



Pastor Reggie Denton Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 7:30 AM-4:00 PM; Fridavs 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, 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.

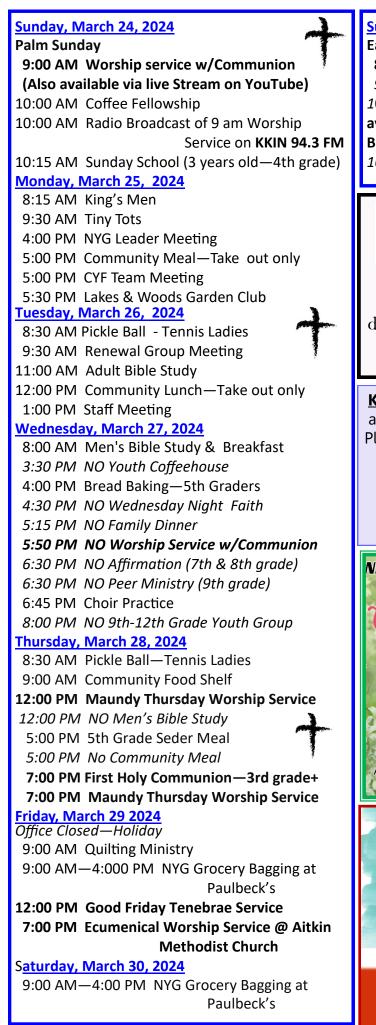
*You're invited to coffee & goodies on Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM. *Assisted hearing devices are available. An usher can assist you.

Diane Newstrom Susan Simons Shelly Watson PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH OTHER HEALTH CONCERNS John Olsen Dale Tibbetts Camden Visnovec **Becky Lidfors Jungas Betty Spigarelli Diane Landstad** Violet Sundermeyer Julie Haar Klatt Nancy Laguet 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**

Adah Williams

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Sympathy Prayers Our sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Ann Wastweet,	Sunday, March 24, 2024 Easter Sunday 8:00 AM Worship service w/Communion 9:00 AM NO Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Worship Service w/Communion (Also available via live Stream on YouTube and Radio Broadcast on KKIN 94.3 FM 10:15 AM NO Sunday School (3 years old—4th grade)
who died on March /th 2024, especially her	Sympathy Prayers Our sympathy to the family and

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.

Kukowski, Alex, Jacob, & Josh.

A very special thank you to Dale & Mary Beth Woodrow for sponsoring the months of February & March.



to raise funds for college scholarships

Drop items off at the church by May 4

MARCH EXTRA MILE MISSION COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF

If you would like to donate, please go to our website at www.flc-aitkin.com or send a check to the church



HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICES All services begin at 6:00 pm

March 20

Service is open for all members and vistors Please join us in our lenter iourney

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE March 28 Noon & 7 pm Please join us!

> We will be celebrating First Holy Communion for 3 grades and up at our 7 pm worship

 PALM SUNDAY AND PICTURES!

 We are putting together a new church pictorial directory!

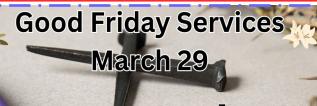
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You may also submit your family/individual photo as a jpg in landscape orientation. Email to office@flc-aitkin.com no later than April 15

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 3/17 9:00 am.... 80 11:00 am.... 14 Wednesday, 3/13 6:00 pm.... 53 **TOTAL OFFERINGS** Week of March 17—General Fund Offering : \$ 8,039 Offering YTD : \$ 75,939 Offering YTD Budget Ś N/A Building Fund: (March) : \$ 2,760 Extra Mile Mission (March): \$ 7,889 (Food Shelf)



Noon Tenebrae Service First Lutheran Church 7 pm Ecumenical Worship Service Aitkin United Methodist Church

Easter Sunday Worship Times March 31

8 am & 10 am

Jesus said to her, "Jam the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26

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