



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

September 10-17, 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!

FALL STEWARDSHIP SEASON BEGINS TODAY

Our annual fall stewardship season kicks off today! Our guiding verse is Matthew 6:21: *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* Today and over the next two Sundays, listen to your fellow church family members as they share what they treasure about First Lutheran. You are encouraged to reflect on what you treasure about this congregation and to pray about your pledge of support. Be sure to pick up your 2024 stewardship packet in the Gathering Area as you leave church this morning. In it you will find information about our stewardship season and making your commitment of financial support and involvement in the ministries of First Lutheran for the coming year.

A NEW LEARNING YEAR STARTS TODAY

Calling all kids, ages 3 through high school! Our Sunday morning learning hour begins today from 9:30-10:30 AM. All kiddos, ages 3-12th grade, are required to register online for the learning year, so don't delay! Register today at <https://bit.ly/flcyouthregistration>!

MEN'S ACTION NETWORK CLEAN UP DAY

M.A.N. (Men's Action Network) will clean up the ARC residential property for disabled at 1010 N 35th Street on Saturday, September 16, from 9:00 AM-Noon. All men are welcome! Contact Ron Thomsen at 402-430-3549 or ronaldwthomsen@gmail.com if you can come so there are enough refreshments.

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, Bryan Seck, Executive Director of Lincoln Literacy, will share about their services teaching the English language and literacy skills to people of all cultures. Next Sunday, Karen Lenzen, Chairperson, and others from the Social Ministry Committee will share how your financial pledges/donations and time commitments have an impact in local and global communities.

MEET OUR NEW NURSERY COORDINATOR

We are excited to introduce our new Nursery Coordinator, Erin Pfister, and share the plans she has for parents of young children every Sunday morning starting today! Erin is a lifelong member of First Lutheran Church and has 20 years of experience as a PreK-8 special education teacher, coach and administrator. She is currently working to complete a PhD in Educational Studies at UNL. From 8:00-11:45 AM, Erin will be offering weekly care and supervision for children from 0-5 years of age. Children can stay for a few minutes or all morning! There is no cost and it will include FaithTrek learning from 9:30-10:30 AM! We hope parents of young children will utilize this wonderful opportunity to enhance their Sunday morning worship, learning and fellowship time while their child is well cared for and also enjoys social and learning time with other kiddos.

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TODAY IS NOISY OFFERING

Our Noisy Offering today will support Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) and their relief work with those impacted by the recent wildfires in Maui. 100% of your Noisy Offering donation will help to equip LDR to respond to the Maui disaster today and in the years ahead. So, give your loose change and dollar bills to a child to drop in the noisy pot during the offertory today so we can make a joyful noise for Lutheran Disaster Response and all the individuals and families whose lives were forever changed by the wildfires.

WALK WITH A PURPOSE

Do you enjoy walking? Do you like to walk with a friend or two? Would you be willing to walk with a purpose? We are in need of a team of walkers on Sunday, September 17, starting at 6:30 PM from First Lutheran, to distribute door hangers to neighborhood homes promoting our Fall Festival on October 1. This is a great activity to enjoy with a friend, as a family or a couple, get your steps in for the day and welcome our neighbors to a fun-filled day at First Lutheran! Email Kathleen Simley at kathleen@flclincoln.org if you are willing to help!

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL READINGS

FIRST READING	Genesis 50:15-21
PSALM	Psalms 103:[1-7] 8-13
SECOND READING	Romans 14: 1-12
GOSPEL	Matthew 18: 21-35

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 and Sabrina Anderson.

CONNECT WITH THE MINISTRY STAFF

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream
9:30 AM - Adult Forum
9:30 AM - FaithTrek, Middle and High School Learning
10:45 AM - Worship
Noon - Nuer Worship
5:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:30 AM - Fitness Class
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk in Gathering Area
5:30 PM - MADD Victim Impact Panel
7:00 PM - Keeping God's People in Stitches

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:00 AM - Adult Forum Planning
1:00 PM - Carol Mason Memorial Service
2:00 PM - Lydia Circle
5:45 PM - "By Heart" Study Group
5:30 PM - Fellowship Committee
6:00 PM - Taylor Meadows HOA
6:30 PM - Exodus Group
7:00 PM - Church Council

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10:30 AM - "By Heart" Study Group
Noon - Faith Coalition of Lancaster County
7:10 PM - Adult Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

10:30 AM - NARFE
5:30 PM - Worship

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - Kicks for Kids Begins

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream
9:30 AM - Adult Forum
9:30 AM - FaithTrek, Middle and High School Learning
10:45 AM - Worship
Noon - Nuer Worship
7:00 PM - Youth Group/Door Hanger Walk