

CELEBRATION

Lutheran Church

December 28, 2025

First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday 9am

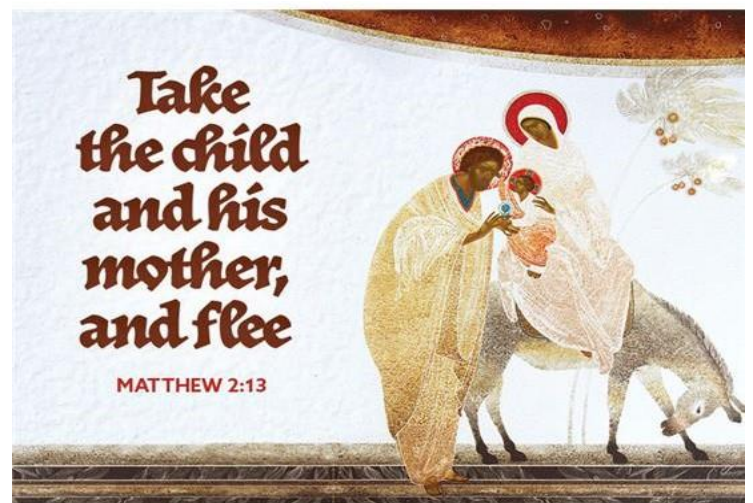
in-person and online worship

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!

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

We Prepare For Worship:

First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9

Black Bible: pg. 605

Second Reading: Psalm 148

Black Bible: pg. 508

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-23

Black Bible: pg. 784

9:00 am Sunday Music:

Nathan Kleppe and Scott Kleppe

Prelude Song: SOLO

Opening Song: "Joy to the World"

ELW #267

Song of Praise: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

ELW #288

Offering Song: SOLO

Communion Song: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

ELW #272

Closing Song: "Go Tell It On the Mountain"

ELW #290

To prepare for worship on January 4, 2026, read:

Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18



The Christmas season is a festive period centered on the Christian celebration of Jesus's birth. The liturgical "Christmastide," officially starts at sundown Christmas Eve (Dec 24) and runs until the Baptism of the Lord (Jan 5).

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, Shannon Klundt, Abe Salber, Karla Teer, Diane Weber,

Rhonda Akkerman (Josh Akkerman's mother)

Tom Bolfig (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)

Wilbert Ross (Nancy Curtis' father)

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 **Nate & Jessica Dahl** on the death of Jessica's mother, Melissa Bushnell. May the promise that our Lord Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life, comfort and strengthen all who mourn.



Congratulations to **Brian & Natalie (Hertling) Amundson** who were married on Dec 27.



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!



CELEBRATION 101
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



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.**

Is your 1st -5th Grader asking about receiving communion?



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

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

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

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



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
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!

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

Merlin Bruns

We give thanks for Merlin, whose faithful service helps make worship meaningful and welcoming each week. Whether ushering with a warm smile or reading scripture with care and clarity, Merlin is always quick to step in and help out in a pinch. His steady presence and dedication are a true blessing to our congregation. We are grateful for the many ways he shares his time and gifts.

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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

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 Funeral
4 8:30am Worship 10:30am Worship 4pm Pints & Praise at Bad Habit	5 7:15am Men's Group @ 2 nd St. Coffee House 8:30am Yoga 9:30am Staff Meeting 1pm Pastoral Meeting	6 8:30am Preschool 9am Quilters 10am CLC Free Store Pick up	7 9am Women's Bible Study 4:45pm Taco Meal 5:30pm GodZone 6:30pm WOW Worship 7:15pm YDT/Confirmation 8:30pm Youth Group	8 6:30am Early Risers Study 8:30am Preschool 11:30am Lunch Bunch 7pm MomCo Meet Up	9 Pastor Jeff Sabbath Pastor Russ Sabbath 8:30am Preschool	10