



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

November 12-19, 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!

OUR FINAL FARWELL TO VICAR ERICK HILL

Today we say our final goodbye to Vicar Erick Hill whose last day at First Lutheran will be November 14. We give thanks for the time he has spent with us this past year - in our homes, over coffee and lunch, at bedsides, at Bible studies, in prayer and worship and even in a van for 12 hours with our amazing youth. He will be missed and we wish him all the best as he prepares for his first call as a pastor. Thank you, Vicar Erick! God bless you!

500 CAN CHALLENGE UPDATE

We have collected over 200 canned and nonperishable food items in just one week! Imagine what we can collect with 2 1/2 more weeks to go! If we can collect 500 items, the Lincoln Lutheran Food Pantry will receive all the food collected plus a \$500 check from the Nebraska Thrivent Chapter. There's no question that First Lutheran can live up to the challenge of 500 - if not more! Let's try and beat last year's total of 1,115 items! Accept the challenge by bringing in your donations to the Gathering Area display by Sunday, November 26. Get ready, set, go!

HANGING OF THE GREENS NEXT SUNDAY

Help decorate the church for the coming of Christ with greeneries and lights next Sunday, November 19, at 11:50 AM! Enjoy preparing for the season of Advent with your family and First Lutheran family! A light lunch will be provided.

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, when the 2023 Gifts of Hope Alternative Market participating partners are revealed! Hear about the giving opportunities you will have as you do your holiday shopping online or in-person at the market December 2 and 3.

ENJOY THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER AT FIRST

Take a break from cooking on Thanksgiving Day and bring your family and friends to a feast of food at noon at First Lutheran Church! Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy will be provided. Families should bring two sides (vegetable, salad, dessert) and singles should bring one side. Sign up online at https://bit.ly/thanksgiving_flg by November 19 to tell us how many will be attending so we can ensure there is enough food for all!

JOIN US FOR GRATITUDE SUNDAY

Join us next Sunday from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Activity Center as we celebrate Gratitude Sunday! We will be expressing our gratitude in a variety of ways - by making a big prayer chain, coloring tablecloths for the Thanksgiving Day dinner and having conversations about family holiday traditions - just to name a few. We also invite you to bring a \$20-\$25 Target or Scooters gift card for the Center for People's Teen Holiday Gift Card Drive. Families and members of all ages are encouraged to come!

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SOUP COOKS NEEDED FOR ADVENT LUNCHEAS AND DINNERS

Do you have a favorite soup that you would like to share for our lunches and dinners during Advent? Our Fellowship Committee will be serving soup following Wednesday Advent worship at noon and starting at 5:30 PM prior to the 6:30 PM evening worship on November 29, December 6, December 13 and December 20. Please sign up online at https://bit.ly/advent_soup FLC to indicate which Wednesday(s) you can bring a crockpot of your soup. Thank you!

LOOKING AHEAD

Advent Holden Evening Prayer Worship - November 29, December 6 and December 13; Noon and 6:30 PM

Gifts of Hope Alternative Market - December 2 and 3

Christmas Pagaent - Sunday, December 17; 9:30 AM

Longest Night of the Year Worship - December 20; 6:30 PM

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL READINGS

FIRST READING Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

PSALM Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

GOSPEL Matthew 25: 14-30

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, Richard Bouma, David Pitts, Jane Shaner and Kathy Bruggeman

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream

9:30AM - FaithTrek, Middle and High School Learning

10:45 AM - Worship

Noon - Nuer Worship

Noon - Private Event

1:30 PM - Vitality Initiative

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

7:00 PM - Keeping God's People in Stitches

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:00 AM - Adult Forum Planning

12:45 PM - Staff Meeting

2:00 PM - Lydia Circle

5:30 PM - Fellowship Committee

5:45 PM - *By Heart* Study Group

6:30 PM - Exodus Group

7:00 AM - Church Council

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:30 AM - Martha Circle

10:30 AM - *By Heart* Study Group

6:00 PM - Discipleship University

7:10 PM - Adult Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

10:00 AM - Esther Circle

5:45 PM - MADD Victim Impact Panel

6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers

8:00 PM - Gather & Gab

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

10:30 AM - NARFE

2:00 PM - Private Event

5:30 PM - Worship

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream

9:30AM - Gratitude Sunday Intergenerational Event

10:45 AM - Worship

Noon - Nuer Worship