



# FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at  
First Lutheran Church

February 25-March 3, 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!

## THE SEED OF JOY: LENT AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Throughout Lent, we will seek joy in various forms, embracing the journey and the joy found in scripture. There may be days when joy feels distant, but remember the fallow season won't last forever. Acknowledge moments when joy has felt absent or impossible - trust that joy will be restored by the God of resurrection. Embrace this Lent with hope and anticipation for the joy ahead. Join us for midweek worship every Wednesday during Lent at Noon in the Chapel and 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

## JOIN US FOR SOUP AND GOOD COMPANY ON WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

Join us for soup and fellowship at 12:30 PM after the Wednesday Lenten worship services or at 5:30 PM before the 6:30 PM service. Your freewill donation will support Morley and Pyrtle elementary schools' Backpack Program! We would also love it if you can help out by providing a crockpot of your best soup for one of the Wednesday meals! Sign up at <https://bit.ly/flclentsoup>.

## WE'RE HIRING A FACILITIES MANAGER

We are currently seeking a Facilities Maintenance Manager at First Lutheran. Please take a moment to review the online job description at <https://bit.ly/facilities-maintenance-manager> to determine if you meet the requirements, are interested, or know of a suitable candidate. Online applications will be accepted until March 15 or until the position is filled. For further details, please reach out to Pastor Erin Heidelberg.

## ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Join us for today's Adult Forum session from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Chapel! We will dive into the Cloisters on the Platte "Stations of the Cross" near Gretna, NE, exploring the 14 larger-than-life depictions of Jesus' final days through the eyes and hands of one of the sculptors. Mark your calendars for next Sunday's Forum when Pastor Greg Gabriel will lead a discussion on the church's numerical decline and creative, faithful responses to its challenges.

## FIRST FRIDAY JAZZ TO WELCOME CAMILLE METOYER MOTEN

Camille Metoyer Moten, a beloved jazz singer in Nebraska, is set to perform at the First Friday Jazz concert on March 1 at First Lutheran. Joining her are Dave Murphy on piano, Mark Haar on bass and Doug Montera on drums. Camille is a standout in Nebraska jazz, known for her nominations as Omaha's top jazz vocalist. She's a proud member of the Omaha Black Musicians Hall of Fame and the Nebraska Musicians Hall of Fame. The 90-minute free concert kicks off at 11:30 AM. Feel free to bring non-perishable food items for the Lincoln Lutheran Food Pantry!

## VBS 2024: WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Mark your calendar for an exciting week of VBS: *Who Is My Neighbor?* June 17-21! We will be partnering with Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (1200 S. 40th Street) again who will host this year's VBS. Registration information will be coming soon!

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## YOU ARE INVITED TO THE NIEBUHR SENIOR RECITAL

On Sunday, March 24, at 3:00 PM in the First Lutheran Church Sanctuary, Will, Xander and Aden Niebuhr will be presenting a senior recital, a culmination of their 13 years of hard work on their instruments. They will all present solo works on piano and strings, as well as a piano quartet and a string trio written by a local composer, Kara Baxter (who also happens to be their aunt!). The Niebuhr family would like to invite all First Lutheran members to attend the recital and we thank you for your support of their music endeavors throughout the years.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED IN MARCH

We are in need of volunteers not only for Sunday worship in March, but also for our mid-week Lent and Holy Week worship services. Sign up online for the day and time that works best for your schedule at [https://flclincoln.ivolunteer.com/first\\_quarter\\_2024](https://flclincoln.ivolunteer.com/first_quarter_2024). Try something new! Training is available for all worship roles. There are jobs for elementary age through adult and individuals and families! It takes all of us, staff and members, to help make our worship services happen and meaningful for everyone! Thank you for volunteering!

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

M. Joyce Hansen, Rev. Dr. Mary Jensen, Sylvia Kempf, Donna Nelson, Pastor Bill Peterson, Rod Price, Cindy Schuster, 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 Sears, Gloria Van Ackeren, Jan Kruse and the families of Sheila Exstrom and Nancie Kobza who both passed away on February 21.

## CONNECT WITH THE MINISTRY STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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 Communion Class  
10:45 AM - Worship  
Noon - Nuer Worship  
6:00 PM - Youth Group

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

1:30 PM - Coffee Talk  
7:00 PM - Endowment Board

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

12:45 PM - Staff Meeting  
5:00 PM - Justice in Action  
6:30 PM - Exodus Group  
7:00 PM - Property Committee

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:30 AM - Faith to Go!  
Noon - Midweek Lenten Worship  
12:30 PM - Soup Lunch  
5:30 PM - Soup Dinner  
6:30 PM - Midweek Lenten Worship  
7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

4:30 PM - Leap Day Coffee Break with High School Youth  
6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers Rehearsal  
8:00 PM - Gather & Gab

### FRIDAY, MARCH 1

11:30 AM - First Friday Jazz Concert  
3:15 pm - Backpack Distribution

### SATURDAY, MARCH 2

5:30 PM - Worship

### SUNDAY, MARCH 3 - New Member Welcome and Noisy Offering

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 Communion Class  
10:45 AM - Worship  
Noon - Nuer Worship  
3:00 PM - Youth Group to Glass Fusion in Omaha  
6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision