



# FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at  
First Lutheran Church

January 15-22, 2023

## WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Welcome to First Lutheran Church! We are so glad you are worshipping with us! If you worshiped with us before, welcome back! If this is your first time worshipping at First Lutheran, welcome! Please let us know you were here by filling out the Guest Card in the Sanctuary pew slots. Don't hesitate to ask the ushers or the person sitting near you any questions you might have. We hope you experience God's love, grace and mercy as you worship with us today.

## PRE-ANNUAL MEETING PREVIEW SESSION TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY

Join us for a presentation of the Council-approved 2023 spending plan and meet the nominees for elected office today and next Sunday, January 22, from 9:30-10:30 am in the Activity Center. The 2022 Annual Report is available for pickup (one per household) or you can read and/or download it at [www.flclincn.org/resources](http://www.flclincn.org/resources).

## WHAT'S YOUR WELCOME STORY?

This year for our Lenten devotion we are calling on the congregation to submit stories of welcoming. We would like to capture your stories of when you were welcomed by others and when you welcomed others. How did welcoming and being welcomed make a difference in your life and the lives of others? Your stories will help make our Lenten devotional personal and deeply rooted in one another. If you would like to contribute a story for our devotional, please complete the online questionnaire at <https://bit.ly/flcwelcome> by February 1. Printed copies of the questionnaire can also be found on the table beneath the television in the Commons. This devotional is also part of Vicar Erick's internship project which must be completed as part of his internship requirements. See Vicar Erick if you have any questions. Thank you for sharing your welcome story!

## COMPETITION, CONVERSATION & SNACKS: BEAT THE JANUARY BLAHS

First Lutheran's Game Pop-Up events are meant for you if you are:

- Looking for ways to get better acquainted at First Lutheran Church.
- Confident that the January Blahs can be conquered with laughter and friendly competition.
- Willing to play games, but crave great conversation and tasty snacks even more.

Bring a favorite game of your own or join in playing one provided by your host. Reserve your game seat today as there is limited seating and many are already taken! Sign up in the Gathering Area or online at [https://flclincn.org/news/game\\_pop\\_ups](https://flclincn.org/news/game_pop_ups).

Sunday, January 22; 2:00-4:00 pm - Hosted by Velma Schmidt

Sunday, January 22; 6:30-8:30 pm - Hosted by Cindy Lilleoien and Tera Beermann

Tuesday, January 24; 6:30-8:30 pm - Hosted by Tim and Linda Maack

Friday, January 27; 6:00-8:00 pm (Kids welcome!) - Hosted by Dave and Erin Pfister

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## GENEROSITY OF MEMBERS PROVIDES A CARING PLACE FOR LITTLE ONES

Our newly-furnished nursery premiered on Christmas Eve because of the generosity of YOU! Stop by the nursery and take a peek! Just walk out of the back of the Sanctuary, take a left and it's down the hall on your right. Thank you for helping us provide a welcoming, safe and interactive space for our little ones!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Spaghetti Lunch - Sunday, January 29; 11:30 am - 12:30 pm (Fundraiser for youth summer accompaniment trip)
- Annual Meeting - Sunday, January 29; 12:30 pm
- The Waffleman is Coming to First for Fat Tuesday! - Tuesday, February 21; 5:00 pm (Fundraiser for youth summer accompaniment trip)

## THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL READINGS

FIRST READING	Isaiah 9:1-4
PSALM	Psalms 27:1, 4-9
SECOND READING	1 Corinthians 1:10-18
GOSPEL	Matthew 4:12-23

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

M. Joyce Hansen, Rev. Dr. Mary Jensen, Sylvia Kempf, Carol Mason, Donna Nelson, Pastor Bill Peterson, Rod Price, Dan Robles, Cindy Schuster, Joan Farmer, Sheila Exstrom, Betty Miller, Dale Latshaw, Marge Fahrnbruch, Karen Lind-Olson, Gene and Mary Brass, Kate Schmitter, Teresa Brohimer and Harold Borchert.

## CONNECT WITH THE MINISTRY STAFF

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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream  
9:30 AM - Pre-Annual Meeting Preview Session  
9:30 AM - FaithTrek, Middle & High School Learning  
10:45 AM - Worship  
Noon - Nuer Worship  
6:00 PM - Middle School Youth Group

### MONDAY, JANUARY 16 - OFFICE CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY

10:00 AM - Cook for Matt Talbot  
1:00 PM - Youth Coffee Talk - Harbor Coffeehouse  
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk in Gathering Space  
3:00 PM - Las Abejitas Meeting

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

11:00 AM - Serve at Matt Talbot  
12:45 PM - Staff Meeting  
5:45 PM - Bible Study  
6:30 PM - Exodus Group  
6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

9:00 AM - Martha Circle  
10:30 AM - Bible Study  
5:00 PM - Cherub and Chorister Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 PM - Confirmation: Dinner + Learning  
7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

10:00 AM - Esther Circle  
8:00 PM - Gather & Gab

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

3:15 PM - Backpack Distribution at Pyrtle Elem.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

10:30 AM - NARFE Chapel  
5:30 PM - Worship

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream  
9:30 AM - Pre-Annual Meeting Preview Session  
9:30 AM - FaithTrek, Middle & High School Learning  
10:45 AM - Worship  
Noon - Nuer Worship  
2:00 PM - Pop Up Game Event at Velda Schmidt  
6:30 PM - Pop Up Game Event at Cindy Lilleoien