

# THE VISITOR

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## Our New Director of Connections: Mark Vander Tuig



**Welcome  
Mark!**

Mark comes to us with an extensive background in working with churches and church leaders.

He was a pastor for 30 years serving three congregations:  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Montevideo, Mn. 1980-1983  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Cloud, Mn. 1983-1990  
Lutheran Church of the Cross, in Altoona, Iowa. 1990-2010

He has been the Service Coordinator for Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ 2010-2020 and is also a charter members of LCMC along with Lutheran Church of the Cross.

He is a board member of Lutheran Asian Ministries and has been to Southeast Asia six times over the last 20 years.

He graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 1976, with Bachelor's degrees in both Religion and Psychology, from Luther Seminary in 1980 with a Master's of Divinity degree, and from St. Mary's College, Winona, Mn. in 1985 with a Master's of Counseling and Psychological Services. He was also part of the Certificate program with the University of Minnesota in Chemical Dependency Counseling and Education.

Candice and Mark were married in 1974, and have two grown daughters who are both married: Laura and Mat Lukens, and daughter Elliot of Atlanta, Georgia; and Emily and Noah Ruppert, and son Joel and daughter Hannah, of Sioux City, Iowa.



# Morningside Lutheran Church

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## STAFF

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Noah Ruppert.....LEAD PASTOR  
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Send in articles before the next  
deadline on October 25.  
Email: [mlc@morningsidelutheran.com](mailto:mlc@morningsidelutheran.com)

# BY THE NUMBER

Budget Ministries	YTD as of 8/31/24	YTD as of 8/31/25
Revenue	\$728,858	\$748,150
Less Expenses	\$778,754	\$791,127
Net	(\$49,896)	(\$42,977)

## Organizations Receiving Mission/Tithes Distribution in August 2025:

LCMC Operations, Sunrise Manor, Boys and Girls Home, Lila Mae's.

*"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

September approved financials will be in the October Visitor.

WAYS TO  
GIVE

Online



Text  
"Give"  
to  
712.800  
8611

In  
Person



By Mail

# PASTOR APPRECIATION



Noah  
Ruppert



Paul  
Peterson

19<sup>TH</sup>  
October



Tom  
Loven

## CHOIR



Choir practice is in full swing.  
Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.  
All are Welcome!  
Hope to see you there

# THANK YOU

Thank you very much for paying part of the way for me to be able to spend a week at camp each summer. Each year is more eye opening than the last and each year I feel my faith grow stronger and stronger in the Lord. I am very grateful to be able to spend a week with the amazing people I meet at camp each year, especially those who end up coming back the following years. I'm also very grateful to experience what it's like to be fully surrounded by people who love Jesus and get to see how he shows His love through them and see how He's able to work in other peoples lives and see all the things He can do and all He does to show His presence at camp. Thank you again, Abby Lubben.

Thank you so much for the loving notes I have received. It is so very nice to be remembered. MLC is surely a caring congregation and I'm thankful to be a member! God is Love!  
Always, Janice Schnaible

To the members of Morningside Lutheran,  
Thank you so much for the donation of supplies and clothes for our school. Your generosity means so much to us!  
Thank you, Morningside Elementary

## MORNINGSIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Help Wanted:

- Custodian (Full Time)
- Administrative Assistant (Part Time)



FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
PAUL PETERSON  
PAUL@MORNINGSIDELUTHERAN.COM



## Radio Broadcast

Sunday, 11:00 am  
KSCJ 94.9 FM  
1360 AM



www.morningsidelutheran.com  
8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am



Morningside Lutheran  
Church



Don't miss out on your opportunity to join.  
We won't have another class until April.  
Sign up Today!

## NEW Member Class

OCTOBER  
12 & 19  
AT 11:45 AM



## The CHOSEN LAST SUPPER

Join David and Nancy Hecht as they watch  
The Chosen - Season 5 starting October 26  
from 9:15-10:30 am in the Fireside room.

## BAPTISMS

Hayden Croston  
River Taylor  
Cheyenne Taylor

## FUNERALS

Lin Johansen



## BIBLE CLASS 101

Sunday, October 12

Kitchen Lounge

10:30 am

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and Up

To register, email:

kathy@morningsidelutheran.com



### Fellowship Singing & S'mores

The music  
worship team  
kicked off the  
season with a  
campfire.



## ALL SAINTS

SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 2

A day we recognize those who  
have been baptized and those  
who have gone home to heaven  
this past year.

## WIGS

October 8

Meal & Program on Latham Park Cost is \$6.00.  
Presale for Brown's Christmas Offered \$25.00

November 12

Meal & Program about Aviation at Morningside  
University. Cost is \$6.00

December 10

Meal & Program is New Horizons Band.  
Cost is \$6.00



### Cooking with Tom

Is always  
delicious.  
Thank you to  
everyone who  
joined us and  
Thank you Tom!



YOUNG AT HEART



### Evening Pickleball

On Tuesdays Starting  
Oct 7 - March 17  
7:00 PM

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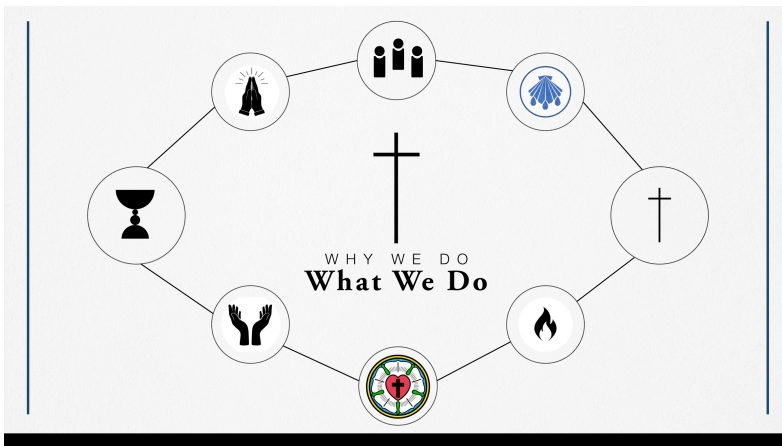
Office Hrs: 8:30am - 4:30pm



# FALL KICKOFF







## October Sermon Series

October 5	John 6: 51-58
October 12	John 4: 19-26
October 19	Psalm 135: 13-19
October 26	2 Timothy 4: 1-4

Young  
at Heart

Young at Heart visiting the Railroad and Air Museum



Young at Heart  
at the  
Grotto in  
West Bend



**THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**

Who: All women

When: October 23 to December 11

Time: 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Where: Fireside Room at MLC

How: Register by Sunday, October 8

How much: \$ 22.00

Why: In this 7-session Bible study, you'll discover divine love in the often overlooked and misunderstood passages in Scripture. And you'll be delighted to find that Jehovah of the Old Testament is the same redemptive and compassionate God we see through Jesus Christ in the New Testament. He has always been and will always be for us!

## Young At Heart

**October 14**

Yankton Dam and Fish Hatchery Cost is \$15.00.

**November 19**

Browns' Christmas in LeMars. Cost is \$25 prepay

**YANKTON  
DAM & FISH  
HATCHERY**  
Yankton, SD

Young at Heart Trip  
October 14  
Cost \$15  
Leave the Church at 8:30am  
Sign Up Today

