



CELEBRATION  **Lutheran Church**

December 21, 2025
Forth 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

CELEBRATE * GROW * SERVE

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



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."



Thank you for your support!

We Prepare For Worship:

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

Second Reading: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Black Bible: pg. 554

Black Bible: pg. 470

Black Bible: pg. 783

To prepare for worship on December 28, 2025, read:

Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Matthew 2:13-23

8:30 am Sunday Music:

Piano – Jeanne Bruns

Prelude Song: SOLO

Opening Song: "The King Shall Come"

Song of Praise: "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Offering Song: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Communion Song: "I Want to Walk as a Child"

Closing Song: "All Earth Is Hopeful"

ELW #260

ELW #263

ELW #257

ELW #815

ELW #266

Prelude Song: SOLO

Opening Song: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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Song of Praise: "Jesus Messiah"

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Offering Song: "Everlasting God"

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Communion Song: "With All I Amr"

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Closing Song: "Lead On Good Shepherd"

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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, Abe Salber, Karla Teer, Todd Thornton, Diane Weber,

Rhonda Akkerman (Josh Akkerman's mother)

Tom Bolfing (Lindsay Dingman's uncle)

Gina Bortnem (Karell Sartell's daughter)

Paul Killmer (Wayne Killmer's bother)

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)

Our condolences are extended to **Susan Goodwin** and family on the death of her father, Gordon Goodwin. **Kim Tjaden & Joe Nguyen** and family on the death of Kim's step-father, Roger Myers. 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

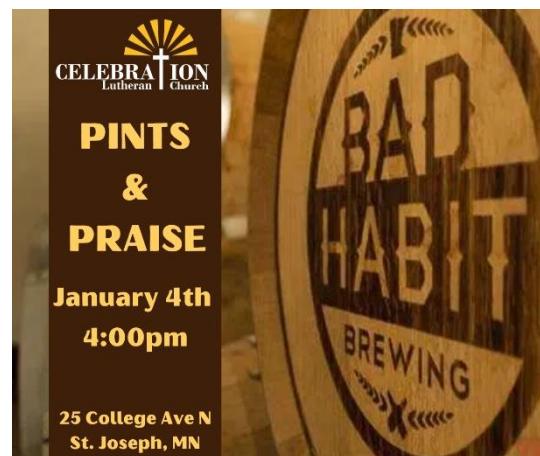
2026 PLEDGE CARD ONLINE FORM



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!



CLC FREE
Community
Store

Pick-Up Food Bag Event

Tuesday, January 6th
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!)

- 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!



LESAUK LIONS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026

\$10 PER TREE & NON-PERISHABLE

FOOD DONATION

Please have trees out by 8am

ALL DONATIONS GO TO HELP FAMILIES AND CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY

To be Added to the Pick Up List Send a Message via Facebook Messenger (LeSauk Township Lions) or Email lesauklions@gmail.com

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

ALL Seniors 55+ YOU ARE INVITED to...



**January 8
11:30am**

**POTLUCK SOCIAL
FUN & FELLOWSHIP**
Bring a dish to share

For more information, Contact the Church Office



YOUTH MAKE & BAKE SALE

December 21st

LAST DAY!!

**Summer Mission Trip
Fundraiser**

HEGGIES
PIZZA



**Thank You
For Your Support Of
Our Mission Trip
Youth**

**ON SALE
Through January 22**

See a participating Youth or Order at the Welcome Center

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.



**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

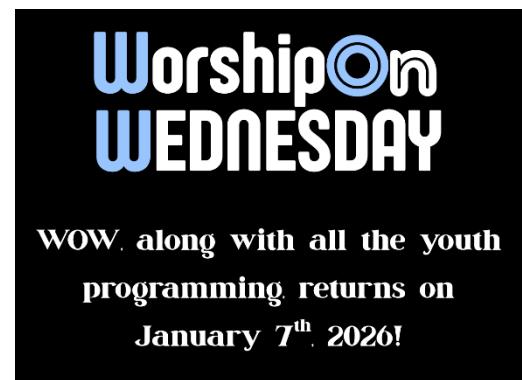
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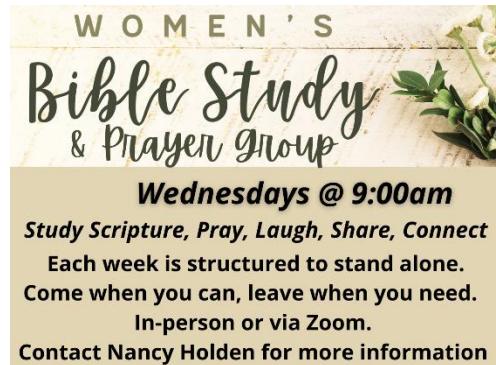
Powder Ridge Tubing
Register Here



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



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**



Donate or receive
gently used medical
equipment and
supplies for free by
contacting
Catherine Johnson
at 320-293-5730



**Give and receive with care while
helping our community stay
supported and equipped!**

CELEBRATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8am - 4pm
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

Bonnie Hansen

Bonnie's willingness to serve makes a meaningful difference at Celebration. She faithfully helps during worship services and is always ready to jump in wherever there's a need. Her helpful spirit, flexibility, and quiet dedication reflect a heart for service, and we are so grateful for all the ways she supports our community. Thank you, Bonnie, for always being willing to help!

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
28 9am Worship	29 7:15am Men's Group @ 2 nd St. Coffee House 1pm Pastoral Meeting	30	31 New Year's Eve 9am Women's Bible Study 12pm Church Office Closes	1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed	2 Pastor Jeff Sabbath Pastor Russ Sabbath	3