



# FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at  
First Lutheran Church

September 24 - October 1, 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!

## OCTOBER 1 WILL BE A DAY OF CELEBRATION

Oh, what a fun time it will be at First Lutheran on October 1! The morning will include worship and celebrating Commitment Sunday with Bishop Johnson as our guest preacher at both services (no Saturday evening worship). Come to the Activity Center from 9:30-10:30 AM for a Meet & Greet with the Bishop! The day's festivities continue when, beginning at noon until 3:00 PM, our second annual First Fall Festival kicks off with outdoor fun for everyone of all ages! Take a shot at Bishop Johnson, Vicar Erick and our Stewardship Chairperson, Mark Wemhoff, in the dunking booth. Relax and enjoy live jazz music while you eat lunch from the Tastee Trailer or Kouzina Food Truck (The Parthenon). Work off your lunch with some jumps in the Bounce House! Stop by the Chili Cookoff and vote for your favorite chili. (Is your chili up for the challenge? Sign up to bring what could be the award-winning chili at <https://bit.ly/flchilicookoff!>) Enjoy the many games and activities! Bring your four-legged friends for a blessing at 1:00 PM in the Nature Center. Many volunteers are needed! Sign up at <https://flclincoln.ivolunteer.com/fallfestival> for a shift that works for you! Come and bring your friends and family, too!

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

## WHAT DO YOU TREASURE ABOUT FIRST?

Our season of stewardship is upon us and this year's guiding verse is Matthew 6:21: *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* During today's Stewardship Mission Moment, the Paulsen family will share what they treasure about First Lutheran. You are also encouraged to reflect on what you treasure about First. Stewardship includes not just a focus on financial giving, but also the discipleship plan. So, as you prayerfully consider your pledge of financial support to the ministries of First Lutheran in 2024, also prayerfully take time to consider how you will be connected to and engaged in those ministries. You can find all of our stewardship resources online, including discipleship plans for all ages, at [www.flclincoln.org/stewardship](http://www.flclincoln.org/stewardship). Complete both your pledge of giving and your discipleship plan by October 1. Thank you!

## BRING YOUR NEW SHOES FOR KICKS FOR KIDS TO CHURCH BY NEXT SUNDAY

Stop by the Kicks for Kids display in the Gathering Area and choose a tag for a specific child in need of shoes and socks. The tag will tell you the gender and shoe size to help you shop for the child. Money donations are also appreciated and someone will do the shopping for you! Drop your check in the offering plate or mail/drop off your check in the church office with a notation of Kicks for Kids. Shoes need to be returned to the church by October 1 so they can be delivered to the child at one of 20 community schools we are partnering with.

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## BIBLE MILESTONE RECOGNIZED TODAY

Today we recognize an important milestone in the faith development of our 3 and 4 year olds and 3rd graders as each will be presented with their own Bible during worship. This milestone fulfills the promise made during their baptism by their parents/guardians, baptismal sponsors and the congregation to place the Bible in their hands and to nurture their learning of God's word and promises to them.

## NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2024 ELECTED POSITIONS

The Nominating Committee (Tera Beerman, Gene Cotter, Steve Eicher, Carlene Falos, Norm Kempf, Sandy Latshaw and Emily Sears) asks you to prayerfully consider being a nominee for an elected office at the 2024 First Lutheran annual meeting in January. Nominees are now being accepted for Congregation Council, Nominating Committee, Endowment Fund Board and Synod Assembly Representatives. If you feel you would be a good fit for one of these elected positions, are interested in adding your name to one of these ballots or would like more information, please speak with a member of the Nominating Committee or email Sandy Latshaw at [sjlatshaw@outlook.com](mailto:sjlatshaw@outlook.com) by Sunday, October 1.

## FIRST LUTHERAN 101 FOR NEWCOMERS OFFERED

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>.

## 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, Sabrina Anderson and Vern Westberg.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### 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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:30 AM - Fitness Class  
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk in Gathering Area

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6:30 AM - Faith to Go!  
10:30 AM - "By Heart" Study Group  
6:00 PM - Confirmation Rehearsal for 9th Graders  
7:10 PM - Adult Choir

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 AM - Funeral Service for Nguy Thoat

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 - COMMITMENT SUNDAY

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