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ANNUAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 22, 2026
AT 11.45 AM
SANCTUARY



Morningside Lutheran Church

700 South Martha Street
Sioux City, IA 51106

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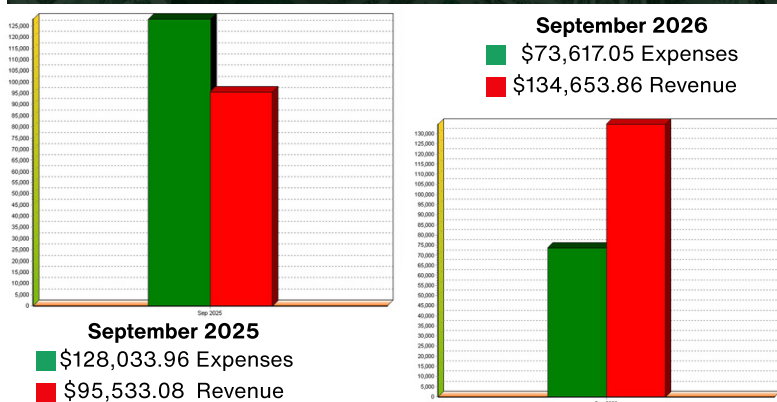
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Send in articles before the next
deadline on November 25.
Email: mlc@morningsidelutheran.com

BY THE NUMBER



Organizations Receiving Mission/Tithes Distribution in September 2026: Okoboji Bible Camp, Sunrise, LAM, LCMC support, Missionary Support

"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

October approved financials will be in the December Visitor.

WAYS TO GIVE

Online



Text "Give" to 712.800.8611

In Person



By Mail

Altar Guild

Would you be interested in helping prepare for Communion Sundays? We have communion the first and third Sundays each month. Typically our Altar Guild comes to fill communion wine trays later in the week before each Communion Sunday.

If you are interested please contact Mark Vander Tuig for more information!

Help is needed!

SERMON SCRIPTURES

November Sermon Series

November 1
November 8
November 15
November 22
November 29

Mark 2: 1-12
Matthew 4: 18-20
Philippians 4: 14-20
Joshua 4: 4-9
Romans 5: 1-5

Wigs
Nov. 11
\$6



Vietnam, Past and Present
This special tribute to Veterans will be presented by Frank Moss and Tom LoVan.



Young at Heart
Cemetery Tour

They visited George Foreman's grave and other prominent people.



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



YouTube

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



Morningside Lutheran Church

Give Thanks Food Drive

To make the holiday extra special for our Food Pantry clients, **Morningside Lutheran Church's Social Concerns Team** is collecting Thanksgiving meal staples to distribute — along with bread, meat and fresh produce from the Food Bank of Siouxland — as part of our regular food distributions so our clients can prepare a warm and welcoming feast for their loved ones.

We invite you to help us bless our Food Pantry families in this way by donating one or more of the following items by Sunday, Nov. 15:



Images are for suggestion purposes only. Any brands of items are welcome. Please purchase new or check for expiration date. Thank you.

Boxed Stuffing Mix

Instant Potatoes

Gravy Packets

Canned Green Beans

Cream of Mushroom Soup

Applesauce (cans or plastic containers)

Please bring donations to church by **Sunday, Nov. 15**. Thank you!

We will be collecting at the church on November 1, 8, & 15.



Bible 101 was held on Sunday, October 25. During this time, 13 students received their own Bible. The students also had the opportunity to learn more about the Bible and decorate a Bible bag!



Thank you

Connie Bartels
and Dianna
Michaelis for your
Lutheran Airlines
skit at Wigs on
October 14.
Very Clever!

YOUNG AT HEART



GYM

Monday
9:00-11:00 AM

Tuesday
9:00-11:00 AM

Thursday
9:00-11:00 AM

Contact Us

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Office Hrs: 8:00am - 4:30pm

THANK YOU

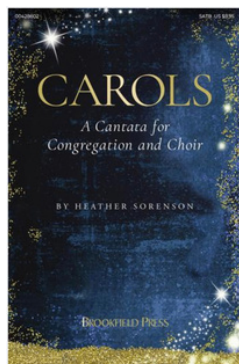
I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued generous support of the men's buck-a-month club. I realize I am a little slow in writing this, such are the pitfalls of being retired.

