



**January 11 & 14, 2026**

*Baptism of Our Lord*

**Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am and Wednesday 6:30pm**

in-person and online worship

Our online service can be found on Facebook, YouTube or on our Website:  
[CelebrationLutheranChurch.com](http://CelebrationLutheranChurch.com)

***CELEBRATE \* GROW \* SERVE***

**Celebrate** the Good News of Jesus Christ - **Grow** as faithful disciples - **Serve** in the world!

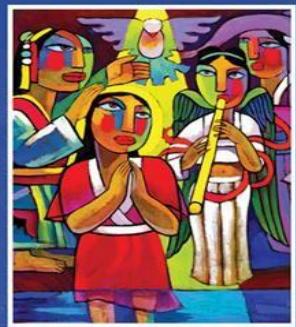
## Campership Challenge:

You Give. Kids Go to Camp.  
Pastors Do the Dares.



**THIS IS  
MY SON,  
THE  
BELOVED**

MATTHEW 3:17



## WELCOME!

• Visitors: Please sign the Welcome to Worship book today when it is passed to you. Please include your contact information.

*"We, Celebration Lutheran Church, embrace and celebrate the diversity of all people. We are committed to fostering a welcoming and safe space where people of every race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender expression and identity, educational and economic background, relationship status, or physical and mental ability, can experience love, support, and community. We value racial equity and inclusivity, where everyone is worthy of dignity and respect. We invite you to journey with us, as we grow in faith, serve our neighbors, and extend love to all.*

*Here at Celebration, you are welcome just as you are."*



## **Camperships**

**We would like to help youth go to Luther Crest Camp by giving each camper a \$150 toward each Celebration Campers Full Week registration. Gift will be prorated for shorter weeks.**

**Thank you for your support!**

## We Prepare For Worship:

**First Reading:** Isaiah 42:1-9

**Second Reading:** Psalm 29

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 3:13-17

Black Bible: pg. 584

Black Bible: pg. 438

Black Bible: pg. 784

### 8:30am Sunday Music:

Organ – Dr. Kim Kasling

**Prelude Song:** Organ Solo

**Opening Song:** "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" ELW #304

**Song of Praise:** "Shall We Gather at the River" ELW 423

**Offering Song:** SOLO

**Communion Song:**

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

**Closing Song:** "Wade in the Water"

ELW #445

ELW #459

**To prepare for worship on January 18, 2026, read:**

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

### 10:30am Sunday Music:

Dwaine Bruns, Mark Wolters, Brandon Zylka

**Prelude Song:** SOLO

**Opening Song:** "Living Water"

On Screen

**Song of Praise:** "Take Me to the River (I Will Swim)"

On Screen

**Offering Song:** "Wade in the Water"

ELW #459

**Communion Song:** "All Who Are Thirsty"

On Screen

**Closing Song:** "Holy Water"

On Screen

**Children** are welcome to participate in worship. Children's spirituality develops through experience. In our community children can serve as ushers, greeters & readers. We expect that children will be children—giggles, wiggles, and all. Kids (and their parents) sometimes need a break. We also have a self-serve nursery available for ages birth – 5 years old or kids tables located in the back of the sanctuary.

### Prayer Requests

Contact Jenny in the office with requests. Prayers are listed for 4 weeks; contact the office to extend.



**In Our Prayers:** Alice Bailey, Stuart Bailey, Paul Berglund, Jim Ellis, Kathleen Engel, Lynn Fitzthum, Billie Gray, Abe Salber, Karla Teer, Diane Weber,

Rhonda Akkerman (Josh Akkerman's mother)  
Tom Bolfing (Lindsay Dingman's uncle)  
Gina Bortnem (Karell Sartell's daughter)  
Pat Gray (Shari Pretzer's sister-in-law)  
Paul Killmer (Wayne Killmer's brother)  
Pam Kirby (Bryan Pasell's cousin)  
Don Manea (Dale & Carol Ann Zika's friend)  
Judy Neste (Shari Pretzer's friend)  
Don Schwegel (Jessica Akkerman's father)  
Julie Widvey (Stacy Anderson's sister)

### Military:

Colin Stein (Aaron & Connie Stein's son)  
Ben Brix (Darren & Jenny Brix' son)  
Cody Raymond (son of Lynette Pflueger and brother of Ashley Raymond)

Our condolences are extended to **Nancy Curtis** on the death of her father, Wilbert Ross. **Nate & Jessica Dahl** on the death of Jessica's mother, Melissa Bushnell. **Chris & Hanni Lyon** on the death of Chris's sister, Nikki Schultz. **Steve & Julie Morgan** on the death of Julie's mother, Joyce Thompson. May the promise that our Lord Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life, comfort and strengthen all who mourn.



