



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

October 29 - November 5, 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!

CELEBRATING EIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Affirmation of Baptism is a special rite in our church to celebrate and affirm the on-going work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of disciples that began in their baptism. Eight of our 9th graders will affirm their baptism during today's 10:45 AM worship service as they transition into the next stage of their lifelong learning. Join us at a congregational breakfast at 9:30 AM in the Activity Center to offer your support and prayers to them and their families. We thank God for this special opportunity to affirm our congregational support and accompany them on this next leg of their faith journey.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY TO VOTE ON CALL OF PASTOR ANDREW KITZING

Plan to return or stay for today's congregational meeting at noon in the Sanctuary when we vote on the call of Pastor Andrew Kizing as Associate Pastor at First Lutheran Church. There will be activities planned for young children so their parents can attend the meeting. This is an important event in the life of our church and our future so we look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

STAY IN-THE-KNOW WITH OUR E-NEWSLETTER

Do you receive our weekly *First Things First* e-newsletter? Sign up at <https://flclincoln.org/resources> to receive it in your Inbox every Wednesday morning to receive the most up-to-date news and announcements! Don't miss out!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT NEXT SUNDAY

There will not be a worship service or livestream at 8:15 AM next Sunday due to the Good Life Halfsy. Instead, we will be livestreaming the 10:45 AM worship service. FaithTrek and middle and high school learning will be meeting from 10:00-10:30 AM. Adult Forum will not be hosting a session.

Next Sunday is also All Saints Sunday. In honor of all the saints who have gone before us, please bring a photo, preferably in a frame, of a loved one(s) you have lost to place on the Table of Remembrance in the Gathering Area.

At noon next Sunday we will hold our quarterly congregational Town Hall meeting and potluck lunch. Join us for a time of food, fellowship and hearing updates about the ministries of First Lutheran, budget planning for 2024 and the Vitality Initiative project. There will also be a Q&A time with your Council members. If you would like to submit any questions for your elected leadership ahead of time, please email them to pastorerin@flclincoln.org. Lunch will be potluck and main dishes, salads, vegetables and desserts are needed. Singles should bring one dish and couples/families bring two dishes.

HALLOWEEN PARTY CANCELLED

The Halloween Costume party scheduled for today from 4:00-6:00 PM has been cancelled. Watch for other fun all-generational activities in the future you won't want to miss!

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WELCOME TO ONE OF OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

We want to extend a warm welcome to Carol Reckmeyer, one of our newest members, who was not included in last weekend's New Member insert. Carol moved to Lincoln from Mt. Morris, IL, in August 2023 to be close to family, including her son, First member, Matt Reckmeyer. She lives at Legacy Estates in Lincoln and enjoys bridge, reading and music. She has four children, nine grandchildren and five, soon to be 6, great grandchildren. Welcome, Carol!

THE LIGHTNING BUGS FEATURED AT FIRST FRIDAY JAZZ

The Lightning Bugs, an audience favorite for over 40 years, will take the stage at the First Friday Jazz concert on November 3 from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM. Their vocal harmonies in the Mills Brothers tradition features jazz and pop standards from the 30's and 40's. The performance is free, but lunch will be available for purchase. Audience members are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for the Lincoln Lutheran Food Pantry.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL READINGS

FIRST READING	Revelation 7:9-17
PSALM	Psalms 34:1-10, 22
SECOND READING	1 John 3:1-3
GOSPEL	Matthew 5:1-12

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, Mike Brohimer, Amy Thorpe, Connie Petersen and Richard Bouma.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream
9:30 AM - Congregational Breakfast with Confirmants and Families
10:45 AM - Worship with Affirmation of Baptism
Noon - Congregational Meeting to Vote on Call of Pastor Andrew Kitzing
Noon - Nuer Worship

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:30 AM - Fitness Class
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

12:45 PM - Staff Meeting
6:30 PM - Exodus Group

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

6:30 PM - Discipleship University
7:10 PM - Adult Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

4:00 PM - Las Abejitas Education Center Event
5:30 PM - Worship

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 (ALL SAINTS SUNDAY AND NOISY OFFERING)

10:00AM - FaithTrek, Middle and High School Learning
10:45 AM - Worship and Livestream
Noon - Congregational Town Hall Meeting and Potluck Lunch
Noon - Nuer Worship
6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision