



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

March 5-12, 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

As we journey together through Lent you have several opportunities to reflect on what it means to be community. As part of Vicar Erick's internship project, you are invited to visit the weekly prayer station located in the Commons in front of the Welcome Statement. We encourage you to consider the words of this statement as you ponder what it means to be welcoming. Each week a new welcoming theme will be highlighted. This week we are prayerfully considering welcoming as hospitality.

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>.

Here's what Wednesdays in March at First 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, *Hunger for God* (intercessory prayer).

Our Wednesday Lenten offerings have been designated for Clinic with a Heart and Friendship Home.

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Come to the Chapel in the northwest corner of our building at 9:30 am when Adult Forum will welcome Kayla Munoz, owner of Las Abejitas Bilingual Education Center, who will share her plans for opening the new Center at First Lutheran in June! Join us next Sunday for Part 2 of, *God's Call to Welcome Others: What's Your Welcome Story?*, with Vicar Erick.

TODAY'S NOISY OFFERING TO ASSIST EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is delivering aid and support to children, women and men devastated by the earthquakes in Türkiye (Turkey). According to the Turkish Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD) and recent UN Flash Appeal, more than 9.1 million people have been affected in 11 provinces in Türkiye and more than 47,000 buildings have been destroyed or damaged since the initial earthquake struck on February 6, 2023.

Your Noisy Offering today will help LWR continue to care for and assist families affected by the earthquakes through the shipping of LWR quilts and baby care and personal care kits, airlifting urgently needed supplies including tents, tarps, winter clothing and solar lights and coordinating with partners the distribution of ready-to-eat food and hot meals, sleeping bags, sleeping mats and winter clothing.

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DIRECT YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS TO FIRST

Did you know that as a Thrivent member you accumulate charitable outreach funds (Thrivent Choice Dollars) based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent volunteer leadership? First Lutheran has been the recipient of over \$35,000 in Choice Dollars. It's easy to direct your dollars. Log onto www.thrivent.com and log into your account or create one. Go to "My Thrivent" and "Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars" to see how much you have accumulated. You are then able to direct those dollars to a non-profit organization. First Lutheran is already listed. Dollars must be directed yearly by March 31.

VOLUNTEER AS A WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Consider how you can serve as a volunteer in worship in March. Sign up at https://flclincoln.ivolunteer.com/march_2023!

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL READINGS

FIRST READING	Exodus 17:1-7
PSALM	Psalms 95
SECOND READING	Romans 5:1-11
GOSPEL	John 4:5-42

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, Jan Kruse, Ann Johnson, Rod Johnson and Teresa Brohimer.

CONNECT WITH THE MINISTRY STAFF

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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

MONDAY, MARCH 6

1:30 PM - Coffee Talk in the Gathering Space
4:00 PM - Preschool Advisory Team

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

12:45 PM - Staff Meeting
6:30 PM - Exodus Group
7:00 PM - Executive Committee

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

6:30 AM - Faith to Go!
Noon - Faith Coalition of Lancaster County
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
7:00 PM - Lydia Circle
7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

3:15 PM - BackPacks at Pyrtle Elementary

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

8:00 AM - Saturday Morning with the Guys
5:30 PM - Worship

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

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
10:30 AM - Meals on Wheels
10:45 AM - Worship
Noon - Nuer Worship