

# CELEBRATION

Lutheran Church

February 1 & 4, 2026

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am and 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**

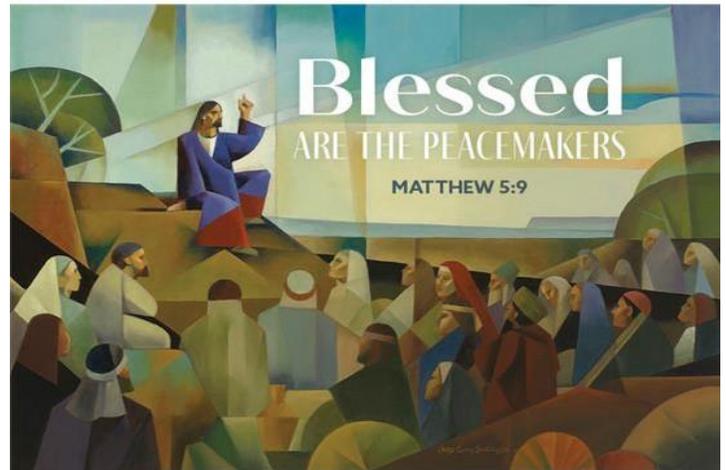
**Celebrate** the Good News of Jesus Christ - **Grow** as faithful disciples - **Serve** in the world!

### Campership Challenge:

You Give. Kids Go to Camp.  
Pastors Do the Dares.

\$5,000-? (at the peak)  
\$4,370  
\$4,000-Pie in the face  
\$3,000-Water Balloons  
\$2,000-Duct Tape!  
\$1,000-Wacky Hair

HA HA  
\$5,000 Donation Match!



## 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."*



Growing Together in Christ



**Thank you for your support!**

**We Prepare For Worship:**

**First Reading:** Micah 6:1-8

Black Bible: pg. 757

**Second Reading:** Psalm 15

Black Bible: pg. 430

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 5:1-12

Black Bible: pg. 785

**8:30am Sunday Music:**  
Piano – Jeanne Bruns

**Prelude Song:** Solo

**Opening Song:** "Gather Us In"

ELW #532

**Song of Praise:** "If You But Trust In God to Guide You"

ELW #769

**Offering Song:** "Blest Are They"

ELW #728

**Communion Song:** "We Come to Your Feast"

On Screen

**Closing Song:** "Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

ELW #543

**To prepare for worship on February 8, 2026, read:**  
Isaiah 58:1-12; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20

**10:30am Sunday Music:**

**Musicians – Dwaine Bruns, Jeanne Bruns, Tom Garberick,  
Mark Wolters, Brandon Zylka**

**Prelude Song:** SOLO

**Opening Song:** "My Jesus"

On Screen

**Song of Praise:** "Abide"

On Screen

**Offering Song:** "There Was Jesus"

On Screen

**Communion Song:** "O Come to the Altar"

On Screen

**Closing Song:** "Forever"

On Screen

**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, Phil Konsor, Abe Salber, Karla Teer, Diane Weber,

Rhonda Akkerman (Josh Akkerman's mother)

Gina Bortnem (Karell Sartell's daughter)

Pat Gray (Shari Pretzer's sister-in-law)

Paul Killmer (Wayne Killmer's bother)

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 **Chris Stark and Milissa Nelson** on the death of Chris' father, LeRoy Stark. 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 sixth 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	\$521,793	\$83,606
Budget YTD	\$630,025	\$100,000
Expenditures YTD	\$606,656	\$79,200
Budget YTD	\$640,704	\$84,000
Net YTD	-\$84,863	\$4,406
Net Budget YTD	-\$10,679	\$16,000
Ahead (Behind)	-\$74,184	-\$11,594



The Lutheran Faith, Celebration, Membership & YOU!

**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**

Join us for a watch party of the Netflix movie *Will & Harper*, a heartfelt and meaningful story about friendship, identity, and grace. Come enjoy the film together, and stay afterward for optional conversation and reflection.

Date & Time : FEB | 1 | 2026 | 6-9PM  
Place: KIM TJADEN'S HOUSE

**Valentine's Care Envelopes**

Please submit your college/ new career aged youth address at the Welcome Center by Feb. 1st

Gift Cards and Monetary Donations are also needed to support this special ministry. Thank You!

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
*Chamber Singers*  
DAVID HOLDHUSEN, CONDUCTOR

Host families needed! The University of South Dakota Chamber Singers will visit in March 2026.

To help host a student, contact  
Nathaniel Knoblock at  
nathaniel.knoblock@gmail.com

CELEBRATION Lutheran Church

**PINTS & PRAISE**

February 1<sup>st</sup>  
4:00pm

25 College Ave N  
St. Joseph, MN

**CLC FREE Community Store**

**Pick-Up Food Bag Event**

**Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**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

**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

*Is your 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grader asking about receiving communion?*

**FIRST 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

**THANK YOU for your generous support of money, donations, and volunteering for the CLC FREE store!! Contact Jenny to get involved!**



**Pancake Breakfast & Pie Auction**

**February 15th**  
**\$10 per Person**  
**Family Cap \$30**

**Pie Auction begins at 12pm**  
**Breakfast Following Each Service**  
Proceeds Benefitting: Lutheran Social Services of MN, Celebration Infrastructure Project & Stu Bailey's GoFundMe

**Celebrate Preschool**

**We Care . . . We Share . . . We Help!**

**REGISTER TODAY!!**

2026/2027 school year (3 - 5 year olds)

Tues, Thurs, & Fri, 8:30-11:30am  
For more information call 255-0488 x 106

**CELEBRATION Lutheran Church**  
1500 Pine Cone Rd N, Sartell  
A ministry of Celebration Lutheran Church

**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

**ALL Seniors 55+**  
**YOU ARE INVITED to...**

**February 12th**  
**11:30am**

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

**THE LUNCH BUNCH**

**Get On The** **To The** **MALL OF AMERICA.**

**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**

**yoga** **MONDAYS @ 8:30AM**

WITH MARILYN PEITSO

**No Class on 2/23**

- 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.

