



# FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at  
First Lutheran Church

October 1-8, 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 TO COMMITMENT SUNDAY!

It's a big day at First Lutheran and we are glad you are with us to enjoy it! It's Commitment Sunday - a day we celebrate as a congregation what we treasure about First Lutheran and all God has blessed us with in our lives! During the past weeks, we have taken time as a congregation to treasure the work of God in our lives and our church family. Because of what God has done for us, we have pledged our resources, our treasure, to the ongoing work of Christ in the church. We give thanks today for all who have submitted their 2024 pledges and discipleship plans! If you haven't done so yet, no worries! Stewardship has no deadline or timeline, but the sooner you are able to pledge your time and resources it will allow our leadership to faithfully and responsibly set the church's budget for 2024 and for you to get connected with the ministries meaningful to you. Simply visit [www.flclincoln.org/stewardship](http://www.flclincoln.org/stewardship) or scan the QR code below with your smart phone camera to complete your online pledge and discipleship plan. Thank you for being a part of the treasure that is this church as we continue the work of proclaiming, through word and deed, the grace of God in Jesus Christ!



## KICKS FOR KIDS SHOES DUE TODAY

Did you shop for a student in need of shoes during our Kicks for Kids campaign? If so, today is the day to bring the new shoes to church! Next Sunday, from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Activity Center, all middle/high school youth and adults are invited to help prepare the new shoes for delivery to our partner schools and on to the feet of the students in need!

## IT'S A SUNDAY LIKE NO OTHER SUNDAY!

Our Commitment Sunday celebration today includes worship, led by our Jazz Band, and Nebraska Bishop, Scott Johnson, as our guest preacher! We continue the celebration in the Activity Center from 9:30-10:30 AM with fellowship time and a Meet & Greet with Bishop Johnson. Our celebration will extend into the afternoon with our 2nd annual First Fall Festival from Noon-3:00 PM! Enjoy food trucks, live jazz music, fun games and activities for all ages, a pet blessing at 1:00 PM in the Nature Center, chili cookoff, Bounce House and dunking booth! Bring your \$1 bills for a chance to dunk Bishop Johnson, Vicar Erick and Stewardship Chairperson, Mark Wemhoff, with proceeds going towards the Lutheran Disaster Response and their relief work with those impacted by the recent wildfires in Maui. Additional parking will be available at 6900 A Street (Sparta Center) and at Morley Elementary School. Join us as it is a Sunday like no other Sunday!

## TODAY'S NOISY OFFERING TO SUPPORT OUR 4-LEGGED FRIENDS

Today's Noisy Offering will go towards the Capital Humane Society in recognition of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, also known as the Blessing of the Animals Day, observed on October 4. Your offering will help the Capital Humane Society continue to provide animals with a safe and healthy home until they are adopted. Dig deep into your pockets and purses and help us make a joyful noise in support of the Capital Humane Society and our 4-legged friends!

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## FIRST LUTHERAN 101 CLASS OFFERED FOR NEWCOMERS

If you're looking for a church home, join us for our next newcomers' classes! Membership matters - it allows First Lutheran to better serve you so that we can better serve together. First Lutheran 101 will be held on October 8 and 15 (plan to attend both sessions) from 9:30-10:30 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. New members will be officially received at worship services on Saturday, October 21, and Sunday, October 22. If you would like to attend First Lutheran 101, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/flc101class>.

## 12TH SEASON OF FIRST FRIDAY JAZZ TO BEGIN

Jackie Allen and Susie Thorne, two of Nebraska's favorite jazz vocalists, are teaming up to kick off the 12th season of First Friday Jazz on October 6 from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM in the Activity Center! The concert, a "Dueling Divas" performance, will include a "contest of who sang it better" with each also singing a classic standard in their own differing style. A number of vocal duets will be sung along with an original medley of Burt Bacharach and Hal David songs. They will be accompanied by Jeff Jenkins on piano, Hans Sturm on bass and Joey Gulizia on percussion. There is no admission charge and lunch is available for purchase. The concerts are offered as First Lutheran's outreach gift to the Lincoln community and an East Lincoln performance venue.

## GOING THROUGH TOUGH TIMES? YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Are you dealing with loneliness, loss, hospitalization, terminal illness, grief, relationship difficulty, hardship, loss of job, retirement changes or just need encouragement? Do you know someone who is? First Lutheran has Stephen Ministers who have journeyed alongside many through tough moments in life and are willing to walk with you also. They offer a listening ear, prayerful presence, open heart and distinctively Christian care. Send a confidential message to learn more at [stephen.ministry@flclincoln.org](mailto:stephen.ministry@flclincoln.org).

## 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, Pam Sewell, Elaine Kruse, Vern Westberg and Mike Brohimer.

We also extend our blessings on Henry Rarig, son of Collin and Emma Rarig, who will be baptized during the 10:45 AM worship service today. His sponsors are Phillip Rarig and Amanda Olberding.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream  
9:30 AM - Meet & Greet with Bishop Johnson  
9:30 AM - FaithTrek, Middle and High School Learning  
10:45 AM - Worship  
Noon - First Fall Festival (Until 3:00 PM)  
1:00 PM - Pet Blessing  
6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

10:00 AM - Preschool Advisory Tam  
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk in Gathering Area

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

10:30 AM - "By Heart" Study Group  
6:00 PM - Discipleship University  
7:00 PM - Stewardship Committee  
7:10 PM - Adult Choir

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

10:00 AM - Care Team Member Training  
6:00 PM - Bilingual Parenting Classes  
6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers  
8:00 PM - Gather & Gab

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

11:30 AM - First Friday Jazz Concert  
3:15 PM - Backpack Distribution at Pyrtle and Morley Elementary

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

5:30 PM - Worship

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream  
9:30 AM - Intergenerational Kicks for Kids Service Hour  
9:30 AM - FaithTrek  
10:45 AM - Worship  
Noon - Nuer Worship  
1:00 PM - Youth Kickball Tournament  
1:30 PM - CROP Walk (Bethany Christian Church, 1645 North Cotner)  
2:00 PM - Vitality Initiative  
2:00 PM - Czech Language Foundation Banquet