



CELEBRATE * GROW * SERVE

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

December 14 & 17, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am, Wednesday 6:30pm

in-person and online worship

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

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 14th

at 3:00pm



The
desert shall
rejoice
and
blossom

ISAIAH 35:1



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."



**Mission
of the
Month**



Bless A Family

TOGETHER WE SHINE
HIS LIGHT BRIGHTER!

Thank you for your support!

Visit us online at [celebrationlutheranchurch.com](https://www.celebrationlutheranchurch.com) and on Facebook at "Celebration Lutheran Church"

We Prepare For Worship:

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

Black Bible: pg. 578

Second Reading: Psalm 146:5-10

Black Bible: pg. 507

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11

Black Bible: pg. 792

To prepare for worship on December 21, 2025, read:

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Matthew 1:18-25

8:30 am Sunday Music:

Celebration Singers

Prelude Song: Choir Anthem

Opening Song: "Now the Heavens Start to Whisper" On Screen

Song of Praise: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" ELW #254

Offering Song: Choir Anthem

Communion Song: "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" ELW #461

Closing Song: "People, Look East" ELW #248

10:30am Sunday Music:

Prelude Song: "All Who Are Thirsty" On Screen

Opening Song: "Open the Eyes of My Heart" On Screen

Song of Praise: "Open Space" On Screen

Offering Song: "Lord I Need You" On Screen

Communion Song: "O Come to the Altar" On Screen

Closing Song: "Forever" On Screen

Advent is a season of waiting and preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. It also symbolizes the anticipation of his second coming. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and lasts for four weeks, each often focusing on themes like hope, peace, joy, and love.

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, Billie Gray, Shannon Klundt, Pam Plautz, Abe Salber, Karla Teer, Todd Thornton, Diane Weber,

Tom Bolfig (Lindsay Dingman's uncle)
Gina Bortnem (Karell Sartell's daughter)
Gordon Goodwin (Susan Goodwin's father)
Howard Horrmann (Lynne Kreft brother-in-law)
Don Manea (Dale & Carol Ann Zika's friend)
Judy Neste (Shari Pretzer's friend)
Don Schwegel (Jessica Akkerman's father)

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)

We celebrate as Kellan Quinn Sackett Lafferty, son of Brandon Lafferty & Hannah Sackett, is welcomed into God's family at Celebration through the gift of **Holy Baptism**. Sponsors: Emily Sackett Lund and Colin Sackett.

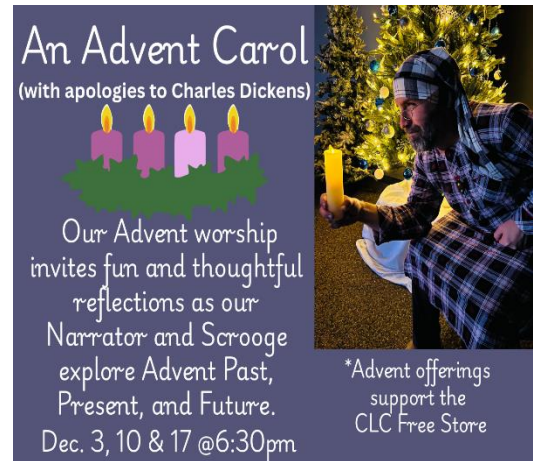
Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and financial gifts. The figures below provide a snapshot of our financial activity through the fourth month of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. We are deeply grateful for your generosity, which makes our missions and ministries possible.

	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

Christmas Poinsettias

\$20 Donations toward Christmas Eve Poinsettias may be given in memorial or celebration of a loved one and help beautify the sanctuary. Information can be found at the Welcome Center

**Deadline is
Sunday, Dec. 14**



*Advent offerings support the CLC Free Store

CLC FREE Community Store

Pick-Up Food Bag Event

Tuesday, December 16th
10am - 12pm*

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

CELEBRATION Lutheran Church
 1500 Pine Cone Rd N, Sartell, MN

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!)

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



YouthConnection
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
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High School (Gr. 9-12)
 Nathan Kleppe: 255-0488 x 108
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HEY MAMA... we saved a seat for you!

