



# FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at  
First Lutheran Church

November 5-12, 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!

## BE THE FEATURED STARS IN THE CHRISTMAS PAGAENT MOVIE

Action! Be a part of the spotlight today during the last five minutes of worship when FaithTrek Coordinator, Laura Grauly, will be directing and filming a 5-minute movie scene with the congregation. The movie clip will be featured in the Christmas Pagaent on December 17 at 9:30 AM. So, stay in your pew and wait for your director's commands! Make plans to be at the Christmas Pagaent as you never know who will be discovered as the next First Lutheran star!

## THE 500 CAN CHALLENGE HAS STARTED!

First Lutheran has accepted the challenge by the Nebraska Thrivent Chapter to collect 500 canned and nonperishable food items during the month of November. If we collect 500 items, the Lincoln Lutheran Food Pantry will receive all the food plus a \$500 check from the Nebraska Chapter. Last year we collected 1,115 items! So, let's do it again! Bring your donations to the Gathering Area display by November 26. Today's Noisy Offering will also support the Lincoln Lutheran Food Pantry so dig into your pockets and wallets and let's make a joyful noise for the 500 Can Challenge!

## TOWN HALL FORUM AND LUNCH TODAY

Our quarterly Town Hall Forum and potluck lunch will be at noon today in the Activity Center. Join us for food, fellowship and updates on ministries, 2024 budget planning and the Vitality Initiative project.

## ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Join us for Adult Forum next Sunday from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Chapel, located in the northeast corner of our building, when the participating partners in the 2023 Gifts of Hope Alternative Market 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.

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY AND VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE GIFTS

Thank you to all who made an All Saints Sunday and Veterans Day Remembrance Gift to the Endowment Fund to honor a family member or celebrate the memory of a loved one.

Mary Rogge – In memory of Bob Rogge

Al & Kristy Williams – In memory of Raymond & Fern Siekman, Al & Ruth Williams, Vicki Brewer and Kelly Dalby

Julie Reineke – In memory of Ron Reineke

Tera Beermann – In honor of nephew, Collin Shepard, serving in the military

Cherie Johnson – In memory of Howard & Roberta Johnson

Phyllis Frickel – In memory of Bob Frickel

Donice Kaspar - In memory of Tom Kaspar

Fred & Rosemary Ohles – In memory of their parents

Jane Zatechka - In memory of Doug Zatechka

Troy, Heather, Bryar & Harlow Hughes – In honor of Harrey McHarry

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## COLUMBARIUM BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE HONORS LOST LOVED ONES

As the season of autumn continues to unfold, the spirit of reflection and the remembrance of lost loved ones, takes center stage today on All Saints Day. First Lutheran Church's Book of Remembrance stands as a testament to the lives of those individuals inurned in the Columbarium. Each page tells an individual's life story. As you turn the pages, the Book of Remembrance breathes life into their memories, ensuring that those who have gone before us, are not forgotten. The Book of Remembrance is more than a simple list of names and dates. By means of photographs, anecdotes and personal interests, each entry encapsulates the essence of that individual. First Lutheran Church's Book of Remembrance can be found online by going to First's website ([www.flclincoln.org](http://www.flclincoln.org)), clicking on *Columbarium* located at the bottom of the home page and by clicking on *Open the Book of Remembrance*.

## THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL READINGS

FIRST READING	Amos 5:18-24
PSALM	Psalms 70
SECOND READING	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
GOSPEL	Matthew 25:1-13

## 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 Matt and Michelle Buckwalter on the death of Matt's father.

## CONNECT WITH THE MINISTRY STAFF

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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

12:45 PM - Staff Meeting  
5:45 PM - *By Heart* Study Group  
6:30 PM - Exodus Group  
7:00 AM - Executive Committee

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

6:30 AM - Faith to Go!  
10:30 AM - *By Heart* Study Group  
6:00 PM - Budget Committee  
7:10 PM - Adult Choir

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream  
9:30AM - FaithTrek, Middle and High School Learning  
10:45 AM - Worship  
Noon - Nuer Worship  
1:30 PM - Vitality Initiative