


PLEASE PRAY FOR
THOSE EXPERIENCING
CANCER

Sandra Kilde
Bill Hakes
Pete Harmon
Betty Monroe
Elaine Nordberg
Bob Morris
Lucas (9 yrs. old)
Darus Finke
Terry Mehr
Diane Newstrom
Susan Simons
Shelly Watson
Paul Paynovich

PLEASE PRAY FOR
THOSE WITH OTHER
HEALTH CONCERNS

Mike Eichers
Erik Svenkerud
Bob Monroe
Lloyd Henke
Beverly Rueger
Bob Kolodji
Adah Williams
David Scott
Bob Borden
LeAnna Schmillen
Larry (Buzz) Lindbo
Stacy Sauerbrei
Pastor Bob Munneke
Mary Webster
Scott Magnuson
Mary Peterson
Diane Rachey

Sympathy Prayers

 To the family and friends of Bob Denison, who died December 29, 2022, especially his sister-in-law & brother-in-law **Barbara & Pastor Doug Larson.**

To the family and friends of **Alice Puranen**, who died December 30, 2022, especially her daughter & son-in-law **Marjorie & Kim Proctor**, and grandchildren **Jennifer & Jason Henke** and **Kent & Tara Proctor.**

To the family and friends of Peter Fischer, who died January 22, especially his wife Joanie, parents Helen Ann and Jerry Fischer, his sisters Diana (Mike) Ince and Tiffany (Greg) Kullem, and brother Jim (Brenda) Fischer.

To the family and friends of **John Washtock**, who died January 22, especially his long-time companion **Carol Trick.**

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.



Serving in the Military:

 **Silas Berg, Nicholas Bruesewitz, Austin Burton, Preston Carlson, Andrew Carlstrom, Nathan Hagestuen, Josh Hagestuen, Justin Henline, Joe Johnson, Dan Nordean, Luke Oaks, Sebastian Packer, Nick Smith, Logan Lueck, Kurt Hagestuen, Wyatt Carlson** 



Nursing Home Residents

Sonja Hagestuen
Claire Hill

Assisted Living Residents

Carol Proctor; Joanne Hagman; Marlene Tholen; Ken & Shirley Hakes; John Fossen; Elaine Palthe; Delores Kosbau

Next Week's Readings

 Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]; Psalm 112:1-9 [10]; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]; Matthew 5:13-20 



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 5:45 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, gay, 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.

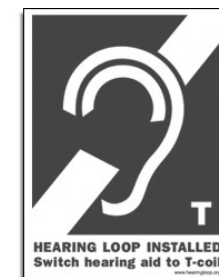
"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!"

***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.



Sunday, January 29, 2023 

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
9:00 AM Worship Service
 (Also available via Live stream on YouTube)
 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
 10:00 AM Radio broadcast of 9:00 am Worship Service on KKIN 94.3FM
 10:15 AM Sunday School (3yo - 4th Grade)

Monday, January 30, 2023

8:15 AM King's Men
 9:30 AM Tiny Tots
 5:00 PM Community Meal—Take-Out Only

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

8:00 AM Pickle Ball – Tennis Ladies
 11:00 AM Adult Bible Study
 12:00 PM Community Lunch—Take-Out Only
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
 3:30 PM Youth Coffee House
 4:30 PM Wednesday Night Faith Class (5th-6th)
 5:15 PM Wednesday Family Dinner
5:45 PM Family Worship & Small Group Convo.
 6:30 PM Affirmation (7th—8th Grade)
 6:30 PM Peer Ministry (9th Grade)
 6:30 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, February 2, 2023 

8:00 AM Pickle Ball—Tennis Ladies
 12:00 PM Men's Bible Study
 4:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting
 4:00 PM Health Ministry Meeting
 5:00 PM Community Meal—Take-Out Only



Friday, February 3, 2023

9:00 AM Quilting Ministry

Saturday, February 4, 2023

Sunday, February 5, 2023 

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
Camp Sunday
9:00 AM Worship Service w/Communion
 (Also available via Live stream on YouTube)
 10:00 AM **NO** Coffee Fellowship
 10:00 AM Radio broadcast of 9:00 am Worship Service on KKIN 94.3FM
 10:15 AM Annual Congregational Meeting
 10:15 AM Sunday School (3yo - 4th Grade)

 **Keeping our staff safe.** 

Friday office hours are 7:30 am – 12 noon, but doors to the church will remain locked as there is only one employee scheduled to work. If you need access, please call ahead or ring the doorbell outside the office entrance.

KUWAA Mission —The KUWAA Mission in Liberia is a mission focus for 2022. Weekly sponsorship is \$25. Please consider supporting this important mission for a week or more. Information is in the narthex.

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.

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 big thank you to the Lydia Circle for sponsoring two weeks in memory of Sally Hanson.

JANUARY EXTRA MILE EMPHASIS:

CARE & SHARE

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


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Looking for youth 6th-12th grade or adults who willing to help on Sundays! **Needed:**
PowerPoint Operator
Soundboard Technician
Video Technician
Training is provided! Please contact the office for more info: office@flc-aitkin.com


DAYS FOR GIRLS WORKSHOP!
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st. Sewers and non-sewers alike, please join us in this important ministry to prepare reusable feminine hygiene kits for girls and women around the world.
If you have questions please contact [Eunice Weslander.](mailto:Eunice.Weslander)

Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, Feb. 5th following the 9am service


- Vote for new council members
- Approve the annual budget
- **Voice your opinion! It matters.**



ATTENDANCE:		
Wednesday, 1/18	5:45 pm....	52
Sunday, 1/22	9:00 am....	102
TOTAL OFFERINGS		
Building Fund:		\$ 5618
General Offering:		\$ 2710
Extra Mile (January):		\$



Dinner at Your Door




Dinner at your door is a ministry of First Lutheran Church to arrange meals for a short time. When someone comes home from the hospital, after the birth or adoption of a baby, is bedridden or after the death of a loved one. Our mission is to care for one another. Requests for dinners that are needed come from the pastor.

There is a list of people that are willing to volunteer to prepare and deliver a meal (s). If you are interested in being on the list, please contact Carla Hakes, the coordinator, at 218-927-4780 or 320-333-1876. If you are already on the list and wish to be taken off, **PLEASE** let Carla know. It would be nice to have a few more volunteers that would be willing take part in this ministry.

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



Wanted: Tenor for the Adult Contemporary Band!
 If interested please contact Pete Lowe: 218-831-4210 or Jill Sadlowsky: 952-250-3245.