DECEMBER 11th
 • Mary Center playdate at 9AM
 • Celebration meetup at 7PM

DECEMBER 18th
 • Mary Center meetup at 9AM
 • Celebration meetup at 7PM



GRANITE CITY M O M C O
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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.**

Join us for our Advent

\$8 MISSION MEALS
 \$5 (10 and Under)
 \$30 Family Cap

Benefitting Our Summer Mission Trip Youth

Wednesdays 5-6:30pm Before Worship

12/3 Chicken Alfredo
12/10 Pulled Pork
12/17 Chicken Wild Rice Soup & Sandwich

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 Let our Mission Trip Youth Feed You!

Sunday, Dec. 14
9:30am - Noon

\$8 Ages 11+ **\$5** Ages 1-10
\$30 Family Cap

• Pancakes
 • Sausage
 • Fruit

December 17
8:15am

The Breakfast Club



Grades 9-12

SNOW TUBING ADVENTURE



January 16
12:15-4:45pm

We are taking a BUS!

\$20

Powder Ridge Tubing
 Register Here



All Welcome! Bring A Friend!
10 & Younger With An Adult



Powder Ridge Waiver

***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!

coat DRIVE
 thank you for helping to keep others warm

We are collecting new or gently used coats, hats, mittens, boots, sweaters and socks of all sizes to share with our local neighbors in need. Drop them off in the box provided in our entryway. Thank you!

YOUTH MAKE & BAKE SALE

December 7, 10, 14, 17 & 21
(Sundays & Wednesdays)

Summer Mission Trip Fundraiser

the nativity story
 The Journey of a Lifetime... A Story for All Time

• Contact Katrina with questions

Wed, December 17
5:30-8:30pm
6th-8th Grade Movie Event

- Movie
- Discussion
- Pizza
- Treats
- Games
- Bring A Friend!

Wear Your Christmas Spirit! PJ's, Socks, Hat Sweater etc...

Bring a Bean Bag chair, blanket, pillow, whatever makes you comfy watching a movie

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

2026 PLEDGE CARD ONLINE FORM

Haven't had a chance to turn in your 2026 pledge card yet?

Our donation pledge card is now available online! If you still need to submit yours, simply fill out the easy online form, no paper needed. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Scan the QR code! 

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 Friday 8am - 1pm

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

John 15:12 says,
**"This is my commandment,
 that you love one another as
 I have loved you".**
 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

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT
Julie Ellis

We give thanks for Julie, whose generous spirit shines through her service at Celebration. Julie faithfully supports the CLC Free Store, lends a helping hand at Place of Hope, and volunteers during worship services. Her willingness to step in wherever she's needed makes a meaningful difference in our community. Thank you, Julie, for sharing your time and heart with us!

14 Make & Bake Sale 8:30am Worship 9:30am Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal 9:30am Pancake Breakfast 10:30am Worship/Baptism 3pm Children's Christmas Program	15 7:15am Men's Group @ 2 nd St. Coffee House 8:30am Yoga 9:30am Staff Meeting 11:30am Staff Christmas Lunch 1pm Pastoral Meeting	16 8:30am Preschool 9am Quilters 10am CLC Store Bag Pick Up 6:30pm Preschool Christmas Program/Party	17 8:15am HS Breakfast Club 9am Women's Bible Study Make & Bake Sale 5pm Advent Meal - Wild rice soup/sandwich 6:30pm Advent Worship 7:30pm Youth Group 7:30pm Personnel Team Mtg	18 6:30am Early Risers Study 7pm MomCo Meet up	19 Pastor Jeff Sabbath Pastor Russ Sabbath	20
21 Place of Hope Meal Make & Bake Sale 8:30am Worship 10:30am Worship	22 7am Second Harvest Delivery 7:15am Men's Group @ 2 nd St. Coffee House 8:30am Second Harvest Pick Up 8:30am Yoga 9:30am Staff Meeting 1pm Pastoral Meeting	23 10am CLC Store Bag Packing	24 Christmas Eve 12pm Church Office Closes 1pm Worship 3pm Worship 5pm Worship 9pm Worship	25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed 	26 Pastor Jeff Sabbath Pastor Russ Sabbath 3pm Wedding Rehearsal	27 Hertling/Amundson Wedding