



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

January 7-14, 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!

TODAY IS NOISY OFFERING!

Las Abejitas (Little Bees) Bilingual Education Center at First Lutheran is a licensed child care center encouraging children to learn and develop in an enriching English-Spanish environment and promoting creativity, independence and curiosity. Sadly, this is an opportunity that some parents can only dream of for their children. Some working families have income that is slightly too high for child care subsidy assistance, but is not sufficient to pay for quality child care. Your Noisy Offering today will help provide scholarship funding toward the full-time rates of \$850 to \$1200 a month. So, drop your loose change and dollar bills in the Noisy Offering pot during the offertory and let's help prepare a child for future success.

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.



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS TO RESUME THIS WEEK

Our weekly Bible study groups will resume this coming week on Tuesday at 5:45 PM and Wednesday at 10:30 AM. This week's study topic will be a surprise! In the weeks to follow our study will be on the book of Ephesians. All are welcome!

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Come to the Upper Room today at 9:30 AM for Adult Forum when First member, Carol Olson, shares the 7 core principles of mindfulness and how it can benefit your health and well-being. She will also lead us in several mindfulness practices, such as body awareness, breathing meditation, body movement (easy movement in sitting or standing) and mindful eating (there will be a teeny-tiny snack provided and is not intended to replace your typical coffee/donut holes). There will be no Adult Forum next Sunday, January 14 and January 21 due to the Annual Meeting Preview Sessions.

ANNUAL MEETING PREVIEW SESSIONS

Join us 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. Two preview sessions will be held on Sunday, January 14 and January 21, from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Activity Center. The 2023 Annual Report and 2024 Nominee Bios will be available online on the Resources page of our website for you to read and/or download and in print (one per household) from the church office starting Friday, January 12, or for pick-up at Sunday's session.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Sunday, January 28 - Spaghetti Luncheon (11:30 AM-12:30 PM) and Annual Meeting at 12:30 PM
- Tuesday, February 13 - The Waffleman is coming to First to celebrate Fat Tuesday! Tickets go on sale soon!
- Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday worship at Noon and 6:30 PM

NEED A RIDE TO A MEDICAL APPOINTMENT?

Do you or a family member need a ride to a medical appointment? Our Transportation Ministry has volunteers ready to help! Simply contact First Lutheran member, Linda Maack, at lindasmaack@gmail.com, to make your request or reach out to Mandy West, our Parish Coordinator, who can help get you connected.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We are in need of worship assistants for the months of January, February and March. Can you help provide a welcoming and meaningful experience for all and support the ministry staff by serving as an assistant? Give it consideration and sign up at https://flclincoln.ivolunteer.com/first_quarter_2024. Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S LITURGICAL READINGS

FIRST READING	1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]
PSALM	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18
SECOND READING	1 Corinthians 6:12-20
GOSPEL	John 1:43-51

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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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream
9:15 AM - Fellowship Time
9:30 AM - Adult Forum
9:30 AM - Learning Hour for FaithTrek, Middle & High School
10:45 AM - Worship
Noon - Nuer Worship
6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

9:30 AM - Fitness Class
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk
7:00 PM - Keeping God's People in Stitches

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00 AM - Adult Forum Planning
9:00 AM - Staff Meeting, Planning & Training
2:00 PM - Lydia Circle
5:30 PM - Fellowship Committee
5:45 PM - Bible Study
6:30 PM - Exodus Group
7:00 PM - Church Council

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

6:30 AM - Faith to Go!
10:30 AM - Bible Study
7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

9:30 AM - Fitness Class
6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers Rehearsal

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

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

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