



# THE VISITOR

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It was a beautiful day to go sledding. Cone park made some snow and we had nearly 300 people slipping and sliding down the slope. Thank you to all who came out for this event.





# Morningside Lutheran Church

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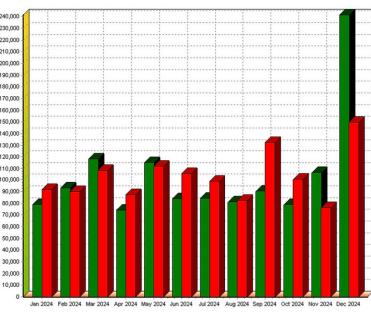
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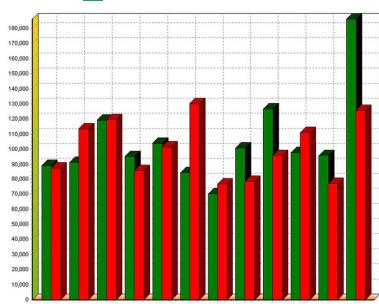
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Send in articles before the next  
deadline on February 25.

Email: [mlc@morningsidelutheran.com](mailto:mlc@morningsidelutheran.com)



2025 Year End  
 ■ \$1,200,687 Expenses  
 ■ \$1,257,641 Revenue



#### Organizations Receiving Mission/Tithes Distribution in December 2025: LAM, Sleep In Heavenly Peace, Lila Mae's House

"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

January approved financials will be in the March Visitor.

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GIVE

Online



Text "Give" to  
712.800  
8611

In Person



By Mail

## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL



DARREN TOOLEY



SHANE MILLER

Thank You to Ted Massey and Linda Urick for your years of service.



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

**LIVE  
STREAM**

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



Morningside Lutheran Church



## February Sermon Series

February 1

John 6: 1-14

February 8

Luke 10: 38-42

February 15

Acts 12: 1-17

February 22

Luke 5:27-32



Join us in the fireside room at 10:30 am as we discuss the sermon and how it applies to our lives and try to answer the question. "What fresh word is God speaking to me today?"

## THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the gift card donations. Our families are very thankful. You made many Christmases a little easier.

Thank you,  
Spalding Elementary School

# THANK YOU

Our many thanks to MLC's 2025 Christmas Caroling Ambassadors for efforts they made to bring comfort and joy to well over 100 people, 70 of whom are part of our church family. Besides Sioux City, and rural Sioux City, we were also able

to reach Sergeant Bluff, South Sioux City, North Sioux City, McCook Lake, Jefferson, Kingsley, Lawton, and Moville. All those visited were grateful to be remembered in this special way. Covering 19 territories, our 2025 Ambassadors were:

Terry Krei, Kara Tague, Julie Tucker

Andrea Ruiz (including Student Ministries), Shelly Kitrell, Pastor Tom Lovan

Connie Smith, Barb Pieper, Kristin King, Pastor Mark Vander Tuig

Pastor Noah Rupper and MLC staff, Dianna Michaelis, Jennica Corporon

Blessings to all!

Caroling Coordinating Team: Dianna Michaelis, Jennica Corporon, Diane Desy

# BAPTISMS

Amy Vanhsouphet  
Adalyn Miller

# FUNERALS

You are Invited

## Congregational Prayer Meeting

Saturday

### February 7

8:00-9:00 AM

There will be Breakfast so please

RSVP

[mark@morningsidelutheran.com](mailto:mark@morningsidelutheran.com)

There will be breakfast, then a teaching on prayer, a time of questions after and prayers for our whole ministry here, our community, our pastors and whatever else comes up.



## Lenten Services

February 18  
through March 25

### Wednesday Nights

5:30 pm Meal (Basement)

6:30 pm Service (Sanctuary)

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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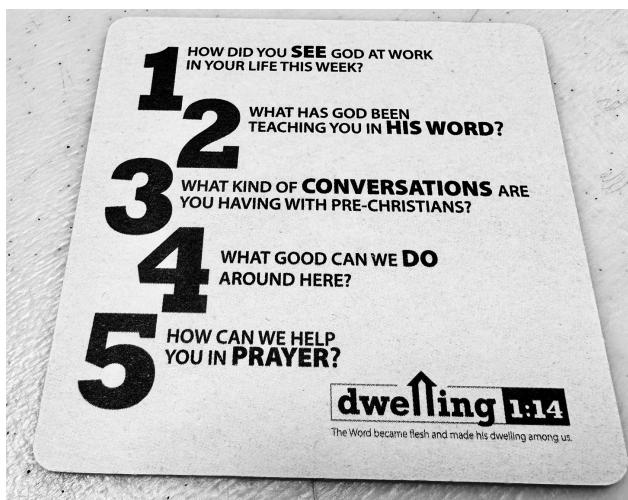
712.276.2511

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



Morningside Lutheran Staff and our Church Council had the privilege of hearing from Greg Finke on January 17. He was very inspiring as he talked about Joining Jesus on His Mission. He then preached at the Sunday morning service on January 18.

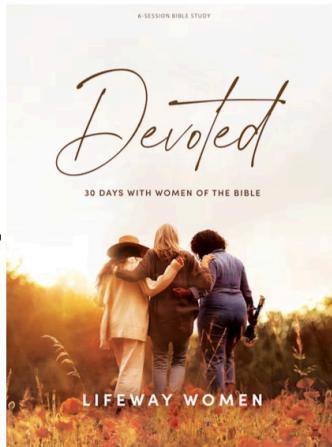
If you would like to know more about Greg and his work, check out the following link.  
<https://www.dwelling114.org>



## THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

Who: All women  
What: DEVOTED: 30 days with Women of the Bible by Lifeway Women  
When: Thursday, February 26 to April 9, 2026, 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Maundy Thursday, 4/2/26, there is no Bible study  
Where: Fireside Room at MLC  
How: By Sunday, February 15, 2026, register at the Welcome Desk or call the church office 712-276-2511  
How much: \$17.00 for the study guide

Why: In this 6-session Bible study, DEVOTED: 30 days with Women of the Bible by Lifeway Women, we'll study more than thirty women in Scripture whose lives have inspired generations of women in their faith and devotion to God. Their stories are a reminder that you, too, are made in the image of God, and you have an important part to play in God's story.



## MLC Endowment Fund

The Young at Heart committee would like to recognize and thank the MLC Endowment for its financial support of the church and Siouxland community. The LMC Endowment Fund was established over 30 years ago to help provide financial assistance to needs of the church outside of the regular operational yearly annual budget. Just a few examples of church and community financial gifts are: video equipment in the sanctuary, Bread of Life food pantry freezers, building roof repairs, Student Ministry catechism books, Christmas giving tree, Morningside University student food pantry, Elementary School kids shoes and socks, Crop Walk, Okoboji Camp capital campaign, LCMC church in Spencer flood relief, and most recently our church gym floor replacement. All these examples and much more is provided outside the annual church operation through the endowment fund! Please consider a special annual gift to help the endowment fund continue to grow. A couple examples of giving would be a gift from a RMD of a retirement IRA or gift of stock. Furthermore, please consider a gift to the endowment fund in your estate plans. Feel free to contact me, Randy Hansen, or any of the Endowment committee members with any questions.

**WIGS**  
**THE BIRTH**  
**OF LCMC**

Wednesday, February 11  
Noon in the Gym  
Cost: \$6

REGISTER BY NOON ON FEBRUARY 9TH

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**MARK VANDER TUIG**

## 2025 Annual Giving Statements

All 2025 annual giving statements will be delivered via email this year. Please check your inbox (and spam folder) by late January 2026.

- No Email Address?** If we do not have an email address on file for you, a physical copy will automatically be mailed to your home address.
- Need a Hard Copy?** If you received your statement via email but require a printed version for your records, please contact the Church Office at 712-276-2511. We would be happy to print and mail one to you.

**ROLLERAMA**  
*party*  
FREE TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF  
MORNINGSIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**FEBRUARY 4, 2026**  
6:00PM - 8:00PM

**Morningside**  
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