

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE
EXPERIENCING CANCER

Bonnie Mickelson
Bev Bose
Sharon Lindberg
Maria Koslosky
Jan Werner
Sandra Kilde
Bill Hakes
Elaine Nordberg
Terry Mehr
Diane Newstrom
Susan Simons
Shelly Watson

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE
WITH OTHER HEALTH
CONCERNS

Darlene Munneke
Kathy Dox
Wyatt Winter
Buzz Lindbo
David & Kim Eck
David Meyer
Dean Kolodji
Camden Visnovec
Diane Landstad
Julie Haar Klatt
Nancy Laquet
Kindrid Sandberg
Paul Martinsen
Dorothy Smeltzer
Carol Femling
Leah Bridger
Allyn Kolodji
Jan Kolodji
Mary Peterson
Bob Monroe
Linda Peterson
Mary Webster
Erik Svenkerud
Lloyd Henke
Beverly Rueger
Bob Kolodji

AITKIN YOUTH CENTER IS STARTING ACTIVITIES!

The Aitkin Youth Center, which will be renting space at First Lutheran Church will begin operating on Thursday, December 12th. They will be open from 3:30-7:30 pm on Thursdays and Fridays. Youth from 6th Grade through 12th are invited and welcome to attend.

Megan Cummings has been hired as the Program Director and there will be two more assistants plus volunteers to oversee the program and activities. There will be a free meal provided each night.

A big "Thank You" to First Lutheran Church for welcoming this center into your building, from the Board of Directors of the Aitkin Youth Center.



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Available**

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



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,
John Fossen

Assisted Living Residents

Marlene Tholen; Ken & Shirley
Hakes; Deloris Kosbau; Jerry
Erlandson



Next Week's Readings

Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6



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 & 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, LGBTQ, 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, December 1, 2024

First Sunday in Advent

- 9:00 AM Worship Service w/
Communion (Also available via Livestream
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 Pre K-4th Grade
- 10:30 AM Worship Service w/Communion



Monday, December 2, 2024

- 8:15 AM King's Men
- 9:30 AM Tiny Tots
- 4:00 PM Mission Endowment Meeting
- 5:00 PM Community Meal - Take out only



Tuesday, December 3, 2024

- 8:00 AM Pickleball—Tennis Ladies
- 9:30 AM Renewal Group Meeting
- 11:00 AM Adult Bible Study
- 11:15 AM Second Harvest CSFP Box Distribution
- 12:00 PM Community Lunch—Take out only
- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 4:00 PM Worship & Music Meeting



Wednesday, December 4, 2024

- 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
- 3:30 PM Youth Coffeehouse
- 4:30 PM 5th & 6th Grade Wed. Night Faith
- 5:15 PM Family Dinner
- 6:00 PM **Worship Service w/Communion**
- 6:30 PM 7th & 8th grade Affirmation Class
- 6:30 PM 9th Grade Youth/Mentor Night
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, December 5, 2024

- 8:00 AM Pickleball—Tennis Ladies
- 12:00 PM Men's Bible Study
- 5:00 PM Community Meal—Take out only

Friday, December 6, 2024

- 9:00 AM Quilting Ministry



Saturday, December 7, 2024



Sunday, December 8, 2024

Second Sunday in Advent

- 9:00 AM Worship Service w/Communion
(Also available via Livestream 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 Pre K-4th Grade
- 10:30 AM **Worship Service w/Communion**
- 2:00 PM Advent by Candlelight



SOLAR TASK FORCE

A Task Force is forming to work on getting more information out to the Congregation regarding our solar proposal. The goal of the Task Force will be to eventually present this proposal for a decision to a more informed congregation at the annual meeting. Copies of the proposal can be obtained from the office or you may call Dave Dickey, chair of the Property Ministry, at 218-232-4690 for more information or to participate on the task force.

**TIME TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE
34TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER**

Many hands make light work!
Can't be there Christmas day? Bake cookies and bring them the day before.

Want to volunteer for Christmas day?
Prepare condiments, decorate tables, deliver meals, serve tables or clean up!

Sign up to volunteer today in the binder located in the Narthex. All help is appreciated!



**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH CHOIR
PRESENTS THEIR ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

Saturday, December 14 at 7:00 pm
at the Ripple Center in Aitkin
Doors open at 6:00 pm
Food furnished by Block North

\$14.95 (Pulled Pork, Macaroni & Cheese, Coleslaw)
Tickets must be purchased in advance for food at the link below:
Freewill donation if attending the concert only

A second performance will be held
Sunday, December 15 at 3:00 pm
at First Lutheran Church

You must purchase tickets for food in advance. You may go to our website at www.flc-aitkin.com. There is a link on the first page to purchase tickets, or type this link into your computer: <https://www.blocknorthbrewpub.com/store/event/first-lutheran-church-christmas-cantata/>

December's Extra Mile Mission

God's Global Barnyard



If you would like to donate,
please go to our website

www.flc-aitkin.com

or send a check to the church



DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WORSHIP
SERVICES AT
9:00 & 10:30 AM
December 3
December 8
December 22

ONE WORSHIP
SERVICE
ONLY
December 15
December 29

**ADVENT
by Candlelight**

Sunday, December 8th at 2p

"There's More Songs in the Air"

In FLC Fellowship Hall
Dessert Served
All Women and Girls are Welcome!
Please Sign Up (after service, or at the office)

Sign up for Advent by Candlelight
begins November 17.

**CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM**

December 15
9:00 am
One Service
Only Today
Coffee
Fellowship To
Follow



ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, 11/24 9:00 am.... 94
10:30 am.... 7
Wednesday 11/20 6:00 pm.... 43



TOTAL OFFERINGS

Week of November 24—General Fund

Offering : \$ 6,850
Offering YTD : \$ 327,432
Building Fund: (November) : \$ 3,120
Extra Mile Mission (November) \$ 0
(Aitkin Youth Center)



GOOD GIFTS GIVING TREE

SELECT AN ORNAMENT FROM THE TREE IN THE NARTHEX AND PLACE YOUR DONATION IN AN EXTRA MILE ENVELOPE WITH A MEMO STATING "GOOD GIFTS" OR JUST PUT A CHECK IN THE OFFERING. GIFTS OF ANY DOLLAR AMOUNT ARE WELCOME. HANG THE ORNAMENT ON YOUR TREE AT HOME OR GIVE IT TO A PERSON YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO HONOR THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON. OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE AN EMPTY TREE BY CHRISTMAS!



**AITKIN YOUTH CENTER SEEKING
PT JANITOR**

The Aitkin Youth Center, which will be renting space here at First Lutheran Church, is looking for a cleaner-janitor for two nights a week, Thursday and Fridays. The time required would be an hour or maybe an hour and a half each night, after activities are ended.
Work will begin on December 12th.
Contact Pastor Doug Larson at 612-607-3701 for more information.



**34th Annual
Christmas Day Dinner**

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25TH

DINE-IN

12:00PM TO 1:30PM

CALL FOR RESERVATIONS 218-927-2028

Pick-up meals
Call with reservations
218-927-2028

In-town delivery
call with reservations
218-398-2537