



CELEBRATE * GROW * SERVE

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

December 7 & 10, 2025

Second 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

An Advent Carol

(with apologies to Charles Dickens)



Our Advent worship invites fun and thoughtful reflections as our Narrator and Scrooge explore Advent Past, Present, and Future.

Dec. 3, 10 & 17 @6:30pm



*Advent offerings support the CLC Free Store



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 11:1-10

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

Black Bible: pg. 558

Black Bible: pg. 924

Black Bible: pg. 784

8:30 am Sunday Music:

Piano – Jeanne Bruns; Vocals - Nathan Kleppe

Prelude Song: "He Came Down"

Opening Song: "Canticle of the Turning"

Song of Praise: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Offering Song: "Build a Longer Table"

Communion Song: "What Feast of Love"

Closing Song: "Hark, the Glad Sound"

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ELW #723

ELW #705

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ELW #487

ELW #239

To prepare for worship on December 14, 2025, -read:

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

10:30am Sunday Music:

Nathan Kleppe

Prelude Song: SOLO

Opening Song: "Make a Way"

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Song of Praise: "King of Kings"

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Offering Song: "Christmas Offering"

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Communion Song: "Holy Spirit"

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Closing Song: "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

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

Tom Bolfing (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:

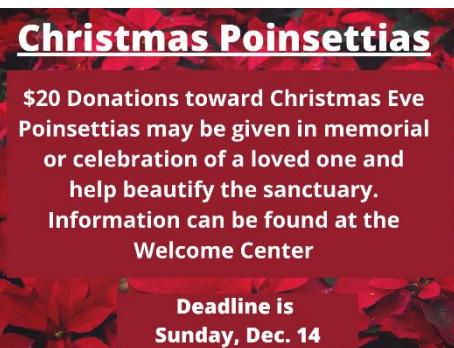
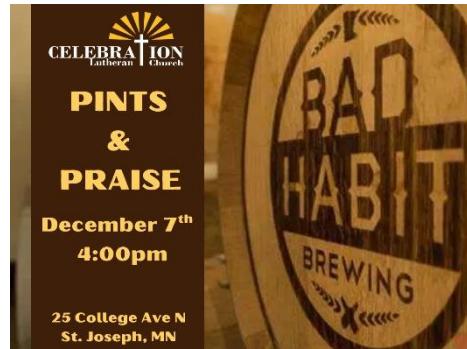
Colin Stein (Aaron & Connie Stein's son)
Ben Brix (Darren & Jenny Brix' son)
Cody Raymond (son of Lynette Pflueger and brother of Ashley Raymond)

Our condolences are extended to **Darren & Jenny Brix** and family on the death of their daughter, **Emily**. May the promise that our Lord Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life, comfort and strengthen all who mourn.



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



VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEETS

We have many different volunteer and small group opportunities here at Celebration! Stop by the table in the Gathering space to browse the clipboards and sign up for any that you feel called to share your time and talents with!



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



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



*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!



*Note the schedule change



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 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



Discounted Movie Tickets

ON SALE NOW!

See a participating Youth or Order at the Welcome Center by Dec. 8

December 14, 2025

9:15-10:25am Sunday School Rehearsal

2:40pm Return to get ready for program

3:00 Christmas Program

SAVE THE DATE



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



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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.

Join us for our Advent



Wednesdays 5-6:30pm Before Worship

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



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

Thank you sew much!

Many thanks to the sewers who picked up and returned quilt kits! Your work helps us provide quilts both locally and to LWR. Join us the 1st or 3rd Tuesday of each month, from 9 am-12 pm, to see how we put them together, no experience needed. It's easy to learn, and we'll have coffee and treats waiting!

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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

Nancy Holden

We give thanks for Nancy, whose faithful leadership enriches our congregation. She guides our weekly Women's Bible Study with wisdom and care, creating a welcoming space for learning and fellowship. Nancy also played a key role in establishing our new prayer station, helping to make it a meaningful place of reflection for all. We are grateful for her dedication and the many ways she blesses our church family.

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Make & Bake Sale 8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School Christmas Party 10:30am Worship 3pm Christmas program rehearsal 4pm Pints & Praise at Bad Habit	7:15am Men's Group @ 2 nd St. Coffee House 8:30am Yoga 9:30am Staff Meeting 1pm Pastoral Meeting 6:30pm Personnel Team Mtg	8:30am Preschool 10am CLC Store Bag Packing 6:30pm Council Meeting	9am Women's Bible Study Make & Bake Sale 5pm Advent Meal – Pulled Pork 5:30pm Christmas Program Rehearsal 6:30pm Advent Worship 7:30pm Youth Group	6:30am Early Risers Study 8:30am Preschool 11am Funeral 7pm MomCo Meet up	Pastor Jeff Sabbath Pastor Russ Sabbath 8:30am Preschool 11:30am Lunch Bunch	9am Christmas Program Rehearsal
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