTAL OFFERINGS

Week of January 11— General Fund

Offering :	\$ 6,805
Offering YTD :	\$ 12,206
Building Fund: (January)	\$ 753
Extra Mile Mission (January)	\$ 0
(Hope Advocates Against Domestic Violence)	

ADULT BIBLE STUDY TUESDAYS AT 11 A.M. IN THE LIBRARY NEW SIX WEEK ADVENT SERIES BEGINNING DECEMBER:

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

NOT USING YOUR KEY TO THE CHURCH ANYMORE?

Please turn in your key(s)
to the church office if you
are no longer using them.
We are running very LOW!
Thanks for your help!



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.



**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**

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

January's Extra Mile Mission
Hope Advocates against Domestic Abuse

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website
www.flc-aitkin.com

HOPE

Healing Opportunity
Provided Equally

Or you may
send a check to
the church.



Sympathy Prayers



Let us pray for the friends and family of Cliff Moffatt and Gloria Rosander who both died recently. Cliff was the brother of **Pauline Moore** and Gloria was the sister of **Lewis Moore**.

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 January.



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



Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9;
1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

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Assisted Living Residents

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