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**Crazy
Happy
MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

*From the
Staff of
Morningside
Lutheran*



Spot The Differences





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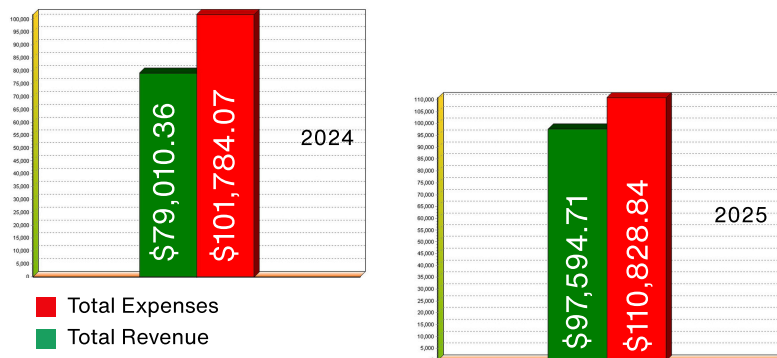
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Send in articles before the next
deadline on December 20.
Email: mlc@morningsidelutheran.com

BY THE NUMBER



Organizations Receiving Mission/Tithes Distribution in October 2025: Sunrise Manor, Okoboji Bible Camp, LAM, Agape

"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

November approved financials will be in the January Visitor.



2026

OFFERING ENVELOPES

AVAILABLE IN THE FRONT OFFICE

WAYS TO GIVE

Online


Text "Give" to
712.800 8611

In Person


By Mail


Morningside Lutheran Church



Faith, Relationships, & Community Podcast

Episode 22 | Dustin Cooper



Podcasts are Back!!!

Check out the latest as Pastor Noah chats with Dustin Cooper.



The Guys were having fun with Jesus at the Small Business Expo in November.



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




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THE *Glory* OF CHRISTMAS

CELEBRATING CHRIST'S BIRTH

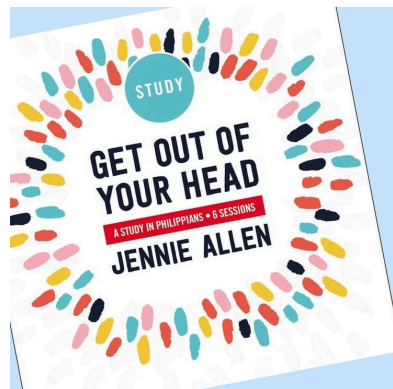
**EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF
OUR CHRISTMAS
CANTATA**

DECEMBER 17 AT 6:00 PM



Thank You
to all who helped
make our
Give Thanks
Food Drive
a
huge success.

#Blessed



Women's Bible Study

Get Out of Your Head
January 8 - February 12
9:00 to 11:00 AM
Fireside Room at
Morningside Lutheran
Church

Sign Up before December 21



WEDDINGS

Dominic & Lily Beach

FUNERALS

Eleanor Zimmerman
Donna Gilbertson
Say Yonn
Maxine Percell



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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Caroling brings so much joy to those we visit.
Sign up today or contact Jennica Corporon.

MORNINGSIDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

ANNUAL MEETING

 **DECEMBER 7, 2025
AT 11.45 AM
SANCTUARY**



GIVING TREE
is
Nov 17 - Dec 7

The Social Concerns Team invites you to prayerfully consider sharing Jesus' love and compassion by participating in this year's Giving Tree Campaign.

- 1 Take an envelope from the Giving Tree and purchase a gift card for \$25 or more as listed. Return the Gift Card and envelope by Dec. 7.
- 2 Donate \$25 or more to the Giving Tree Campaign by cash or check.
- 3 Scan the QR code to donate \$25 or more directly online.



Christmas Eve Service Times

3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 10:00 pm



**Church Building
will be
closed
Dec. 25
& Jan. 1**



Thank you to HyVee on Sgt Road for all of their help collecting donations for our food pantry.

WIGS

December 10

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



**MLC FOOD PANTRY WILL BE CLOSED
DECEMBER 23, 24, 30 & 31**



December Sermon Series

December 7	Micah 5:2-5a
December 14	Psalms 126
December 21	Hosea 11:1-4
December 25	Isaiah 9:6-7
December 28	John 1:9-14

new year **NEW YOU**

With 2026 just around the corner, it is that time to make our New Years Resolutions. Instead of making a resolutions that you will fail in a month or a day, try making little changes in your church life. They are easy and can actually be fun.

1. Like our facebook page and keep up on what is happening at the church. And if you like a post, please share it so others can find us.
2. Join the Choir or help in the Tech booth.
3. If you see someone sitting alone in church, sit next to them. Smile and introduce yourself. Make them feel welcome.
4. Check out one of our Bible study groups. It is a great way to see the bible from different perspectives.
5. Attend a Wigs event. The food is amazing and the speakers are very informative.
6. Become an Usher/Greeter or help with communion. You are never too old and it is a great way to serve and meet new people.
7. Use your gifts to serve at the coffee station, Sunday School, decorating the church for events or help with the food pantry.
8. Play pickleball or join the quilting ladies.

If everyone does just a little, we can accomplish so much. Here's to 2026.

25 Random Acts of Christmas Kindness

1. Leave a positive review for a small business that you like.
2. Leave a positive note somewhere for a stranger to find.
3. Buy food or toys to donate to a local nonprofit.
4. Leave a good waiter a generous tip.
5. Let someone go ahead of you in a checkout line.
6. Show your appreciation with a random call, text or email to a friend or family member.
7. Offer to babysit for a single parent so they can Christmas shop or wrap gifts.
8. Assemble bags to give to the homeless.
9. Clean out closet and donate gently used toys or clothes.
10. Send a treat or a thank you to a janitor or support staff at a school.
11. Sign up to ring the bell for the Salvation Army.
12. Put wrapped candy canes on cars with a cheery note.
13. Make or write a thank you note for someone who deserves a big thanks.
14. Donate items to a shelter: Blankets, socks, toiletries.
15. Tell a manager about a great employee encounter.
16. Do yardwork for an elderly neighbor.
17. Set out treats for the mailman or UPS driver.
18. Donate pet supplies to a local shelter.
19. Make Christmas cards and drop them off at a nursing home.
20. Pay for the coffee of the person behind you.
21. Offer to return someone's shopping cart to the store.
22. Hide a \$1 bill wrapped in a Merry Christmas note in a dollar store.
23. Donate Blood.
24. Smile and give a compliment to a random stranger.
25. Drop off cookies at a fire or police station.