



# FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at  
First Lutheran Church

September 3-10, 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!

## WELCOME, RICHARD HARRIS!

We welcome Richard Harris to our First Lutheran team as our new Facilities Manager. Richard grew up in Batesville, MS, and has two boys, one daughter and a fiance. Lincoln has been his home for one year. He finds it interesting that he lives in Lincoln after declining a scholarship to play football at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2009 to play at Jackson State University! He brings many skills to First as an electrician, welder, construction worker and handy man. Stop and welcome Richard when you see him and be sure to introduce yourself!

## NEW LEARNING YEAR STARTS SEPTEMBER 10

Calling all kids, ages 3 through high school! Our Sunday morning learning hour will begin a new year next 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.

## ALL-CHURCH RETREAT: FUN FOR ALL AGES

Our All-Church Retreat at Camp Carol Joy Holling is next Saturday, starting at 9:30 AM. We will enjoy outdoor adventures, games, mealtime, worship and so much more! There is something for all ages! Come and join us for as much as you can! Just let Sharon Hardel know you will be coming. We will not have Saturday worship at 5:30 PM. Worship at camp instead!

## 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, First Lutheran member, Gordon Wolfe, will help us gain a better understanding of how God has been working in our lives and how we can share those experiences with someone who may be struggling in their faith journey (doubts, questions, etc.). God has called all of us to share the Gospel with others, but how do we do that?

## "BY HEART" STUDY GROUP TO BEGIN

We are beginning a new study group on Tuesday, September 5, at 5:45 PM, and Wednesday, September 6, at 10:30 AM. The study will be based on the *By Heart* curriculum. The 7-session course is for adults who are new to the faith and have never encountered the Small Catechism and for longtime Lutherans who studied and memorized it as adolescents or teens. It is for those who assume that the original document requires no further explanation and that we should simply pick it up and start reading (or memorizing). It is also for those who find scripture to be an inaccessible forest of words, the Creed and Lord's Prayer to be rote exercise, the sacraments to be obscure rituals and Martin Luther and his innovations to be largely irrelevant. Plan to join us for what is ensured to be an enriching study group! See Vicar Erick about ordering the study guide and if you have any questions.

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## DISCIPLESHIP UNIVERSITY TO MAKE ITS DEBUT WITH 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS

An introduction to confirmation for youth in 7th and 8th grade and their parents will be held on Wednesday, September 6, at 6:00 PM. We are starting a new Confirmation ministry called, *Discipleship University*. Discipleship University will consist of core courses and electives. Students will earn credits for participating in each. Students will begin Discipleship University in 7th grade and continue until reaching the suggested number of credits to affirm their baptism. Discipleship University will allow families to attend courses and electives as it fits their schedules. Using the Small Catechism and Christian Traditions, we will focus learning on the questions “Who Am I?” and “Where Do I Fit In?” which are questions this age group is asking.

## THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL READINGS

FIRST READING	Ezekiel 33:7-11
PSALM	Psalm 119: 33-40
SECOND READING	Romans 13: 8-14
GOSPEL	Matthew 18: 15-20

## 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 and Elaine Kruse.

## CONNECT WITH THE MINISTRY STAFF

*Pastor Erin Heidelberger, Lead Pastor (pastorerin@flclincoln.org)*  
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*Stephen Minister Leader (stephen.ministry@flclincoln.org)*

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Church is closed for the Labor Day holiday

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

12:45 PM - Staff Meeting  
5:45 PM - “By Heart” Study Group  
6:30 PM - Exodus Group  
7:00 PM - Executive Committee

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

10:30 AM - “By Heart” Study Group  
5:00 PM - Youth Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal  
7:00 PM - Stewardship Committee  
7:15 PM - Adult Choir

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00 AM - Saturday Morning with the Guys  
9:30 AM - All-Church Retreat (Camp Carol Joy Holling)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - NOISY OFFERING

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream  
9:15 AM - Fellowship Hour  
9:30 AM - Adult Forum  
9:30 AM - FaithTrek, Middle and High School Learning  
10:45 AM - Worship  
Noon - Nuer Worship