



# CELEBRATION

Lutheran Church

## **CELEBRATE \* GROW \* SERVE**

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

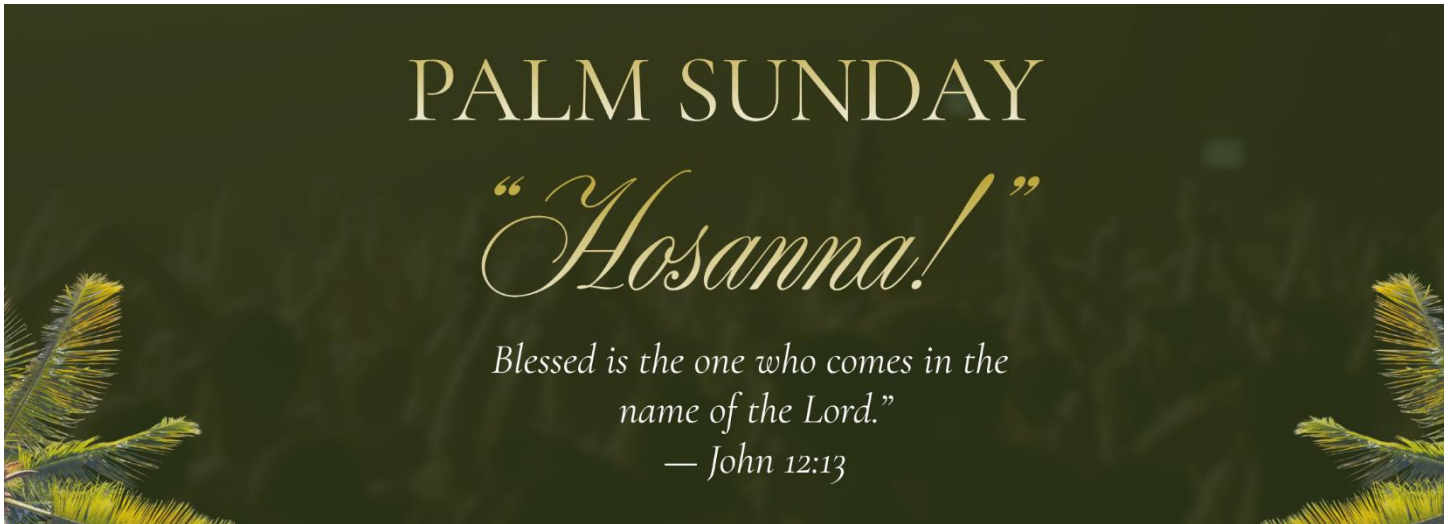
**March 29, 2026**

*Palm Sunday*

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

in-person and online worship

Our online service can be found on Facebook, YouTube or on our Website: [CelebrationLutheranChurch.com](http://CelebrationLutheranChurch.com)



## **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

**Helps**  
INTERNATIONAL

The life you change may be your own.



**Thank you for your support!**

**We Prepare For Worship:**

**Thank You**



to the Passion Presentation readers:  
Pat Curto, Chad Holien,  
Nathan Kleppe and Keith Sowada

to the Youth readers:  
8:30 – Felicity Janson  
10:30 – Greta Hanson

**Holy Week and Easter**

**Maundy Thursday: April 2, 6:30pm**

In Person and Online Service

**Good Friday: April 3, 6:30pm**

In Person and Online Service

**Easter: April 5**

7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am in-person service  
With Online Service by 10:00

**In the Lutheran Church, Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where he was welcomed by crowds waving palm branches. It marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent, and serves as a reminder of Jesus' humility and sacrifice. The day is also marked by the reading of the Passion narrative, which recounts Jesus' suffering and death.**

**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, Lucy Bjorkman, Kathleen Engel, Lynn Fitzthum, Phil Konsor, Abe Salber, Karla Teer, Diane Weber,

Rhonda Akkerman (Josh Akkerman's mother)

Gina Bortnem (Karell Sartell's daughter)

Mike Flanagan (Kelly Fandel's father)

Paul Killmer (Wayne Killmer's bother)

Sandy Liestman (Todd Thornton's mother-in-law)

Don Manea (Dale & Carol Ann Zika's friend)

Kristi Malley (Bill & July Morgan's daughter)

Michael Orman (Gary & Linda Orman's son)

Kelly Plemel (Dale & Carol Ann Zika's friend)

Don Schwegel (Jessica Akkerman's father)

Dan Sowada (Vern Voss' brother-in-law)

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)



**Thank you** for sharing your time, talents, and financial gifts. The figures below provide a snapshot of our financial activity through the seventh 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       | \$655,841                | \$110,004        |
| Budget YTD       | \$746,075                | \$116,667        |
| Expenditures YTD | \$703,859                | \$93,242         |
| Budget YTD       | \$738,630                | \$123,000        |
| Net YTD          | -\$48,018                | \$16,762         |
| Net Budget YTD   | \$7,445                  | -\$6,333         |
| Ahead (Behind)   | -\$55,463                | \$23,096         |



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
Let our Mission Trip Youth Feed You!  
**TODAY from 9:30am - Noon**  
\$8 <sup>Ages 11+</sup> \$5 <sup>Ages 1-10</sup>  
\$30 Family Cap

