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Connections

Ministry Initiative

In January of this year, the Church Council called into being a group of people who would help this church deepen our connections with each other, our communities, and with Christ. A team was formed in March and began meeting together to implement that same goal. The members of the team are Jason and Carmen Pease, Darren and Michelle Tooley, Jason and Valerie Kaat, Tracy Ford, Jennica Corporan, Shawn and Kerri Wease, Jay and Haley DeVries, Jay and Jane Krehbiel, and Mark Vander Tuig.

To accomplish all of this, starting on September 20th we are kicking off the study of a book called “Joining Jesus on His Mission”! The author, Pastor Greg Finke, reminds us that Jesus is already at work in the lives of the people around us and we are invited to join Jesus on His mission. It is not complicated, all that is needed are people who are willing. God is sending us into the lives of the people with whom we are already connected—family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, office mates, teachers, nurses, farmers, students, and more.

The best way to understand and apply this simple and well written book is to join with others. On the Sundays of September 13th and 20th, the book “Joining Jesus on His Mission” will be available for you to take home. You will also find a number of small group meeting times and places for you to be a part of. In addition, the sermons over these 8 weeks will be focused on chapters of the book as well. Finally, Mark Vander Tuig’s Wednesday evening study will also be focused on the concepts in the same book starting on September 23rd at 6 pm.

The book is easy to read, and even comes with a one paragraph summary on the last page of each chapter. The book, along with the sermons, and discussion questions in the bulletin, will give each small group more than enough material for discussion and application.

Our Connections Ministry Initiative has another goal. We would very much like to see more and more of our people here at Morningside experiencing the value of the small group model of ministry. It provides a great way to learn, to deepen our understanding, connect more deeply with others, and helps us to grow in our faith. This world desperately needs people who know Jesus, and can show them the love, mercy, and truth of God in Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit is calling Morningside Lutheran Church to be a part of God’s desire for Siouxland, and the world!



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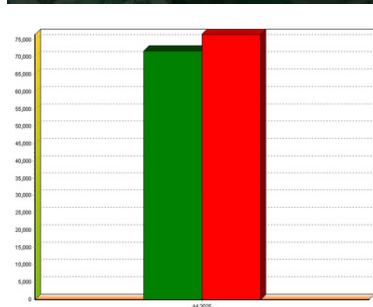
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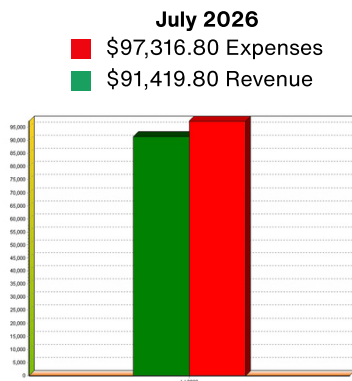
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Send in articles before the next
deadline on September 25.
Email: mlc@morningsidelutheran.com

BY THE NUMBER



July 2025
 \$76,496.96 Expenses
 \$71,747.63 Revenue



July 2026
 \$97,316.80 Expenses
 \$91,419.80 Revenue

Organizations Receiving Mission/Tithes Distribution in July 2026: Okoboji Bible Camp, 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

August approved financials will be in the October Visitor.

WAYS TO GIVE

Online

Text "Give" to 712.800.8611

In Person

By Mail



September Sermon Series

September 6	Hebrews 4:1-11
September 13	John 20: 19-22
September 20	Acts 9:10-19
September 27	Acts 15:5-11



AUGUST-SEPTEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG 30	Ministry Fair All Services
AUG 31	Children & Student Ministry Meeting
SEPT 2	Student Ministry Starts
SEPT 7	Labor Day Offices Closed
SEPT 13	Fall Kickoff 10:15 am
SEPT 20	Sunday School Starts



wearegrowing

To keep up with the demands of our growing congregation, we are adding a new room dedicated for the nursery.

With two rooms, we need more staff.

Do you enjoy working with kids?

If you are interested, contact the church. 276-2511



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



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



Morningside Lutheran Church

13 SEPTEMBER 2026 **Fall Kickoff**

STUDENT REGISTRATION

 Morningside Lutheran Church

 **PRE-K - 5TH GRADE REGISTRATION**

 **MIDDLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

 **HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

BAPTISMS

Mesa Herbold
Sonny Van Buskirk
Sabine Patterson
Ruth Kelley

WEDDINGS

FUNERALS

Coleen Loffland



USE YOUR GIFTS, JOIN THE

CHOIR

Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the Balcony

Come Christians, Join us and Sing!

Our Church Choir is inviting new voices to join our musical family for the upcoming season! If you love to praise God through song, there is a place reserved just for you. No formal auditions are required—only a heart ready to worship.

We rehearse every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM in the church balcony, starting this Tuesday, **Aug. 18**. Come share your voice, build wonderful relationships, and give praise to Christ our King.

For more details or to sign up, please join us at our next rehearsal or speak with Connie Smith or Charity Peterson. Come Christians, join us and sing!

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



We will meet at the church at 10 am and car pool from there. We will start at Floyd Cemetery in the morning and visit the graves and monuments of civil war veterans and notable Sioux City leaders. Then we will have lunch at Perkins, off Gordon Drive in downtown Sioux City, before progressing to Logan Cemetery. There we will visit the graves of Sioux City notables and the George Foreman grave. There will be a fair bit of walking so participants should wear good footwear. Cost is \$5. Lunch is on your own.



Because We Care!

Leaders at Morningside Lutheran take safety very seriously and in August, they trained in CPR. Thank you to the Sergeant Bluff Fire Department for bringing awareness so we can serve our people well!



Sunday, October 18
1:00-2:00pm
Grace United
Methodist Church



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.





We are back to streaming our services at
8:00, 9:15 and 10:30.

However, we would still like to have you here
for the services. It is always great to see you.



Are You Willing to Serve
the Lord for One Hour?

Join the Agape circle on Sunday, **September 13**
at 6:00pm in the Children's Center as we
assemble school kits for Lutheran World Relief.

This is a fun and rewarding opportunity to help
provide essential school supplies to children in
need throughout the world. Everyone is welcome
to participate in this meaningful mission project.

Please call the church office if you have any
questions



Thank you to all
who joined us for
**National Night
out.**

It is always a
fun event!



PARENT/STUDENT MEETING

There is a meeting for middle and high school students and their
parents on Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:00 p.m. We will
meet in the sanctuary to talk about the upcoming Student
Ministry/Confirmation year.



THANK YOU

We would like to Thank everyone
for their prayers, support, cards
and visits to Coleen during her
recent struggles. We as a family
appreciated everything. Special
thanks to Pastor Tom for a very
meaningful service on Saturday
the 15th.

Jeff Loffswold, Christ Loffswold
& family and Corey Loffswold &
family

**Grab a Book
on September 13
or 20
and let's Join
Jesus on His
Mission.**

