



# FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at  
First Lutheran Church

May 7-14, 2023

## WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Welcome to worship at First Lutheran! We are glad you are with us today! 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!

## CELEBRATE "MOMS" AT A PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The youth going on the summer accompaniment trips will serve a pancake breakfast between worship services on Sunday, May 14. Please join us to celebrate all who are moms, have a mom, want to be a mom and wear the title of caretaker of children even if they are not biologically theirs. Donations will be accepted for the accompaniment trips. Thank you in advance for supporting "moms" and our youth!

## IT'S NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY

Mission Field Nebraska ministries build partnerships that address critical needs within the Nebraska Synod. Ministries that are supported include Seeking the Spirit Within, Followers of Christ Prison Ministry, Igelsia Luterana San Andres, Lakota Lutheran Center & Chapel and Sudanese Outreach Ministry. The Nebraska Synod Assembly, scheduled for June 2-3, will donate its offering toward these Mission Field Nebraska ministries. Today's Noisy Offering will be taken to the Nebraska Synod Assembly by our elected delegates and donated to Mission Field Nebraska. Throw your coins and bills in the Noisy Offering pot or give them to a child to do it for you and let's make a joyful noise for Mission Field Nebraska!

## SERVE AS A WORSHIP ASSISTANT IN MAY

The time and commitment of worship assistants makes worship so meaningful for worshipers and is of great help to ministry staff. We are looking for volunteers to serve in May. Simply sign up online at [https://flclincoln.ivolunteer.com/may\\_2023](https://flclincoln.ivolunteer.com/may_2023) for the job you feel most comfortable doing and on the Sunday that works best for your schedule. Training is available! Thank you!

## ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Come to the Chapel today at 9:30 am for Adult Forum as Pastor Erin walks people through pre-planning their own funeral service, such as Bible passages, hymns to choose, who to have speak, etc. There will not be an Adult Forum session next Sunday. Instead, enjoy a Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast to support our youth and their summer accompaniment trips.

## "THE CHOSEN" STUDY GROUP TO BEGIN THIS WEEK

A new 8-week Bible study using Season 1 of "The Chosen" will begin on May 16 (5:45 pm) and May 17 (10:30 am) with Vicar Erick as the group leader. The director, Dallas Jenkins, has developed a study guide to go along with season one and it will be used during the study. The eight episodes average 50 minutes each. Attendees are encouraged to watch each episode before attending class so group time can focus on discussion and reading of scripture tied to the episode. You can access the season in a variety of ways - Amazon Prime, TUBI television with ads, YouTube with ads and without, Dove TV or DVD (available at church to watch at church). For more information, contact Vicar Erick.

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## 5-WEEK BONHOEFFER STUDY BEGINS THIS WEEK

Explore “Bonhoeffer & the Future of Faith” in a 5-week Zoom study that will look at the application of writings and theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer to current issues such as race, climate change, etc. Each week you will hear a lecture from a leading Bonhoeffer scholar on a contemporary issue. You can sign up at <https://homebrewedchristianity.lpages.co/bonfuturechurch> for the free class and resources. You can also go directly to the Resource page for this class at <https://trippfuller.com/2023/04/20/resource-page-bonhoeffer-the-future-of-faith> and use the password, *BonTime*. The group will meet every Thursday, starting May 11, at 8:00 pm on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82295941885>) to discuss that week’s lecture. For more information, contact Vicar Erick or Sharon Hardel.

## THIS WEEK’S LITURGICAL READINGS

FIRST READING	Acts 17:22-31
PSALM	Psalms 66:8-20
SECOND READING	1 Peter 3:13-22
GOSPEL	John 14:15-21

## 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, Harold Borchert, Jeanette Metteer, Jan Kruse, Erin Pfister, Dennis Schuster, Marilyn Lohrberg, De Hanson, Jane Mickelson and Ralph Hayden.

## 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, MAY 7

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream  
9:15 AM - Fellowship Time  
9:30 AM - Adult Forum, FaithTrek and Middle & High School Learning  
10:30 AM - Meals on Wheels  
10:45 AM - Worship  
Noon - Nuer Worship  
6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

### MONDAY, MAY 8

10:00 AM - Fitness Class  
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk at Rock 'n Joe Coffee  
7:00 PM - Keeping God's People in Stitches

### TUESDAY, MAY 9

12:45 PM - Staff Meeting  
5:30 PM - Fellowship Committee  
5:45 PM - *Sharing Stories* Study Group  
6:30 PM - Exodus Group  
7:00 PM - Church Council

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

6:30 AM - Faith to Go!  
10:30 AM - *Sharing Stories* Study Group  
Noon - Faith Coalition of Lancaster County  
5:00 PM - Cherub and Chorister Choir Picnic at Roberts Park  
6:00 PM - Confirmation: Dinner + Learning  
7:00 PM - Lydia Circle  
7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, MAY 11

10:00 AM - Fitness Class  
6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers Rehearsal  
8:00 PM - Bonhoeffer Study on Zoom

### FRIDAY, MAY 12

3:15 PM - Backpack Distribution at Pyrtle Elem.

### SATURDAY, MAY 13

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

### SUNDAY, MAY 14

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream  
9:15 AM - Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast  
10:30 AM - Meals on Wheels  
10:45 AM - Worship  
Noon - Nuer Worship