Please return your 2026 Commitment Card to the office as soon as possible to aid us in financial planning. Thank you!

**Thank you** for sharing your time, talents, and financial gifts. The figures below provide a snapshot of our financial activity through the fourth month of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. We are deeply grateful for your generosity, which makes our missions and ministries possible.

|                  | Mission & Ministry Funds | Building/Capital |
|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Giving YTD       | \$325,305                | \$53,654         |
| Budget YTD       | \$385,875                | \$66,667         |
| Expenditures YTD | \$393,841                | \$49,795         |
| Budget YTD       | \$446,235                | \$56,000         |
| Net YTD          | -\$68,536                | \$3,860          |
| Net Budget YTD   | -\$60,360                | \$10,667         |
| Ahead (Behind)   | -\$8,176                 | -\$6,807         |

Take one – and take heart. Give one – and give hope.



\*In the hallway above coat rack

CareNotes offer inspirational booklets on a variety of topics to help individuals heal mind, body and spirit.



The Lutheran Faith, Celebration,

Membership & YOU!

**January 25 & February 1**

**9:30am**

New to Celebration? Interested in membership?

Grab a cup of coffee and join

Pastor in the Fireside Room

**New Member Sunday is February 8**



**decorators  
NEEDED**



**BANNERS  
PARAMENTS  
DECORATIONS**

Join the Decorating Team and lend your creativity and hands to beautify our church throughout the year. No experience needed, just a willingness to help!



**PINTS  
&  
PRAISE**

**February 1<sup>st</sup>  
4:00pm**

25 College Ave N  
St. Joseph, MN



**CLC FREE**  
Community Store

## Pick-Up Food Bag Event

Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>  
10am - 12pm\*

1 Free Food Bag PER FAMILY  
• Must Be Present At Pickup  
• While Supplies Last\*  
• All In Need Are Welcome  
• No Appointment Necessary



**THANK YOU** for your generous support of money, donations, and volunteering for the CLC FREE store!! Contact Jenny to get involved!



### CLC FREE STORE ITEMS NEEDED

(Approx. 160 of each per month!)



- Canned Fruit
- Shampoo / Deodorant
- Laundry Detergent Pods
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Feminine Products
- Peanut Butter -Cereal
- Fruit Snacks / Granola Bars
- Hamburger Helper / Macaroni & Cheese
- Reusable Cloth Shopping Bags
- Spaghetti Noodles / Spaghetti Sauce
- Taco Seasoning & shells (soft)
- Monetary Donations -Hand Soap / Dish Soap

\*Before donating, please take a quick moment to check expiration dates so we can ensure all items are safe and ready to share. Thank you for helping us care well for our neighbors!

**HEY MAMA...**  
we saved a seat for you!

#### JANUARY 8

- Mary Center playdate at 9AM
- Celebration meetup at 7PM

#### JANUARY 22

- Mary Center meetup at 9AM
- Celebration moms night at 7PM

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**Youth Connection**  
Sunday School (Age 3-Kind)  
GodZone (Gr. 1-5)  
Nicole Oftedahl: 255-0488 x 105  
NOftedahl@CelebrationLutheranChurch.com

Middle School (6-8)  
Katrina Bahen: 255-0488 x 107  
KBahen@CelebrationLutheranChurch.com

High School (Gr. 9-12)  
Nathan Kleppe: 255-0488 x 108  
NKleppe@CelebrationLutheranChurch.com

### Baby Kit



### Put-Together

### Get Together

Monday, January 12, 2026  
@ 6:30-8:00pm

SAVE THE DATE

LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF

\*See Welcome Center for  
items needed for kits.

### Baby Care Kit



### Items Needed

New or gently used,  
6-24 months:

- jackets
- sleepers
- onesies
- top/pant set
- socks

#### Other items:

- Baby cups
- blankets
- dark colored hand towels

\*Drop off at the Welcome Center.



### Summer 2026 Camp Registration is OPEN!

Celebration Week: July 19-24  
(Other weeks also available)

Celebration contributes \$150 for full week campers (Prorated for shorter camps)

Early Bird Registration To Save \$100  
MORE Ends February 14, use code  
"Celebration"  
Register Early, As Weeks Fill FAST

**Is your 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grader  
asking about receiving  
communion?**



First Communion Sunday  
February 15, 2026  
8:30am or 10:30am

Contact Nicole  
with questions  
320-255-0488  
ext. 105

Attend BOTH  
Classes: Mondays,  
February 2 & 9  
5:45-7:30pm



### HEGGIES PIZZA



Thank You  
For Your Support Of  
Our Mission Trip  
Youth  
See a participating Youth or Order at the Welcome Center

ON SALE  
Through January 22



8:00am to  
8:00pm

NO School Day!  
Sign-Up coming  
soon!

