



**CELEBRATE \* GROW \* SERVE**

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

**August 10/11, 2025**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

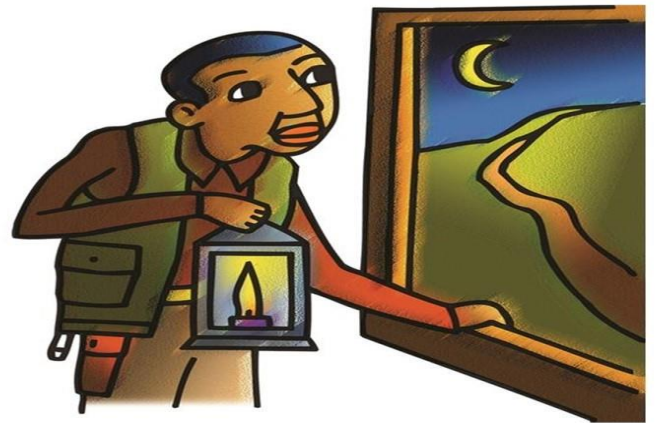
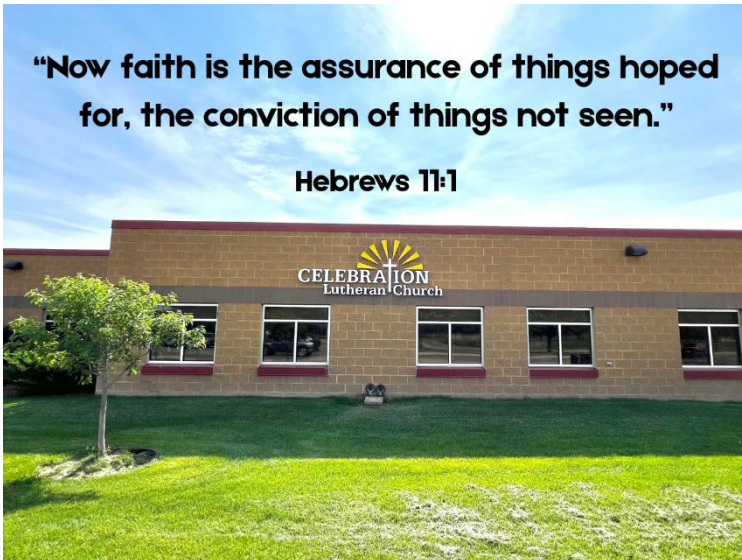
**Sunday 9:00am, Monday 6:30pm**

in-person and online worship

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

**"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."**

**Hebrews 11:1**



**"God is a Verb"**

## **WELCOME!**

- **Visitors:** Please sign the Welcome to Worship book today when it is passed to you. Please include your contact information.
- We practice **open communion** each week– all Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper bringing His forgiving grace, are welcome at the Lord's Table. Gluten Free wafers are available on the front prayer bowl stands.
- **Celebration is a youthful, active, vibrant, and growing family of faith.** We are people just like you. We know the busyness and challenges of life and the need and desire for friends and community. We are happy you are here!

*We hope you experience God's presence and feel welcome and accepted here with us today!*



**Thank you for your support!**

**Visit us online at [celebrationlutheranchurch.com](http://celebrationlutheranchurch.com) and on Facebook at "Celebration Lutheran Church"**

## We Prepare For Worship:

**First Reading:** Genesis 15:1-6

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 12:32-40

Black Bible: pg. 10

Black Bible: pg. 977

Black Bible: pg. 847

To prepare for worship on August 17/18, 2025 read:

2 Corinthians 9:6-12; Matthew 28:16-20

### 9:00am Sunday Music:

**Prelude Song:** "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

On Screen

**Opening Song:** "Build a Boat"

On Screen

**Song of Praise:** "Goodness of God"

On Screen

**Offering Song:** "Be Thou My Vision"

On Screen

**Communion Song:** "Abide"

On Screen

**Closing Song:** "Forever"

On Screen



The Sundays after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time, begin the day after Pentecost and continue until the start of Advent.

