



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."



Mission
of the
Month



Bless A Family

TOGETHER WE SHINE
HIS LIGHT BRIGHTER!

Thank you for your support!

Visit us online at celebrationlutheranchurch.com and on Facebook at "Celebration Lutheran Church"

We Prepare For Worship:

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

Black Bible: pg. 554

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

Black Bible: pg. 470

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

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"

ELW #260

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

ELW #263

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

ELW #257

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

ELW #815

Closing Song: "All Earth Is Hopeful"

ELW #266

10:30am Sunday Music:

Prelude Song: SOLO

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

On Screen

Song of Praise: "Jesus Messiah"

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Offering Song: "Everlasting God"

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Communion Song: "With All I Am"

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Closing Song: "Lead On Good Shepherd"

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

Rhonda Akkerman (Josh Akkerman's mother)

Tom Bolting (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

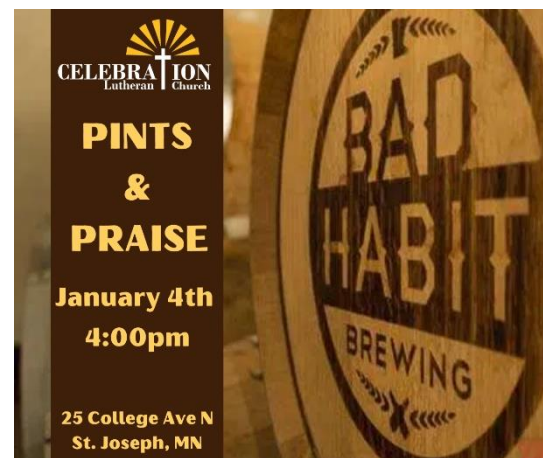
2026 PLEDGE CARD ONLINE FORM



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!





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



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



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
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

Baby Kit

Put-Together

Get Together



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

SAVE THE DATE



***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.**

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



NO School Day!



8:00am to
8:00pm

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



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



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

yoga MONDAYS @ 8:30AM
WITH MARILYN PETTSO

No Class on 12/29

- Wear stretchy clothing for this hatha style class.
- Bring your yoga mat, blocks and straps if you have them.
- All levels and ages welcome.
- \$5 per session payable at class.

Worship on WEDNESDAY

WOW, along with all the youth programming returns on
January 7th, 2026!

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 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