**Starting February 4<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for our new **Chair Yoga** class—a gentle, accessible way to stretch, move, and relax. Led by instructor Marilyn Peitso, the class meets **Wednesdays at 10:30am in the Commons** and is **\$3 per session.**

**\*Wear comfortable, stretchy clothes and comfortable shoes.**

**Boundary Waters 2026**

Trip #1 - June 24-27 **Open to youth 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Trip #2 - August 6-9

**Registration Opens at 8am, Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**HEY MAMA... we saved a seat for you!**

**February 12**

- Mary Center playdate at 9AM
- Celebration meetup at 7PM
  - Topic: Tech talk for Kids

**February 26**

- Mary Center meetup at 9AM
  - Topic: Awkward Friendship
- Celebration mom's night at 7PM
  - Galentine's Night

**GRANITE CITY MOM CO**  
granitecitymomco@gmail.com  
facebook.com/gcmomco

**Summer 2026 Camp Registration is OPEN!**

**Celebration Week: July 19-24**  
(Other weeks also available)

**Celebration contributes \$150 for full week campers (Prorated for shorter camps)**

**Early Bird Registration To Save \$100 MORE Ends February 14, use code "Celebration"**

**Register Early, As Weeks Fill FAST**

**FREE!** You're invited to

**HIGH SCHOOL LOCK-IN**

**Saturday, Feb 7, 8pm - Sunday, Feb 8, 8am**

Celebration Lutheran Church  
Contact Nathan with questions!  
Register today at this link or in the church office!

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

## Baby Care Kit

## Items Needed



New or gently used,

6-24 months:

- jackets
- sweatshirts
- sleepers
- sweaters
- onesies



\*Drop off in the church office.

**Isaiah 56:7 says, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."**

**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](mailto:jkeen@celebrationlutheranchurch.com)

**CARE TEAM**

Our Congregational Care Team (CCT) supports the Celebration community through programs that care for your physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

Please contact the church office if you would like a call or visit. 320-255-0488

**CELEBRATION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 1500 Pine Cone Road N, Sartell, MN 56377  
 Phone: 320-255-0488 Fax: 320-255-9378  
[www.celebrationlutheranchurch.com](http://www.celebrationlutheranchurch.com)  
[ReachUs@celebrationlutheranchurch.com](mailto:ReachUs@celebrationlutheranchurch.com)  
 Office Hours: **Monday - Thursday 8am - 4pm**  
**Friday 8am – 1pm**

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

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## Marissa Mahowald

Marissa is a tremendous asset to Celebration. Each month she purchases over 160 boxes of cereal for the CLC Free Store, helping care for families in our community. She also serves in worship, assists with communion and has shared her gifts on church council. Thank you, Marissa, for your many years of dedicated service!

<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>8:30am Worship</b></p> <p>9:30am Celebration 101</p> <p>9:30am Sunday School</p> <p><b>10:30am Worship</b></p> <p><b>4pm Pints &amp; Praise at Bad Habit</b></p> <p>6pm Will &amp; Harper Movie Watch Party at Kim Tjaden's House</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>7:15am Men's Group @ 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Coffee House</p> <p>8am BWCA Trip Registration opens</p> <p>8:30am Yoga</p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:45pm 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class</p> <p>6:30pm Choir</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p> <p>9am Quilters</p> <p>10am CLC Store Bag Pick Up</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>10:30am Chair Yoga</p> <p>4:45pm Pasta Meal</p> <p>5:30pm GodZone</p> <p><b>6:30pm WOW Worship</b></p> <p>7:15pm YDT/Confirmation</p> <p>8:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>6:30am Early Risers Study</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Pastor Jeff Sabbath</p> <p>Pastor Russ Sabbath</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>8pm HS Lock In</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>8:30am Worship/New Member</b></p> <p>9:30am Sunday School</p> <p><b>10:30am Worship/New Member</b></p> <p><b>4pm Pints &amp; Praise at Bad Habit</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>7:15am Men's Group @ 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Coffee House</p> <p>8:30am Yoga</p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting</p> <p>1pm Pastoral Meeting</p> <p>5:45pm 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class</p> <p>6:30pm Choir</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p> <p>10am CLC Store Bag Packing</p> <p>7pm Exec Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>10:30am Chair Yoga</p> <p>4:45pm Pizza Meal</p> <p>5:30pm GodZone</p> <p><b>6:30pm WOW Worship</b></p> <p>7:15pm YDT/Confirmation</p> <p>8:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>6:30am Early Risers Study</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p> <p>11:30am Lunch Bunch</p> <p>7pm MomCo Meet Up</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Pastor Jeff Sabbath</p> <p>Pastor Russ Sabbath</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p> <p>8pm HS Movie Night</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>