**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:** Paul Berglund, Jim Ellis, Kathleen Engel, Patricia Nee,

Gina Bortnem (Karell Sartell's daughter)  
Don Manea (Dale & Carol Ann Zika's friend)  
Alan Miller (Rachelle Voss' cousin)  
Ellie Scherping  
Dan Shumway (Avis Jacobson's brother)

### 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)

We celebrate as **Willow Grace**, daughter of AJ & Ashley Kostuch, is welcomed into God's family at Celebration through the gift of **Holy Baptism**. Sponsors: Mary-Beth Kostuch and Daryl Handeland.

Our condolences are extended to **Tom & Laurie Keller** on the death of Laurie's brother-in-law, James Pagel. **Shari Pretzer** on the death of Shari's sister-in-law, Pat Pretzer. May the promise that our Lord Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life, comfort and strengthen all who mourn.

## Growing in Grace

**THANK YOU** for your generous gifts of time, talent, and wealth. The figures below are a snapshot of financial activity of **the tenth month of the fiscal year ending 6/30/25**. Celebration extends our thanks for the generous giving to support our missions and ministries.

	Mission & Ministry Funds	Building/Capital
Giving YTD	\$976,596	\$151,605
Budget YTD	\$941,000	\$166,667
Expenditures YTD	\$1,021,128	\$235,575
Budget YTD	\$988,957	\$232,575
Net YTD	-\$44,532	-\$83,970
Net Budget YTD	-\$47,957	-\$65,909
Ahead (Behind)	\$3,424	-\$18,061



Our Celebrate The Season Brunch is on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 8:30am-11am.

We are looking for 3 to 4 Table Hosts.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sandy Cordie at 320-250-6900. Thank you!



## Kindergarten Milestone



Sunday, Aug. 24 @ 9:00am OR Monday, Aug. 25 @ 6:30pm

You are invited to join us for a very special event in your honor! All incoming Kindergarteners, and their families, are invited to join us in worship.



Help kids develop a LOVE for READING! Celebrate Preschool is hoping to add a listening center to their room and would LOVE your help! For just \$300-\$500 we can offer preschoolers another opportunity to listen to books and stories! A donation of any size will help us get started!

Thank you in advance for your help!

## BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Supplies Can Be Dropped Off In The Cart By The Welcome Center

Thank You For Helping Students In Need!





## Pick-Up Food Bag Event

**Tuesday, August 19<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!)

- Reusable Cloth Shopping Bags
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Shampoo/ Deodorant
- Hand Soap/ Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent Pods
- Toilet Paper/ Paper Towels
- Feminine Products
- Peanut Butter
- Cereal
- Fruit Snacks/ Granola Bars
- Hamburger Helper/Macaroni & Cheese
- Canned Fruit/ Canned Vegetables/ Soups
- Spaghetti Noodles/ Spaghetti Sauce
- Taco Seasoning & shells (soft)
- Monetary Donations



### YouthConnection

Sunday School (Age 3-Kind)

GodZone (Gr. 1-5)

Nicole Oftedahl: 255-0488 x 105

NOfthedahl@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



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

**REGISTER TODAY!!**

**2025/2026 school year (3 - 5 year olds)**

Tues, Thurs, & Fri, 8:30-11:30am

For more information call 255-0488 x 106



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

## Hey, Hey Bike Riders!



Join us as we pedal to Cold Stone Creamery, Sartell, and back on Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm. It's worth the sweat! No need to register!

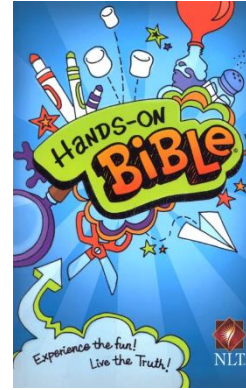
### 3rd Grade Bible Milestone Class

8/20 @ 6pm

8/21 @ 11am

9/2 @ 6pm

Sign up online or  
contact Nicole



### 6th Grade Bible Class

8/12 @ 8:15am or

8/26 @ 5:15pm



Scan the QR Code  
to sign up online!



HEY MAMA,  
COME HANGOUT  
WITH US  
THIS SUMMER!

