

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING CANCER

Sharon Lindberg  
Maria Koslosky  
**Jan Werner**  
**Sandra Kilde**  
**Bill Hakes**  
**Betty Monroe**  
**Elaine Nordberg**  
Bob Morris  
**Terry Mehr**  
**Diane Newstrom**  
Susan Simons  
Shelly Watson

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH OTHER HEALTH CONCERNS

Dean Kolodji  
**Krista Anderson**  
**John Olsen**  
**Camden Visnovec**  
Becky Lidfors Jungas  
**Diane Landstad**  
Violet Sundermeyer  
Julie Haar Klatt  
Nancy Laquet  
Kindrid Sandberg  
**Paul Martinsen**  
Phil Chute  
**Dorothy Smeltzer**  
Carol Femling  
Leah Bridger  
Allyn Kolodji  
**Elaine Palthe**  
**Jan Kolodji**  
**Mary Peterson**  
**Bob Monroe**  
Linda Peterson  
**Mary Webster**  
Mike Eichers  
**Erik Svenkerud**  
**Lloyd Henke**  
**Beverly Rueger**  
**Bob Kolodji**



Sympathy Prayers



Our sympathy and prayers go out to the friends & family of Laurel Roth, who died April 18, 2024, especially her son, daughter-in-law & grandchildren, Lincoln & Amber Roth , Norah and Enzo Roth



**Camp Hiawatha overnight cleanup is scheduled for May 3rd-4th.**

**For those interested in participating, please contact Paul or Lynne Kellerman**

DATES TO REMEMBER

**Quilters:** Friday Mornings at 9:00 AM  
**Girls Matter.Period:** May 21, 2024 at 9:00 AM  
**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** May 16, 2024 at 1:00 PM

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**



Nursing Home Residents

**Marty Thompson, Carol Proctor John Fossen**

Assisted Living Residents

**Joanne Hagman; Marlene Tholen; Ken & Shirley Hakes; Elaine Palthe; Deloris Kosbau,**



Next Week's Readings

Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17



**First Lutheran Church of Aitkin Announcements**

107 Second Street SE, Aitkin, MN 56431  
www.flc-aitkin.com 218-927-2028

Pastor Reggie Denton  
**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 7:30 AM-4:00 PM;  
Fridays 7:30 AM-12:00 Noon



**Weekly Worship Schedule:**

Sunday 9:00 am, Wednesday 5:50 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, LBGTO, 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 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.



<p><b>Sunday, April 28, 2024</b>  <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>  <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship service (Also available via live Stream on YouTube)            10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship            10:00 AM Radio Broadcast of 9 am Worship Service on KKIN 94.3 FM            10:15 AM NO Sunday School (3 year old—4th grade)  <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship service</p>	
<p><b>Monday, April 29, 2024</b>            8:15 AM King's Men            9:30 AM Tiny Tots            5:00 PM Community Meal—Take out only</p>	
<p><b>Tuesday, April 30, 2024</b>            8:30 AM Pickle Ball—Tennis Ladies            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</p>	
<p><b>Wednesday, May 1, 2024</b>            8:00 AM Men's Bible Study &amp; Breakfast            3:30 PM Youth Coffeehouse            4:30 PM Wednesday Night Faith (5th &amp; 6th grades)            5:15 PM Family Dinner  <b>5:50 PM</b> Worship Service w/Communion            6:30 PM Affirmation (7th—8th Grade)            6:30 PM Peer Ministry (9th Grade) Mentor Night            6:45 PM Choir Practice            8:00 PM 9th-12th Grade Youth Group</p>	
<p><b>Thursday, May 2, 2024</b>            8:30 AM Pickle Ball—Tennis Ladies            12:00 PM Men's Bible Study            5:00 PM Community Meal—Take out only</p>	
<p><b>Friday, May 3, 2024</b>            9:00 AM Quilting Ministry</p>	
<p><b>Saturday, May 4, 2024</b></p>	

**10:30 AM Worship Services in May**

**May 5**

**May 26**



<p><b>Sunday, May 5, 2024</b>  <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>  <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship service w/communion (Also available via live Stream on YouTube)            10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship            10:00 AM Radio Broadcast of 9 am Worship Service on KKIN 94.3 FM            10:15 AM Sunday School (3 year old—4th grade)  <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship service w/Communion</p>	
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**KUWAA Mission**—The KUWAA Mission in Liberia is a mission focus for 2023. 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 Marge Muscatello for sponsoring the month of April in memory of Bill's 80th birthday.**

**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 special thank you to Dave & Elaine Pearson for sponsoring today's flowers in honor of the good weather we have been experiencing.**

*Mother's Day Brunch*

with live Music

**Sunday, May 12**  
**11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

Ticket purchasing closes on May 5th at 11:59 pm.

Meal begins at 11:30 and is seated

36944 Camp Hiawatha Rd  
 Deer River, MN 56636

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**APRIL'S EXTRA MILE MISSION FOCUS**

**NE MN SYNOD ECOFAITH MINISTRY**

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



**silent Auction**

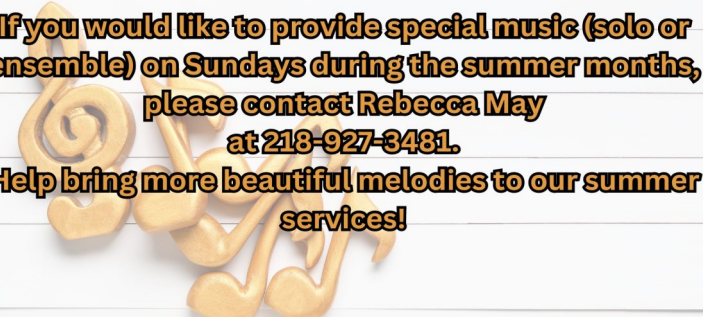
**Items needed**

to raise funds for college scholarships

**Drop items off at the church by May 4**

**GOT TALENT?**

If you would like to provide special music (solo or ensemble) on Sundays during the summer months, please contact Rebecca May at 218-927-8481. Help bring more beautiful melodies to our summer services!




**FIRST LUTHERAN QUILT AUCTION**

The First Lutheran Quilters are having their own mini-auction right here for our congregation and are donating the proceeds to World Hunger.

Watch for quilt racks to appear in the Narthex in the next few weeks as we have two beautiful quilts and maybe more, to put up for auction. The Quilters look forward to an enthusiastic response from you, the congregation.

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>		
Sunday, 4/21	8:00 am....	97
	10:30 am....	17
Wednesday, 4/17	5:15 pm....	36
<b>TOTAL OFFERINGS</b>		
<b>Week of April 21—General Fund</b>		
Offering :	\$	5,384.50
Offering YTD :	\$	116,905.00
Offering YTD Budget	\$	N/A
Building Fund: (April) :	\$	2,715.00
Extra Mile Mission (April): (EcoFaith Ministry)	\$	50.00

**silent Auction**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>**

to raise funds for college scholarships

**Stop and check it out – great items!**

**2024 SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY**

**May 12, 2024**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**Cake will be served during coffee fellowship**



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