



# FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at  
First Lutheran Church

February 4-11, 2024

## 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!

## IT'S NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY

Our Noisy Offering today will support Border Servant Corps (BSC), a ministry of Peace Lutheran Church in Las Cruces, NM, since 1997. BSC welcomes 250-300 asylum-seeking migrants daily who are released by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and/or U.S. Customs and Border Protection at the US-México border. They offer three daily meals and a change of clothing and assist with travel arrangements and transportation to transit stations, enabling individuals and families to reach their destinations. Offer your support to BSC by making a joyful noise with your coins (and dollar bills!) during today's offering!

## FIRST LUTHERAN 101 CLASSES TO BE OFFERED

If you're looking for a church home, join us for our next newcomers' classes! First Lutheran 101 will be held on February 11 and 18 (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 Sunday, March 3. If you would like to attend First Lutheran 101, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/flc101class>.

## WHAT IS YOUR PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS?

Help us transition to our new management software by telling us what your primary email address is to receive communications. You can do it by visiting [https://bit.ly/update\\_your\\_email\\_address](https://bit.ly/update_your_email_address) or scanning the QR code with your smartphone camera. Thank you!



## ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Today's Adult Forum session from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Chapel will feature First member, Patrick Hayden-Roy, who after spending a year abroad in Berlin, Germany, wrote a soon-to-be-published study of how the image of Martin Luther was used during the Nazi era. Today's session will highlight the way Luther's views about the Jews came to be drawn into Nazi propaganda.

## GO AND...REST...TODAY

Take a pause from the chaos of life today, from Noon-6:00 PM, and rest using self-guided activities. All ages are invited. A prayer labyrinth, coloring activities, puzzles, blank paper for journaling or writing poetry, devotional materials, yoga and a warm and comfy area for sleeping, reading or unplugging with music will be available. Bring your own quiet hobby, such as crocheting, knitting, reading and find a comfortable warm and cozy spot to hang out. For families with young children, there will be short movies and activities in the youth room from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM to give parents a chance to rest.

## JOIN US FOR ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Join us on Ash Wednesday to begin our Lenten season and on Wednesdays during Lent as we worship with Holden Evening Prayer and reflect on the joy that points us to God's steadfast love, relentless forgiveness, and unfailing presence. Ash Wednesday worship with Holy Communion and imposition of ashes will be February 14 at noon (with livestream) and 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

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## THE CHIEFS VS THE 49ERS IN THE 2024 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The Super Bowl is next Sunday and, in honor of it, we will host a Souper Bowl of Caring! Bring your monetary donation for the Lincoln Lutheran Food Pantry to worship and drop it in the soup pot of the team you want to win as you leave worship. Who will be the winner of the 2024 Souper Bowl of Caring? The Kansas City Chiefs or the San Francisco 49ers?

## BUY YOUR TICKETS FOR THE WAFFLEMAN

Stop by the table in the Gathering Area to purchase your tickets for the Waffleman on Tuesday, February 13, from 5:00-7:00 PM. The meal will include all-you-can-eat waffles (gluten free waffles available), sausage, and beverages. Tickets are \$10 per person and children, ages 5 and under, eat free.

## COMMUNION FAITH MILESTONE CLASSES OFFERED

Our next Communion Faith Milestone class will be offered on three Sundays (please attend all three sessions) during the FaithTrek hour (9:30-10:30 AM) on February 18 and 25 and March 3. We will celebrate the Communion Faith Milestone in both worship services on March 17. Any young person interested in taking Communion for the first time should attend this class, and we ask that at least one parent also attend with children. If your child has already been taking Communion but has not yet taken this class, now is a great time!

How do you know if your child is ready for Communion? At First Lutheran, we are not focused on age, but we are focused on faith. In this Sacrament, we trust in God's promises given, that the meal is "for you" and is given "for the forgiveness of sin". That means that when children are beginning to trust Christ's presence for them in the bread and wine and that they are feeling a need to receive forgiveness, it's a good time to begin taking Communion.

Contact Pastor Erin at [pastorerin@flclincoln.org](mailto:pastorerin@flclincoln.org) if you and your child(ren) plan to join us for the Communion Faith Milestone class or if you would like further conversation about your child and Communion.

## 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, Teresa Brohimer, Elaine Kruse, Vern Westberg, Mike Brohimer, Amy Thorpe, Richard Bouma, David Pitts, Ralph Hayden, Jay, Linda and Emily Sears, and the family of Phyllis Frickel who passed away January 29 and whose memorial service was held on February 3.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream  
9:30 AM - Adult Forum  
9:30 AM - Learning Hour for FaithTrek, Middle & High School Youth  
10:45 AM - Worship  
Noon - Nuer Worship  
Noon - Go and...Rest  
Noon - Vitality Initiative Team  
6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

12:45 PM - Staff Meeting  
5:45 PM - Bible Study  
6:30 PM - Exodus Group  
6:30 PM - Social Ministry  
7:00 PM - Executive Committee

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

10:30 AM - Bible Study  
6:00 PM - Discipleship University  
7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

3:15 PM - BackPack Program at Morley and Pyrtle Elementary

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream  
9:30 AM - Adult Forum  
9:30 AM - Learning Hour for FaithTrek, Middle & High School Youth  
9:30 AM - First Lutheran 101 New Member Class  
10:45 AM - Worship  
Noon - Nuer Worship  
5:00 PM - Middle & High School Youth Group Souper Bowl Party