Monday, February 16

\$5 Bus Ride + Optional

\$33 Unlimited Nickelodeon Universe Wrist Band

Bring cash for food and other possible attractions include, mini golf, escape room, crayola experience, aquarium, mirror maze, climb zone & more!

All Welcome! Bring A Friend! 10 & Under With Adult

### SNOW TUBING ADVENTURE



POWDER RIDGE  
WINTER RECREATION AREA  
January 16  
12:15-4:45pm  
\$20

We are  
taking a  
BUS!  
\$20  
All Welcome! Bring A Friend!  
10 & Younger With An Adult  
Powder Ridge Waiver



January 21  
8:15am

### The Breakfast Club

Grades 9-12

If you are interested in joining a small group or have an idea for a group you would like started, please contact Pastor Russ 320-255-0488 x102

**WOMEN'S  
Bible Study & Prayer Group**

**Wednesdays @ 9:00am**  
Study Scripture, Pray, Laugh, Share, Connect  
Each week is structured to stand alone.  
Come when you can, leave when you need.  
In-person or via Zoom.  
Contact Nancy Holden for more information

**DONATE GLASSES HERE**

Your Recycled Glasses Can Make A Difference!

Eyesight can be easily corrected with eyeglasses, yet millions living in low and middle income countries lack access to basic eye care services.



Donate your old eyeglasses today in the hallway container.

**CELEBRATION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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[ReachUs@celebrationlutheranchurch.com](mailto:ReachUs@celebrationlutheranchurch.com)  
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8am - 4pm  
Friday 8am - 1pm

Lead Pastor: Jeff Sackett x 101  
Congregational Life Pastor: Russ Britton x 102

1 Corinthians 16:14 says, "Let all that you do be done in love"  
Just Love.

Venmo QR code.



Please specify what payment is for!

We invite you to become an important part of our church family by volunteering your time and talents! There's a place for you here!



## volunteers needed

To Volunteer contact Jenny Keen

Ph: 320-255-0488 ext. 170

Email:

[jkeen@celebrationlutheranchurch.com](mailto:jkeen@celebrationlutheranchurch.com)

# Volunteer Spotlight



## Laura Hanson

Laura currently serves on the Church Council and is always willing to read scripture and assist with serving communion. She is also actively involved in children's events and helps support mission trip fundraisers, generously giving her time and energy wherever it's needed.

Thank you Laura!

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|--|---|---|--|--|--|----|
| 11<br>8:30am Worship<br>9:30am CCT Meeting<br>9:30am Sunday School<br><b>10:30am Worship</b><br>6:30pm HS Mission Trip Meeting | 12<br>7:15am Men's Group @ 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. Coffee House<br>8:30am Yoga<br>9:30am Staff Meeting<br>1pm Pastoral Meeting<br>6:30pm Baby Kit Put Together Get Together | 13<br>8:30am Preschool<br>9am Quilters<br>10am CLC Store Packing<br>7pm Exec. Board Meeting | 14<br>9am Women's Bible Study<br>4:45pm Pasta Meal<br>5:30pm GodZone<br><b>6:30pm WOW Worship</b><br>7:15pm YDT/Confirmation<br>8:30pm Youth Group                               | 15<br>6:30am Early Risers Study<br>8:30am Preschool                      | 16<br>Pastor Jeff Sabbath<br>Pastor Russ Sabbath<br>8:30am Preschool<br>12pm Snow Tubing at Powder Ridge | 17 |
| 18 Place of Hope Meal<br>8:30am Worship<br><b>10:30am Worship</b>  | 19<br>7:15am Men's Group @ 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. Coffee House<br>8:30am Yoga<br>9:30am Staff Meeting<br>1pm Pastoral Meeting  | 20<br>8:30am Preschool<br>9am Quilters<br>10am CLC Store Pick Up<br>6:30pm Council Meeting  | 21<br>9am Women's Bible Study<br>4:45pm Pizza Meal<br>5:30pm GodZone<br><b>6:30pm WOW Worship</b><br>7:15pm YDT/Confirmation<br>8:30pm HS Mission Trip Mtg<br>8:30pm Youth Group | 22<br>6:30am Early Risers Study<br>8:30am Preschool<br>7pm MomCo Meet up | 23<br>Pastor Jeff Sabbath<br>Pastor Russ Sabbath<br>8:30am Preschool<br>8pm HS Movie/Fire Night          | 24 |