



CELEBRATION
Lutheran Church
CELEBRATE * GROW * SERVE

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

May 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

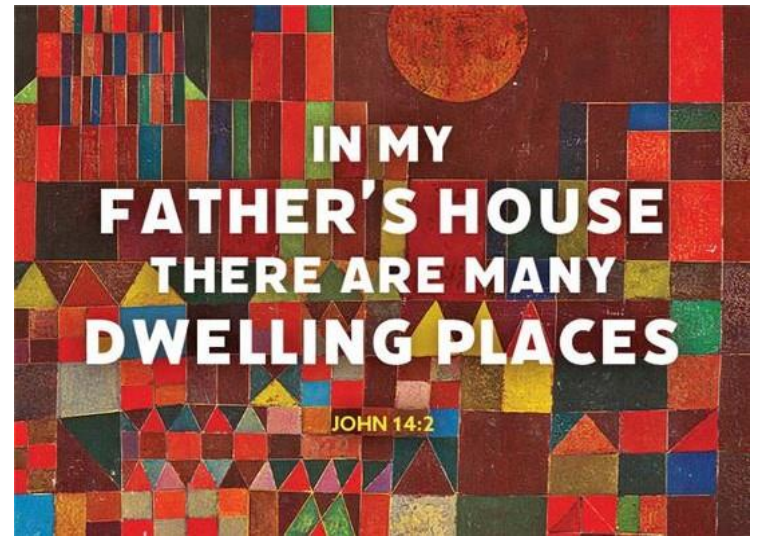
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am

in-person and online worship

Our online service can be found on Facebook, YouTube or on our Website: CelebrationLutheranChurch.com



**SPRING
FLING!**
TODAY! Fundraiser for our summer
Youth Mission Trips
**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE 10:30am SERVICE**



**IN MY
FATHER'S HOUSE
THERE ARE MANY
DWELLING PLACES**
JOHN 14:2

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**
Fill the Lot with Love!

Thank you for your support!

We Prepare For Worship:

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Black Bible: pg. 891

Second Reading: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Black Bible: pg. 439

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14

Black Bible: pg. 877

To prepare for worship on May 10, 2026, read:
Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

8:30am Sunday Music: Celebration Choir

Prelude Song: Choir Anthem

Opening Song: "Abide With Me"

ELW #629

Song of Praise: "Just As I Am/I Come Broken"

On Screen

Offering Song: Choir Anthem

Communion Song: "Now We Remain"

ELW #500

Closing Song: "Blessed Assurance"

ELW #638

10:30am Sunday Music: Musicians –

Prelude Song: Sunday School youth

Opening Song: "Come Now Is The Time To Worship"

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Song of Praise: "Just As I Am/I Come Broken"

On Screen

Offering Song: "My Heart Is Yours"

On Screen

Communion Song: "Build My Life"

On Screen

Closing Song: "Your Grace Is Enough"

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, Lucy Bjorkman, Marlene DeBoer, Kathleen Engel, Lynn Fitzthum, Phil Konsor, Laura Mackenthun, 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)

Judy Neste (Shari Pretzer's friend)

Michael Orman (Gary & Linda Orman's son)

Doug & Janet Peterson (Les Peterson's son/Deb Baloun's brother)

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 ninth 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 | \$858,729 | \$240,744 |
| Budget YTD | \$996,250 | \$150,000 |
| Expenditures YTD | \$911,608 | \$113,484 |
| Budget YTD | \$935,878 | \$141,000 |
| Net YTD | -\$52,879 | \$127,260 |
| Net Budget YTD | \$60,372 | \$9,000 |
| Ahead (Behind) | -\$113,250 | \$118,260 |

Join us in the Fireside Room for discussion that will draw on the themes presented by scripture and the recently adopted ELCA Social Statement on Civic Life and Faith. All are welcome to come and listen, reflect and participate in the conversation as the Spirit may move you. Discussions led by Pastor Russ, Pastor Jeff and retired pastor Steve Peterson.

The Christian and Civic Life: Table Talks

MAY 3rd, 10th, 17th
AT 9:30 AM

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PINTS & PRAISE

May 3rd 4:00pm

25 College Ave N
St. Joseph, MN

BAD HABIT BREWING

Chili Cookoff Winners!

1st - Jenny Keen
"Jenny From the Crock"

2nd - Ryan Newman
"BWCA (Best White Chili Around)"

3rd - Roy Snyder
"Unbearably Good Chili"

Spiciest
August Hanson "Just a Little Spicy"

Most Unique
Roy Snyder "Unbearably Good"

thank you

May Worship

Sundays (3rd - 17th)
at 8:30am & 10:30am

*Monday Services begin June 1st

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Pick-Up Food Bag Event

Tuesday, May 5th
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

Wednesdays at 10:30am

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 in the Commons and is \$3 per session.