- Pancakes
- Sausage
- Fruit

**SWMN Women's Great River Spring Gathering**

**"Caring and Sharing When There is No Place to Call Home"**

**Saturday, April 11, 2026**

Registration at 8:30am; Meeting at 9am

**Celebration women** - your \$20 Registration will be paid by Celebration WELCA

Please register at the Welcome Center by March 30<sup>th</sup>

Atonement Lutheran Church, St. Cloud, MN

**CELEBRATION**  
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**PINTS & PRAISE**

**April 12<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm**

25 College Ave N  
St. Joseph, MN

**CLC FREE**  
Community Store

## Pick-Up Food Bag Event

**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</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



**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 Ofstedahl: 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



**WELCA would like to thank everyone that attended or worked the Pancake Breakfast and Pie Auction.**

**Through your generosity we were able to raise \$1,080 to go towards Lutheran Social Services of MN, Celebration Infrastructure Project & Stu Bailey's GoFundMe!**

## Once Upon a Time... Fairytale Day of Fun

Sat, April 11 • 9:30 – 11:30 AM  
Sartell Community Center

- Meet and take your picture with Anna & Elsa
- Royal games, storytime & activities
- Royal tea snacks & drinks
- Royal dance at 11:15 AM
- Free Event for Children Under 10
- Costumes Welcome!



Drawing at 11am for 4 free Frozen Tickets from GREAT Theater

SON OF GOD

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

APRIL 1 | 5:30-8:30 PM

PIZZA | SNACKS | BRING BLANKETS  
EARN 5000 POINTS | BRING GUESTS | DISCUSSION



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

**April 9  
11:30am**

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



# SPRING FLING!

Please Bring Donations by April 10th

Fundraiser for our summer Youth Mission Trips **MAY 3**

**CAN YOU DONATE A SILENT AUCTION ITEM?**

Forms Can Be Found At The Welcome Center

## yoga

WITH MARTLYN PEETSO

MONDAYS @ 8:30AM

- 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.

Trophies for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place, spiciest chili & most unique chili

## Chili Cookoff Fundraiser

All proceeds go to support our Youth Boundary Waters Canoe Trips this summer!

**April 19<sup>th</sup> @11:30**

Come eat & vote on your favorite chili!

\$8 Adults,  
\$5 age 10 & under  
\$30 family max

Think YOU have the best chili? Sign up here to find out!

## Wednesday Night Ministries

Join With Your Family In Worship

April 8

GodZone & YDT  
Begin Again

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

- April 9**
- Mary Center playdate at 9AM
  - Celebration meetup at 7PM  
◦ Topic: Tea & Testimony
- April 23**
- Mary Center meetup at 9AM
  - Topic: Tea & Testimony
  - Celebration mom's night at 7PM



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Vacation Bible School  
**JUNE 1 - 4**  
9am to Noon

SAVE THE DATE!

CELEBRATION Lutheran Church

## DAYCAMP

Aug 3 - 6

Half-Day OR Full Day

2026 Celebration Youth Mission Trips



## Gift Card Fundraiser

Orders Due By April 8th - Gift Cards Available By April 15  
Connect With A Youth Or Visit Celebration Welcome Center

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!

**"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you."**  
Ephesians 4:32

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)



**Mission Quilters**

Join us to tie knots on our mission quilts for Lutheran World Relief, Bless-A-Family, and special local situations.



Enjoy sewing at home? Pick up a quilt kit behind the Welcome Center and help us prepare quilts for upcoming donations!

Meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of Every Month @ 9:00am

**CELEBRATION LUTHERAN CHURCH**


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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**

**Julie Devore**

She is always gracious in serving and supports worship as a Scripture Reader and Communion Server. She also stays actively involved with our youth, connecting at events like Feeding Area Children and other youth-led mission opportunities. Thank you for your continued support of Celebration and our community!

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| <p>29 Palm Sunday</p> <p>8:30am Worship</p> <p>9:30am Sunday School</p> <p>9:30am-12pm Pancake Breakfast</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p>   | <p>30</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>6:30pm Choir</p> | <p>31</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p>   | <p>1</p> <p>9am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>10:30am Chair Yoga</p> <p>5:30pm MS Movie Night</p> <p>7:30pm Youth Group</p>  | <p>2 Maundy Thursday</p> <p>6:30am Early Risers Study</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p> <p>6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service</p> | <p>3 Good Friday</p> <p>6:30pm Good Friday Service</p>        | <p>4</p>   |
| <p>5 Easter Sunday</p> <p>7am Worship</p> <p>8:30am Worship</p> <p>10am Worship</p> <p>11:30am Worship</p>  | <p>6 Church Office Closed</p> <p>7:15am Men's Group @ 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Coffee House</p> <p>6:30pm Choir</p>  | <p>7</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p> <p>9am Quilters</p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting</p> <p>10am CLC Store Bag Pick Up</p> <p>6:30pm Baptism Prep Class</p> | <p>8</p> <p>9am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>10:30am Chair Yoga</p> <p>4:45pm Taco Meal</p> <p>5:30pm GodZone</p> <p>6:30pm WOW! Worship</p> <p>7:15pm YDT/Confirmation</p> <p>8:30pm Youth Group</p> | <p>9</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>10</p> <p>Pastors' Sabbath Day</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p> | <p>11</p> <p>9:30am Fairytale Day of Fun at the Sartell Community Center</p> |