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GRANITE CITY  
MOMCO

### Granite City MomCo AUGUST EVENTS

**AUG 01** POLAR BEAR POOL  
5PM - 7PM  
FAMILY SWIM

**AUG 03** CHICK-NIC  
WATERS CHURCH  
6PM - MOMS NIGHT OUT

**AUG 21** SAUK RAPIDS  
LIONS PARK  
10AM - 12PM

MORNING & EVENING  
MEETUPS BEGIN IN SEPT

**COME CAMP WITH NATHAN AT ST. CROIX  
STATE PARK! THURS & FRI, AUGUST 14 - 15**

\$30/youth

## Middle School CAMPING TRIP

6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Graders  
(based in 2025-26)

We will provide dinner & breakfast.  
Chaperones, drivers, and tents needed!

**Sign up Online or At Church**

Questions? Contact Nathan: [nkleppe@celebrationlutheranchurch.com](mailto:nkleppe@celebrationlutheranchurch.com)



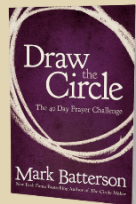
COME AND WALK WITH US!  
MEET AT THE CHURCH ON  
AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> AT NOON &  
STAY FOR LUNCH (FREE)!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



### Opportunities to Grow:

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

*Study, Pray, Laugh, Share, Connect*

**Wednesdays @ 9:00am**

Each week is structured to stand alone.  
In-person OR Zoom.  
Come when you can, leave when you need.  
Contact the church office for more information.



WE'RE COLLECTING EXTRA FRUITS AND VEGETABLES—FROM BOTH THE COMMUNITY GARDEN AND YOUR OWN GARDEN—FOR OUR CLC FREE PRODUCE STAND. THERE'S NO SET SCHEDULE—JUST DROP OFF YOUR EXTRAS WHEN YOU CAN!

#### How:

- Cart outside church doors during office hours.
- After hours: leave outside office doors if cart isn't out.
- No need to wash produce.

THANK YOU!



### CELEBRATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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[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

Proverbs 3:27 says, "Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act"

**Just Love.**

We are looking for people to join our offering counter teams. Contact the office if you are interested. Thank you!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for dedicated individuals to join us in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

Visit our website to learn more!



To Volunteer contact **Jenny Keen**

Ph: 320-255-0488 ext. 170

Email:

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

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

**Teresa Ahrendt**

Even after retiring from her role in the church office, Teresa continues to bless our congregation with her time and talents by serving as one of our volunteer financial secretaries. Her dedication and behind-the-scenes service help keep our ministry running smoothly, and we're so grateful for her continued commitment to Celebration!

<b>10</b> <b>9am Worship/Baptism</b> 5pm Girl Scouts Troop 398	<b>11</b> 9:30am Staff Meeting 2pm Bike to Cold Stone 6:30 Boy Scouts <b>6:30pm Monday Worship</b> 7:30pm HS Youth Group	<b>12</b> 9am MomCo Meet up 10am CLC Store Bag Packing 6pm Eagle Scouts 6:30pm Council mtg off site	<b>13</b> 9am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm HS Bible Study	<b>14</b> 6:30am Early Risers Study 4pm SHS Soccer	<b>15</b> Pastor Jeff Sabbath Pastor Russ Sabbath	<b>16</b>
<b>17 Place of Hope Meal</b> <b>9am Worship</b> 12pm HS Youth Volleyball Tourn. 6:30pm Sartell Baseball Assn.	<b>18</b> 9:30am Staff Meeting 6:30 Boy Scouts <b>6:30pm Monday Worship</b> 7:30pm HS Youth Group	<b>19</b> 9am Quilters 10am CLC Store Pick Up	<b>20</b> 9am Women's Bible Study 10am Children's Garden 12pm Walking Wednesday 6pm Sartell Gymnastics 6:30pm HS Bible Study	<b>21</b> 6:30am Early Risers Study 5:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>22</b> Pastor Jeff Sabbath Pastor Russ Sabbath 5pm Spirit Quintet	<b>23</b>