



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

January 14-21, 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!

WELCOME, CHILDREN OF GOD!

During our 10:45 AM worship service today we will welcome into God's family through baptism Sunday Lam Duer (Sponsor Barb Johnson Frank), Duer Lam Duer (Sponsor Bol G. Ngok), Daniel Lam Duer (Sponsor Daniel G. Wal) and Goy Lam Duer (Sponsor Martha N Deng). Their parents are Lam Duer Jock and Nyakoat Gachwin.

ANNUAL MEETING PREVIEW SESSIONS BEGIN TODAY

Join us today from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Activity Center for a presentation of the Council-approved 2024 spending plan and meet the nominees for elected office before the annual meeting is held on January 28. A second preview session will be held next Sunday, January 21, from 9:30-10:30 AM. The 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Nominee Bios are available online on the Resources page of our website for you to read and/or download and in print from the church office or for pick-up at the preview sessions (one per household, please).

The annual meeting will be held at 12:30 PM on Sunday, January 28. Come early for a spaghetti lunch (starting at 11:30 AM) prepared by our middle and high school youth as a fundraiser for their accompaniment trip to Kentucky and the Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

THE WAFFLEMAN IS COMING TO FIRST

The Waffleman is coming to First to celebrate Fat Tuesday on Tuesday, February 13! This is a fundraiser for our middle and high school youth trips this summer. Tickets go on sale in a few weeks!

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ORDINATION OF VICAR ERICK HILL

Vicar Erick Hill has been called to serve as the Pastor of Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ralston, NE. You are invited to his rite of ordination on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at 10:30 AM at Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at 153 South McKenna Avenue, in Gretna, NE. A lunch reception will follow the service. Please RSVP by January 15 by calling 402-332-3383 or scanning the QR code. If you are needing a ride or are willing to carpool to the event, please contact Mandy at mandy@flclincoln.org or call her at 402-488-0919.



UPDATED EMAIL ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS NEEDED

We are transitioning to a new management software tool that will connect staff and members in one place! To help with this transition, we need each member in a household to tell us what their primary email address is to receive information. You can do it by visiting https://bit.ly/update_your_email_address or scanning the QR code with your smartphone camera. Thank you!



JOIN IN ON A BIBLE STUDY GROUP

After a short break, our weekly Bible study groups are resuming on Tuesdays at 5:45 PM and Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. We will be studying the book of Ephesians. All are welcome!

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FIRST LUTHERAN 101 CLASSES TO BE 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 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 Saturday, February 24, and Sunday, February 25. If you would like to attend First Lutheran 101, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/flc101class>.

Do You Wish For...

Someone to confide in?

Someone who will listen to you with no judgment?

Someone who can offer an open heart and Christian care?

Someone who will provide a prayerful presence?

No matter the challenge, First Lutheran's volunteer, confidential Stephen Ministers are available to be with you.

Email stephen.ministry@flclincoln.org to learn more.

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, Elaine Kruse, Vern Westberg, Mike Brohimer, Amy Thorpe, Connie Petersen, Richard Bouma, David Pitts and Ralph Hayden.

CONNECT WITH THE MINISTRY STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Pastor Erin Heidelberger, Lead Pastor (pastorerin@flclincoln.org)

Pastor Andrew Kitzing, Associate Pastor (pastorandrew@flclincoln.org)

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Stephen Minister Leader (stephen.ministry@flclincoln.org)

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream

9:15 AM - Fellowship Time

9:30 AM - Annual Meeting Preview Session

9:30 AM - Learning Hour for FaithTrek, Middle & High School

10:45 AM - Worship

Noon - Nuer Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

The church will be closed for the Martin Luther King holiday.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

11:00 AM - Serve Lunch at Matt Talbot

12:45 PM - Staff Meeting

5:45 PM - Bible Study

6:30 PM - Exodus Group

6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

9:30 AM - Martha Circle

10:30 AM - Bible Study

7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

10:00 AM - Esther Circle

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

5:30 PM - Worship

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream

9:15 AM - Fellowship Time

9:30 AM - Annual Meeting Preview Session

9:30 AM - Learning Hour for FaithTrek, Middle & High School

10:45 AM - Worship

Noon - Nuer Worship

1:30 PM - Vitality Initiative Meeting