YOUTH SUMMER FUN EVENTS

Watch for a Summer Calendar to be mailed to you soon!



HAPPY LAST DAY SCHOOL

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!

Drive through our parking lot on May 28th, 12-2pm on your way home from school for a cool treat to kick off summer! All youth invited!



CELEBRATION SPIRIT MERCH

Check out our Celebration Spirit Store on the website to order!



May 20
8:15am

The Breakfast Club



Grades 9-12

yoga
WITH MARTLYN PEITSO

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.

2026 Celebration Youth Mission Trips

Thomsens
GARDEN CENTER

Cards are in!!
Pick up in the office!

All Profits Benefit Our Youth Summer Mission Trips

SAVE THE DATE & YOUR TREASURES!

Donations being accepted starting May 11

RUMMAGE SALE

JUNE
10-11-12

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

May 14

- Mary Center playdate at 9AM
- Celebration meetup at 7PM
- Topic: Mom Olympics

May 28

- Mary Center meetup at 9AM
- Topic: Mom Olympics
- Celebration mom's night at 7PM



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Day Camp: Mountain Movers
August 3-6, 2026

WATAB CREEK PARK



Preschool (3yrs by 9/1/25) 9:00am - Noon
K - 4th Grade (25-26 year) 9:00am - 3:00pm

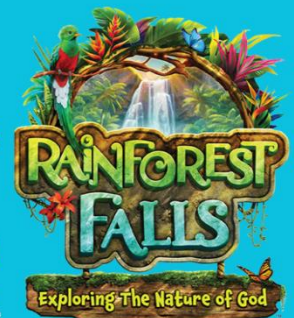
Vacation Bible School

3yrs to 4th Grade
(25-26 school year)

JUNE 1-4, 2026
9:00am-12:00pm



Sign up online using the QR code or pick up a registration form in the Gathering Space



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**

Our Monday Morning Men gather each week for coffee, conversation, and connection. It's a time to share faith, friendship, and a few good laughs as we start the week together. The group is currently reading *The God of Wild Places*.

MEN'S GROUP




Mondays - 7:15am
@ 2nd Street Coffee House

Contact Pastor Jeff with questions

"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."
Matthew 18:5

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

DONATE GLASSES HERE



Your Recycled Glasses Can Make A Difference!

Eyesight can be easily corrected with eyeglasses, yet millions living in low and middle income countries lack access to basic eye care services.

Donate your old eyeglasses today in the hallway container.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Joyce Klute




Joyce brings creativity, leadership, and a welcoming spirit to our church. As Vice President of the Church Council and a member of the New Member Team, she helps guide and grow our community. She designs and creates some of our most unique VBS set pieces each year and volunteers during worship services and at the CLC Free Store. Above all, Joyce is warm, kind, and makes everyone feel at home.

We love you, Joyce!

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Friday 8am - 1pm

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

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| <p>3</p> <p>8:30am Worship</p> <p>9:30am Sunday School Party</p> <p>9:30am Civic Life Table Talks</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p> <p>11:30am Spring Fling</p> <p>4pm Pints & Praise at Bad Habit</p> | <p>4</p> <p>7:15am Men's Group @ 2nd St. Coffee House</p> <p>8:30am Yoga</p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm Choir</p> | <p>5</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p> <p>9am Quilters</p> <p>10am CLC Store Bag Pick Up</p> <p>6:30pm Baptism Prep Class</p> | <p>6</p> <p>9am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>10:30am Chair Yoga</p> <p>5:30pm VBS Prep</p> <p>7:15pm YDT (Last night)</p> | <p>7</p> <p>6:30am Early Risers Study</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Pastors' Sabbath Day</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p> | <p>9</p> <p>9am Piano Recital</p> |
| <p>10</p> <p>8:30am Worship</p> <p>9:30am Civic Life Table Talks</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p> <p>6pm 8th Grade Mentor Meeting</p> | <p>11</p> <p>8am Rummage Sale Donations Start</p> <p>8:30am Yoga</p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm Choir</p> | <p>12</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p> <p>9am Quilters</p> <p>10am CLC Store Bag Packing</p> <p>7pm Exec. Board Meeting</p> | <p>13</p> <p>9am Women's Bible Study</p> <p>10:30am Chair Yoga</p> <p>5:30pm VBS Prep</p> | <p>14</p> <p>6:30am Early Risers Study</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p> | <p>15</p> <p>Pastors' Sabbath Day</p> <p>8:30am Preschool</p> <p>8pm HS Fire/Movie Night</p> | <p>16</p> |