As 2026 draws to a close, please remember it is not too late to donate. Your contributions are tax deductible.

Sincerely,
Dean F. Swanger
Representative for LCMC Men's
Buck-a-month club



**The building/offices
will be closed
November 26 & 27**



"Carols" by Heather Sorenson.

The date of the Cantata is Wednesday, December 16th at 6:00 pm. If you are interested, please let Charity Peterson or Connie Smith know. Practices will begin starting in November. They will be Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30pm.

Also, starting in November, practices for children 2nd-5th will be held before Sunday School at 9:15am and 10:30am as well as Wednesday nights before Confirmation at 5:00 pm in the Chapel for 6th-12th grades.

NEW MEMBERS

Please help us welcome the new members of Morningside Lutheran Church. They were received on October 25. They are Jim and Julie Albert, Darcie Byrne, Lucas and Bentley Combs, Van and Mary Oakland, Emily, Everly and Riley Strom and Shawn and Traci Winter.

We are so grateful they are here.



Advent Readers

The Advent season is approaching soon and one of the ways we celebrate is by having some special readings with candle lighting. If you, your family or a group of friends would like to help celebrate our Advent season by reading and lighting candles at one of the services, contact

Charity@morningsidelutheran.com
Starting November 29.



Thank you

To all who generously donated 435 items to the School Refresh. There was lots of goodies for 3 schools, the Warming Shelter and others in need.



Giving Tree

November 22 - December 6

Visit the Giving Tree display in the narthex Sundays to talk with MLC's Missions & Benevolence Team to learn more!

**Giving Tree: Make Christmas Brighter for
Neighbors in need**

MLC's Giving Tree is a Christmas Tradition for many MLC friends and families. This year, supporting this community mission will be easier than ever. Here's how:

Nov. 22 - Dec 6: Give \$25 or more to the Giving Tree campaign by cash, check or by scanning the QR code at the Giving Tree narthex display.

Relax as we do the shopping for you! Church volunteers will use donations to buy gift cards from Target and Wal-Mart to distribute to 12 Siouxland area nonprofits.

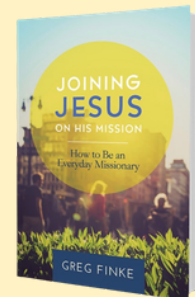
Future Thursday Morning Women's Bible Studies

Check future Visitors and the Welcome Desk for registration information.

Study begins in	Title, Author Description	Image
January 2027	Joshua: Be Strong and Courageous, a Beautiful Word Bible study: by Faith Eury Cho Are you ready to leave behind fear, doubt, and uncertainty to embrace the promises God has for your life? In <i>Joshua: Be Strong and Courageous</i> , Faith Eury Cho leads you through this powerful Old Testament book, equipping you to navigate life's challenges with unwavering trust in God.	
March 2027	Jesus Shaped Life by Lisa Harper This seven-week Bible study by Lisa Harper, titled <i>A Jesus-Shaped Life</i> , is your invitation to explore the depths of God's character, God's love for you, and how your relationship with Him transforms you. Ultimately, you will experience how biblically sound theology deepens your relationship with God and each other.	
May 2027	Anxious for Nothing Finding Calm in a Chaotic World by Max Lucado In this five-session video Bible study (video access included), Max Lucado explores God's treatment plan for anxiety found in Philippians 4:4-8. As you are celebrating God's goodness, asking for his help, leaving your concerns with him, and meditating on good thing, you will experience God's peace. This peace that "transcends all understanding" will help you change the way you look at your fears.	



Pastor Greg Finke, the author of the book "Joining Jesus on His Mission" is going to be here on Saturday, November 7th from 9-noon, and preaching at all the services on Sunday, November 8th. If you would like to attend the workshop he'll be leading on Saturday, please let Mark Vander Tuig know, or sign up at the Welcome Center this morning.



Join us this Sunday, November 1st as we remember those who have been baptized and those who died since last All Saints Day.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

NOVEMBER 25 AT 6:00 PM

