



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

September 25-October 2, 2022

WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to First Lutheran! We are glad you are with us today! If you are visiting, please fill out a Guest Card found in the pew slot and place it in the offering plate. You can also offer prayer requests on the back side of the Prayer & Guest Card found in the pew slot and place it in the offering plate.

A DAY OF CELEBRATION ON OCTOBER 2

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the exciting and fun events planned for next Sunday, October 2, at First Lutheran Church!

8:15 am and 10:45 am - Commitment Sunday with Worship and Building Dedication (Guest preacher will be Synod staff member, Deacon Timothy Siburg)

9:30 am - Building Dedication and Commitment Sunday Celebration and Program

Noon-3:00 pm - First Fall Festival with food trucks, live jazz music, games, animal blessing (1:00 pm), tours of the renovated building, bounce house and more! Invite your friends, neighbors and family! (If you can't make the animal blessing on Sunday, bring your pet to the Nature Center on Saturday, October 1, at 9:00 am for a blessing!)

COMPLETE YOUR 2023 PLEDGE AND DISCIPLESHIP PLAN

Our stewardship focus for 2023 will culminate with Commitment Sunday next weekend. If you haven't completed your 2023 pledge and discipleship plan yet, please visit www.flclincoln.org/stewardship to do so. If you need a discipleship plan or pledge card mailed to you, please contact Cyndi in the church office.

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

The Adult Forum session today at 9:30 am in the Chapel will focus on *The Concept of Compassionate Care*. Terri Storer, Amy Harrison and Faye Doolittle will explore elements of compassion in our day-to-day lives, as well as when others are in the midst of suffering. There will not be an Adult Forum session next Sunday as we will celebrate our Building Dedication and Commitment Sunday during the fellowship hour.

CROP HUNGER WALK ON OCTOBER 9

The Lincoln/Lancaster County CROP Hunger Walk will be Sunday, October 9, or virtually at your convenience one week before or after the walk date. The walk will begin at Bethany Christian Church, 1645 North Cotner Boulevard at 1:30 pm. Walkers and donors should sign in at www.crophungerwalk.org/lincolnne. Walkers should click on 'Find an existing team to join' and type in First Lutheran Church. Once you have started your own page, ask friends, relatives, co-workers or family members to sponsor you by donating online. If you wish to make a donation to CROP, click 'Donate' in the top bar. Select 'Find a participant or team to support'. Type in First Lutheran Church or a specific walker's name. If you have any questions, contact Sandy Latshaw at sjlatshaw@outlook.com.

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THANKS AND FAREWELL, PASTOR SUZANNE

Today we say farewell and give thanks for Pastor Suzanne's time of ministry as Transitional Associate Pastor at First Lutheran Church. She has been a blessing to us during a time of great need. We wish her the best as she is called to serve as Interim Pastor at American Lutheran Church in Ashland. Please join her in the Activity Center at 9:30 am this morning to express your gratitude and send her well wishes.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL READINGS

FIRST READING	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
PSALM	Psalms 37:1-9
SECOND READING	2 Timothy 1:1-14
GOSPEL	Luke 17:5-10

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

M. Joyce Hansen, Rev. Dr. Mary Jensen, Sylvia Kempf, Carol Mason, Donna Nelson, Pastor Bill Peterson, Rod Price, Carol Tesar, Dan Robles, Iris Winkelhake, Gordon Wolfe, Dean Way, Richard Bouma, Carla Osberg and Kathy Bangsund.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:15 AM - Worship & Livestream
9:15 AM - Farewell Reception for Pastor Suzanne
9:30 AM - Adult Forum
9:30 AM - FaithTrek and Middle & High School Learning
10:30 AM - Meals on Wheels Delivery
10:45 AM - Worship
Noon - Nuer Worship
6:00 PM - High School Youth Group

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

1:30 PM - Coffee Talk at Rock-n-Joe

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:00 AM - A Few Good Men
1:00 PM - Staff Meeting
5:45 PM - Bible Study
6:30 PM - Exodus Group
7:00 PM - Property Committee

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6:30 AM - Faith to Go!
10:30 AM - Bible Study
5:00 PM - Cherub and Chorister Choirs
7:00 PM - Fall Festival Planning
7:10 PM - Adult Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers
8:00 PM - Gather & Gab

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

11:30 AM - FWAA Meeting
3:15 PM - Backpack Program

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:00 AM - Saturday Morning with the Guys
9:00 AM - Blessing of the Animals
11:00 AM - Mary Werner Memorial Service
5:30 PM - Worship

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Commitment Sunday and Noisy Offering

8:15 AM - Worship & Livestream with Building Dedication
9:30 AM - Building Dedication & Commitment Sunday Celebration and Program
9:30 AM - Adult Forum
9:30 AM - FaithTrek
10:30 AM - Meals on Wheels Delivery
10:45 AM - Worship with Building Dedication
Noon - First Fall Festival
1:00 PM - Blessing of the Animals
6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry