



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

January 28 - February 4, 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!

We welcome into God's family through baptism at our 10:45 AM worship service 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 AND SPAGHETTI FEED TODAY

Join us today at 12:30 PM in the Sanctuary for the annual meeting when we will vote on candidates for elected positions and the 2024 proposed budget, as well as hear about other important business as it relates to the church. Your presence and voice matters! Come to the spaghetti lunch from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM prepared by our middle and high school youth as a fundraiser for their accompaniment trip to Kentucky and the Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

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.

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 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

Matthew 11:28 says "Come to me all who are weary, and I will give you rest." The third commandment is "Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy" where God commands us to take a day of rest. So, how do you rest? Are you resting?

Take a pause from the chaos of life and spend next Sunday, February 4, anytime from Noon-6:00 PM, to 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. "Mini Sabbath" cards will be provided for you to take home and use throughout the year, as needed, so you can remember to rest. So go and...rest.

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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! 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>.

ENDOWMENT FUND COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

The First Lutheran Endowment Fund College scholarship application process this year is again going to include the application itself and a "Meet and Greet". Visit https://bit.ly/flc_endowment_scholarship for the application. Any First Lutheran member planning to attend college during the 2024-2025 academic year is eligible to apply. The application will count 75% and the "Meet and Greet" will count 25% towards your total number of points. To receive the full amount available, applicants need to complete both the application and participate in the "Meet and Greet". The applications are due by midnight on February 17 and the "Meet and Greet" will be held on March 24 at 7:00 PM. If you are unable to attend in person, a Zoom appointment will be made for April 2 at 7:00 PM. No late applications will be accepted.

FIRST FRIDAY JAZZ TO FEATURE GROUP SAX

Group Sax is the featured combo for the February 2 First Friday Jazz concert from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM. The group has performed together for over twenty five years at multi-state jazz performances, including a headliner performance at Lincoln's Jazz in June concert series. Members of the ensemble include Paul Harr on soprano and alto saxophones, Mark Benson on alto and tenor saxophones and clarinet, Ed Love on tenor and C-melody saxophones, and First member Scott Vicroy, on baritone and bass saxophones as well as clarinet. The concert is free with lunch available for purchase.

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, Richard Bouma, David Pitts, Ralph Hayden and the families of Fred Monnich and Iris Winkelhake on their loss of a loved one.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream
9:30 AM - Adult Forum
9:30 AM - Learning Hour for FaithTrek
10:45 AM - Worship
11:30 AM - Spaghetti Lunch
Noon - Nuer Worship
12:30 PM - Annual Meeting
5:00 PM - Jazz Band Rehearsal
(Pastor Erin leaves for Continuing Education following the annual meeting through January 31)

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

11:00 AM - Memorial Service for Iris Winkelhake
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk
7:00 PM - Worship & Music Committee

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

12:45 PM - Staff Meeting
5:45 PM - Bible Study
6:30 PM - Exodus Group

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

10:30 AM - Bible Study
7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

11:30 AM - First Friday Jazz
3:15 PM - BackPack Program at Morley and Pyrtle Elementary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

5:30 PM - Worship

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
6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision