



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

September 17-24, 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!

WHAT DO YOU TREASURE ABOUT FIRST?

Our annual fall stewardship season is off and running! Our guiding verse is Matthew 6:21: *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* During today's Stewardship Mission Moment, the Schmitter family will share what they treasure about First Lutheran. You are encouraged to reflect on what you treasure about First Lutheran. Pray about it, talk about it and think about it and make your pledge by October 1. Both the 2024 pledge of financial support and discipleship plans can be completed online (and that makes it easier for staff to gather your information) at www.flclincoln.org/stewardship. Please have each person in your household - from elementary age through adult - complete a discipleship plan so everyone can get connected with the ministries important to them. Thank you for being a part of the treasure that is this church!

HELP PUT SHOES ON KIDS IN NEED

The *Kicks for Kids* care project begins today! For our eighth year, First Lutheran is providing students in need at 20 community schools with new athletic shoes and socks. Stop by the display in the Gathering Area and choose a tag for a specific child telling you the gender and size to shop for. Money donations are always appreciated and our volunteers will do the shopping for you. Shoes need to be returned to church by October 1 so we can deliver them to a waiting child. If your own kiddos need shoes, please contact Pastor Erin, so we can help. Thanks for walking with our friends in need!

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. 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. Next Sunday, First member, Shelby Riedman, will speak about her recent year-long Young Adults in Global Mission experience in Scotland.

CELEBRATE AT THE FIRST FALL FESTIVAL

What's the best way to make the most of the fresh air and fleeting colors of autumn? By celebrating at our 2nd annual First Fall Festival on Sunday, October 1! Whether you're looking for live music, a delicious lunch or FREE fun from Noon-3:00 PM, we've got you covered! There will be something for all ages - a Bounce House, gaga pit, corn hole toss, lawn checkers, pumpkin painting and so much more! Your four-legged friends are even invited for a pet blessing at 1:00 PM! Bring your dollar bills and for \$1 you can dunk Bishop Scott Johnson in the dunking booth while supporting the Capital Humane Society in recognition of Blessing of the Animals Day on October 4! Many volunteers are needed! Sign up at for a one-hour shift that works for you at <https://flclincoln.ivolunteer.com/fallfestival/>! Is your chili up for the challenge? Sign up to bring what could be the award-winning chili in the festival's Chili Cookoff at <https://bit.ly/flchilicookoff>! See you at the festival!

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SERVE AS A WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Our worship assistant sign up for October through December is now available online at https://flclincoln.ivolunteer.com/fourth_quarter_2023 . We are in need of volunteers for Sunday worship and our mid-week Advent and Christmas Eve worship services. Sign up for the day and time that works best for you. Try something new! Training is available. There are jobs for elementary age through adult and individuals and families! It takes all of us, staff and members, to help make our worship services happen and meaningful for everyone! Thank you for volunteering!

SIGN UP AS A WALKER OR DONOR FOR 2023 CROP WALK

Since 1988, the Lincoln CROP Walk has raised over \$1,089,880 to fight against hunger and poverty! The 2023 CROP Walk on Sunday, October 8, at 1:30 PM at Bethany Christian Church, 1645 North Cotner Boulevard, is an opportunity to add to this total! Sign up as a walker or donor at www.crophungerwalk.org/lincolnne. Walkers click on 'Find an existing team to join' and type in First Lutheran Church. Once you have started your own page, ask friends and family members to sponsor you by donating online. Questions? Contact Sandy Latshaw at sjlatshaw@outlook.com.

VISIT THE GO AND...COMMUNITY STORY BOARD

Which responses on the *Go and...Share Your Story* Community Board in the Commons nudge you to think more about your own touchstone Bible story? Did you see your own story reflected in someone else's? Let that person know you have a faith experience in common. Take time to ask a question or two to learn more. Baskets near the display hold everything you need to complete your own story card and attach it to the board. What could be more important than hearing one another's stories?

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL READINGS

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| FIRST READING | Jonah 3:10-4:11 |
| PSALM | Psalms 145: 1-8 |
| SECOND READING | Philippians 1:21-30 |
| GOSPEL | Matthew 20: 1-16 |

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. We also lift up in prayer Martha Deng and Thomas Thoat on the passing of their son, Nguy Thoat, whose service is pending at First on September 30.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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
6:30 PM - Youth Group/Door Hanger Walk

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00 AM - Cook for Matt Talbot
9:30 AM - Fitness Class
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk in Gathering Area
5:00 PM - Norden Club
7:00 PM - Worship & Music Committee

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

11:00 AM - Serve Lunch at Matt Talbot
12:45 PM - Staff Meeting
5:45 PM - "By Heart" Study Group
6:30 PM - Exodus Group
6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:30 AM - Martha Circle
10:30 AM - "By Heart" Study Group
3:30 PM - Discipleship University
7:10 PM - Adult Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:30 AM - Fitness Class
10:00 AM - Esther Circle
6:00 PM - Bilingual Parenting Classes
6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers
8:00 PM - Gather & Gab

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

3:15 PM - Backpack Distribution at Pyrtle and Morley Elementary
3:30 PM - Horses for Healing Evening of Magic

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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
6:00 PM - Confirmation Rehearsal for 9th Grade