



# FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at  
First Lutheran Church

February 26-March 5, 2023

## WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Welcome to First Lutheran Church! We are so glad you are worshiping with us! If you worshiped with us before, welcome back! If this is your first time worshiping 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.

## BETTER TOGETHER - LENT AT FIRST

Join us on Wednesdays during Lent, starting March 1, when you have the opportunity to worship, fellowship, connect and grow in faith with other members of First Lutheran. We are better together when we are in relationship with our loving God and when we are in relationship with one another.

Here's what Wednesdays in March at First will offer you:

- Noon-12:30 pm - Holden *Prayer Around the Cross* worship
- 12:30-1:00 pm - Soup lunch and *Better Together* small groups (no preparation required to join a small group!)
- 5:30-6:15 pm - Soup supper
- 6:00-6:30 pm - *Better Together* small groups for all ages; Nursery will be staffed
- 6:30-7:00 pm - Holden *Prayer Around the Cross* worship

This week's *Prayer Around the Cross* theme will be, *A Heart of Flesh*, offering prayer for renewal and mercy based on Ezekiel 36 and Psalm 51.

Our Lenten devotion offers daily stories of welcoming and being welcomed, written by First members, and is accompanied by Scripture, reflection questions and activities you can do with family members or friends. You can read the updated weekly Lenten devotion at <https://bit.ly/lentatflc>.

We are truly better together, one body in Christ Jesus, and this Lenten season promises to reveal this truth to us.

P.S. Do you have a favorite soup you can share at our Wednesday lunches and dinners? Sign up at <https://bit.ly/soupforlent>. Thank you!

## ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Come to the Upper Room this morning at 9:30 am when Adult Forum will join FaithTrek for their opening. After that, Judy Batterman will introduce us to two little known rooms at First Lutheran – the church library and Heritage Room. Next Sunday, Kayla Munoz, owner of Las Abejitas Bilingual Education Center, will share her plans for opening the new Center at First Lutheran in June!

## VOLUNTEERS MAKE WORSHIP MEANINGFUL

Take a look around at all the dedicated volunteers who are assisting today as greeters, communion assistants, readers and ushers - just to name a few. Worship just wouldn't be the same without them! In fact, volunteers make worship meaningful for all of us! Consider how you can volunteer to serve in worship as an individual, with a partner or as a family. Sign up as a volunteer in March at [https://flclincoln.ivolunteer.com/march\\_2023!](https://flclincoln.ivolunteer.com/march_2023!)

## NEW MEMBER CLASSES TO BE OFFERED

If you or someone you know is looking for a church home, join us for our next newcomers' classes! First Lutheran 101 will be held Sunday, March 5 and 12 (plan to attend both sessions) at 9:30 am. It's your opportunity to hear about First Lutheran, learn what we have to offer and meet other new members and staff. Childcare will be available during these sessions in the church nursery. If you would like to attend, please sign up online at <https://bit.ly/3L28nqM>.

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## SUSIE THORNE TO HEADLINE FIRST FRIDAY JAZZ

"She hails from Nebraska, but swings like a 'big city girl!'" That's what critics say about Susie Thorne who will head the March 3 First Friday Jazz concert from 11:30 am-1:00 pm. This is Susie's first appearance at First Friday Jazz and she will be joined by Darren Pettit on saxophone and Andy Hall on bass. When asked about her unique vocal style, she says she draws her inspiration from a myriad of styles blending them to create her own unique sound and arrangements. "I've been told I have a bluesy quality to my voice and that I don't sound like anyone else they've heard," Thorne says. One New York jazz critic wrote, "You swing from the first note – I dig that!" There is no admission charge to the concert and lunch is available for purchase. Audience members are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for the Lincoln Lutheran Food Pantry.

## THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL READINGS

FIRST READING	Genesis 12:1-4a
PSALM	Psalm 121
SECOND READING	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
GOSPEL	John 3:1-17

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

M. Joyce Hansen, Rev. Dr. Mary Jensen, Sylvia Kempf, Carol Mason, Donna Nelson, Pastor Bill and Judy Peterson, Rod Price, Cindy Schuster, Joan Farmer, Sheila Exstrom, Betty Miller, Marge Fahrnbruch, Mary Brass, Kate Schmitter, Harold Borchert, Jeanette Metteer, Judy Bailey, Joan Johnson, Jan Kruse, Ann Johnson, Rod Johnson, Teresa Brohimer, and Barb Johnson, whose daughter passed away on February 17.

## CONNECT WITH THE MINISTRY STAFF

Pastor Erin Heidelberger, Lead Pastor ([pastorerin@flclincoln.org](mailto:pastorerin@flclincoln.org))  
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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream  
9:30 AM - Adult Forum, FaithTrek, Middle & High School Learning Hour  
9:30 AM - *Get to Know Your Bible* Class (3rd-5th )  
9:30 AM - *Better Together* Facilitator Training  
10:45 AM - Worship  
11:45 AM - Youth Accompaniment Trip Planning  
Noon - Nuer Worship

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

12:45 PM - Staff Meeting  
5:45 PM - Bible Study  
6:30 PM - Exodus Group  
6:30 PM - Social Ministry  
7:00 PM - Property Committee

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Noon - Holden *Prayer Around the Cross* Worship  
12:30 PM - Soup Lunch and *Better Together* Small Groups  
5:00 PM - Cherub and Chorister Choir Rehearsal  
5:30 PM - Soup Dinner  
6:00 PM - *Better Together* Small Groups  
6:30 PM - Holden *Prayer Around the Cross* Worship  
7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, MARCH 2

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

### FRIDAY, MARCH 3

11:30 AM - First Friday Jazz with Susie Thorne  
3:15 PM - BackPacks at Pyrtle Elementary

### SATURDAY, MARCH 4

5:30 PM - Worship

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream  
9:30 AM - Adult Forum, FaithTrek, Middle & High School Learning Hour  
9:30 AM - First Lutheran 101 for New Members  
10:45 AM - Worship  
Noon - Nuer Worship  
1:00 PM - Church Council Orientation Retreat  
6:00 PM - Middle School Youth Group  
6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry