



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

August 27-September 3, 2023

WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Welcome to worship at First Lutheran! We are glad you are 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!

ALTAR GUILD TRAINING OFFERED TODAY

Can you spend 20 minutes before or after church once or twice a month to help clean up and/or set up for the next worship service? Altar Guild members set up for a service, monitor during Communion and provide more supplies. If needed, and clean up after the service. Ideally, two people are needed per service and this can be a family group or individuals of all ages. Altar Guild training will be offered in the Sanctuary after each worship service today. Please come and learn how you can help with this important ministry.

READ TO AND MENTOR CHILDREN

The *Hungry Caterpillar*, *Hop on Pop*, *Snuggle Bunny*...First Lutheran and our Las Abejitas Bilingual Education Center are partnering together to bring reading to the Center's young preschoolers. Las Abejitas is also looking for volunteers to help students with homework from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. If you are interested in being a reader on a monthly or biweekly basis or a homework mentor, please email Donice Kaspar at dkaspar@windstream.net by September 10.

HIRING FOR NURSERY STAFF ON SUNDAYS

We are looking for qualified candidates to staff our nursery on Sundays from 7:45 AM-Noon. This will be a contracted position for the remainder of 2023 (a trial period that will hopefully continue in the new year). A job description can be obtained by contacting Sharon Hardel at sharon@flclincoln.org. We would like to have someone in place by September 10. Please share this announcement with anyone you think would be a good candidate.

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Join us for Adult Forum today from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Chapel, located in the northeast corner of our building. Today you will hear about Kathleen Simley's other professional life, in addition to being our full-time Communications Director, that has a 37-year history, includes over 12,000 professionals and has touched the lives of thousands of kids in all 50 states and other countries.

GOING THROUGH A ROUGH TIME IN YOUR LIFE?

Need a friend to walk by your side during a tough time? Stephen Ministry is confidential, one-to-one spiritual care, consisting of listening and prayer, offered to someone going through a difficult time. Caring for others in need is part of our DNA as a congregation. Stephen Ministry is one of numerous caring ministries we offer. It doesn't matter if you are a member of our congregation or not. Consider asking for a volunteer, confidential Stephen Minister at stephen.ministry@flclincoln.org who is trained to offer you care and support. Learn more about First Lutheran's Stephen Ministry at <https://bit.ly/flcstephenministry>.

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FIRST LUTHERAN TO HOST COUNTY-WIDE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Want to learn more about the CROP Walk and other Church World Service activities? First Lutheran is hosting Tiffany DeTienne, the new CROP Walk liaison and Community Engagement Specialist of Church World Service, for a presentation and discussion on Saturday, September 2, at 2:15 PM in the Upper Room. This special opportunity is open to anyone in Lincoln and Lancaster County so bring an interested friend!

NEW LEARNING YEAR TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 10

Calling all kids, ages 3 through high school! Our Sunday morning learning hour will begin a new year on Sunday, September 10, from 9:30-10:30 AM. We are even adding an additional FaithTrek classroom this year because of growing numbers of little ones! Be sure to register your child at <https://bit.ly/flcyouthregistration> by September 10.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL READINGS

FIRST READING	Jeremiah 15: 15-21
PSALM	Psalms 26: 1-8
SECOND READING	Romans 12: 9-21
GOSPEL	Matthew 16: 21-28

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

M. Joyce Hansen, Rev. Dr. Mary Jensen, Sylvia Kempf, Donna Nelson, Pastor Bill Peterson, Rod Price, Cindy Schuster, Sheila Exstrom, Betty Miller, Marge Fahrnbruch, Mary Brass, Harold Borchert, Jeanette Metteer, Dennis Schuster, De Hansen, Jane Mickelson, Mariann Schafer, Phyllis Frickel, Teresa Brohimer, Elaine Kruse and the family of Allen Moeller who passed away August 14.

CONNECT WITH THE MINISTRY STAFF

Pastor Erin Heidelberger, Lead Pastor (pastorerin@flclincoln.org)
Pastor Marsha Anderson, Visitation Pastor (pstrmarsha@aol.com)
Erick Hill, Vicar (erick@flclincoln.org)
Masako and Boyd Bacon, Directors of Music & Worship (music@flclincoln.org)
Sharon Hardel, Director of Youth & Family Ministry (sharon@flclincoln.org)
Laura Grauly, FaithTrek Coordinator (laura@flclincoln.org)
Kathleen Simley, Director of Communications (kathleen@flclincoln.org)
Mandy West, Parish Coordinator (mandy@flclincoln.org)
Richard Harris, Facilities Manager (richard@flclincoln.org)
Stephen Minister Leader (stephen.ministry@flclincoln.org)

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream
9:15 AM - Fellowship Hour
9:30 AM - Adult Forum
9:30 AM - Altar Guild Training
10:45 AM - Worship
Noon - Altar Guild Training
Noon - Nuer Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

9:30 AM - Fitness Class
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk - Rock 'n Joe's Coffee

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

12:45 PM - Staff Meeting
6:30 PM - Exodus Group

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

7:15 PM - Adult Choir

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

9:30 AM - Fitness Class
6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers
8:00 PM - Gather & Gab

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

3:15 PM - Backpack Distribution at Pyrtle and Morley Elementary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

2:15 PM - CROP Walk/CWS Presentation
5:30 PM - Worship

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream
9:15 AM - Fellowship Hour
9:30 AM - Adult Forum
9:30 AM - Nominating Committee
10:45 AM - Worship
Noon - Nuer Worship
6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision