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On July 26 we had 29 people who Affirmed their Baptism or were Baptized! Thank you to all who came out to join us for the momentous occasion.





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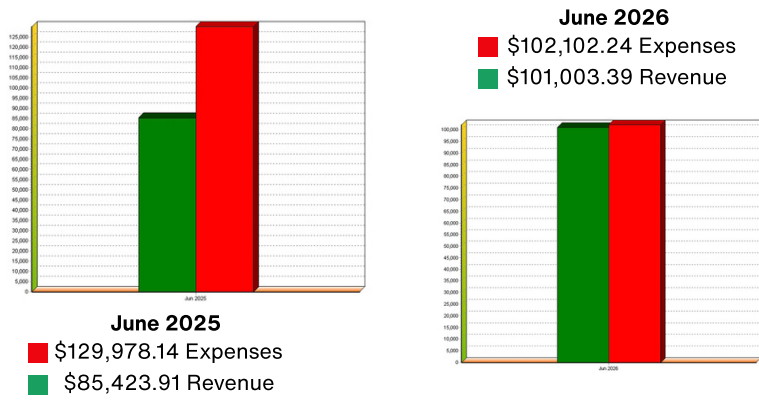
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Send in articles before the next
deadline on August 25.
Email: mlc@morningsidelutheran.com

BY THE NUMBER



Organizations Receiving Mission/Tithes Distribution in June 2026: None

"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that confess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." -Hebrews 13: 15-16

-Finance Team

July approved financials will be in the September Visitor.

WAYS TO GIVE

Online

Text "Give" to
 712.800 8611

In Person

By Mail



August Sermon Series

August 2	Colossians 4: 2-6
August 9	John 10: 25-30
August 16	1 Timothy 2: 1-4
August 23	1 Peter 4: 8-11
August 30	Philippians 3: 12-14



Radio Broadcast
 Sunday, 11:00 am
 KSCJ 94.9 FM
 1360 AM



YouTube

8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am



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13 SEPTEMBER
2026

Fall Kickoff

STUDENT REGISTRATION



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PRE-K -
5TH GRADE
REGISTRATION



MIDDLE
SCHOOL
REGISTRATION



HIGH
SCHOOL
REGISTRATION

WEDDINGS

Emily & Lincoln Conrey

FUNERALS

Duane Clark
Sumalee Hunter
Khanthong Phomiamouang
Marsha Scholl



The Crew

Thank you to Mary Klauer,
McKenzie Matasovsky
and Ashley Norby for helping to
capture the moment.

BAPTISMS

Emeri Bloomfield
Hadley Oehlerking
Henry Norby
Tony Davis
Sam Vansouphet
Lee Vansouphet
Justin Vansouphet
Moon Xay
Khamxuay Akanhay
Darla Akanhay
Littana Akanhay
Darlene Akanhay
Jackson Phaly

AFFIRMATION

Jose Villalpando
Eron Andrews
Michael Hanson
Shawn Byrne
Mike Davis
Noah Davis
Rowan Davis
JoVi Davis
Michelle Andrews
Cheryl Hoppe
Todd Kleinberg
John Craig
Shawn Byrne
Gary Gilbert
Peg Gilbert
Colby Gilbert
Dong Nguyen
Addy Medina

YOUNG AT HEART



GYM
Monday
9:00-11:00 AM

Tuesday
9:00-11:00 AM

Thursday
9:00-11:00 AM

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THANK YOU

I would like to thank Pastor Tom for his visits and the church for the beautiful flowers.
Jackie Wiel



Thank you so much to John Urick and Terry Krei for making wooden crosses to give to the people who were baptized on July 26. We love it when people share their time and talents.



On Sunday, August 2nd we are going to have a "Name Tag Sunday"! We have a worshipping congregation of way over 500 people, in four separate worship services and there is no way you can remember all those names. Even if you attend the same hour, and sit in the same spot every Sunday, it is a challenge to remember names of people you worship alongside. So, on August 2nd we will have a chance to wear a name tag and either remember someone's name or meet someone new! There are those who may choose to remain nameless, and that's ok. But for all the rest of us, let's help our visitors and regular guests, and lifelong members to feel welcome, and knowing someone's name is at least a first step!



Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study



Where: Fireside Room at MLC
What time: 9:00 to 11:00 AM
When: Begins Thursday, September 24, 2026,
Ends October 29.
How: By Noon on Monday, September 3, 2026,
register at the Welcome Desk
or call the church office 276-2511
How much: \$7.00 for the study guide

Women are wired to control life's details. Let. It. Go., a six-session video-based study gives women practical, biblically based steps for letting go of the need to control, dictate, and even manipulate the people and situations around them, and instead, trust that God has their best interests in mind. We'll take the journey away from over-control and into a stronger, trusting relationship with God.



PONCA STATE PARK Ponca, NE

Young at Heart Trip
August 7
Picnic & Tour
Leaving at 10:45 am
Cost \$10



Ministry FAIR

On Sunday August 30th, we will be hosting a second Ministry Fair. You will see throughout the entrance the variety of Bible Studies and Ministry opportunities that are available for the people of Morningside Lutheran Church to serve. The studies and service teams are a great way to know some people more personally and help the ministries of the church carry out their specific mission. Each ministry area will have a brief description of their work and a sign up for you to get involved. You will be amazed at all of the ministries currently active and all that this church is up to—and opportunities to help.



Join Us!

August 4th
6:00-8:00pm
Latham Park
1915 S. Lemon St. Sioux City

Free Food! Free Bouncy House! Free Fun!

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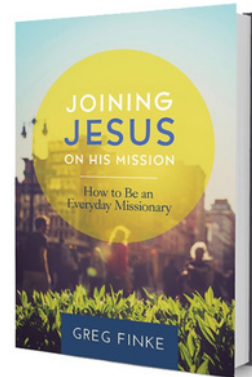




TAKE 10 CONVERSATION

- 1 Where have you seen Jesus working in Your life?
- 2 What are you Thankful for today?
- 3 What is God Speaking to you through the Bible?

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This fall we will be studying a book together called Joining Jesus on His Mission, by Pastor Greg Finke, a Missouri Synod pastor, who has been a great friend to the congregation of our association (LCMC) as well. This book will help us to recognize our call to be a part of the Great Commission of Matthew 28 and to learn how simple it really is to carry out. We have had a team of people becoming familiar with the book and the concepts and they will help us discover those concepts as well. All of this will start on Sunday September 13th and 20th with a distribution of the book to all who are willing, and a sermon series based on the same concepts. There will also be opportunities to join a small groups who will be reading through and studying the book together. We have done the small group model of ministry before and it is time now to develop that ministry again! This is going to be a great Fall season at Morningside!

