March 31-April 7, 2024

WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH! HAPPY EASTER!

He is risen! Alleluia! Welcome to Easter worship at First Lutheran! We are glad you are with us today! If you are visiting, we would love to know you were with us. Please fill out a Guest Card found in the pew slot and place it in the offering plate. Our children's nursery is open (but not staffed) if your child (or you!) needs a break from worship. There are also sensory/fidget toys available if your child needs to take one into the Sanctuary. You can also find a mother's room to the left of the women's restroom in the Commons area. Don't hesitate to ask one of the greeters or ushers any questions you might have. Otherwise, sit back, take a deep breath and rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Alleluia!

ENJOY EASTER BREAKFAST ON US!

Indulge in Easter breakfast in the Activity Center this morning from 8:30-11:00 AM! Enjoy egg casserole, muffins, coffeecake and cinnamon rolls, while sharing good conversation and fellowship with others! Huge thanks to our Fellowship Committee for hosting this annual Easter morning event!

MARK APRIL 14 AND MAY 2 ON YOUR CALENDAR

Justice in Action is an interfaith group in Lancaster County, Nebraska, uniting faith communities. It mobilizes people to address community issues. In 2023, it rallied 1,000+ supporters for criminal justice and mental health reform. They've now started a campaign on affordable housing. First Lutheran Church recently joined. What does this mean for our congregation? Join us on Sunday, April 14, 9:30-10:30 AM to find out. Save the date - May 2 for a significant event!

REGISTER TODAY FOR VBS

Join our community-wide Who Is My Neighbor Vacation Bible School on June 17-21! Kids aged 3 to 5th grade will enjoy story time, music, games, crafts and fun exploring the meaning of "neighbor" at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Lincoln (1200 S. 40th Street), this year's host. Register at <u>https://bit.ly/vbs2024_flc</u> or scan 🗖 🦝 the OR code!



CONNECT AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Take a moment to look at the laminated Pew Card in the hymnal rack to discover all the ways you can connect with others and the ministries of First Lutheran!

MY STORY, OUR STORY, GOD'S STORY, DIGITAL BOOK MAKES ITS DEBUT

During Lent 2022, My Story. Our Story. God's Story. invited First Lutheran households to share their pandemic experiences on canvases. The mosaic of 180+ member canvases was unveiled in the Commons on Easter Day 2022 and displayed until Easter 2023. Each canvas tile is photographed, cataloged in a digital photo book and ready for exploration by scanning the QR code or THE COMPANIE

visiting https://bit.ly/flc_my_story. Check out the canvases in the Gathering Area to experience members' stories and feel the faith, hope and community



spirit woven into each canvas. To those who added a canvas to the mosaic, thank you! Please pick up your tile at the table.

FIRST TOWN HALL FORUM OF 2024 COMING

Join us for the first Town Hall Forum and Potluck Lunch of 2024 on Sunday, April 14, kicking off at noon in the Activity Center. It's a chance to catch up on the latest news from the First Lutheran leadership and ministry team and ask any questions you may have. Plan to join us!

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SWING INTO SPRING AT FIRST FRIDAY JAZZ

"Swingin Into Spring" will be the theme for the April 5 First Friday Jazz concert at First Lutheran. The Andy Hall combo, with Andy on bass and vocals, Peter Bouffard on guitar, Scott Vicroy on tenor saxophone and Greg Ahl on drums, will perform jazz standards from the 20s to the 60s with a touch of Spring. The concert runs from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the Activity Center. No admission fee, but lunch is available for purchase. First Friday Jazz, in its 13th year, is a community outreach ministry by First Lutheran Church.

GET READY TO CONNECT WITH REALM

First Lutheran Church is shifting to Realm Connect - an online member management platform with numerous benefits for staff and members. Access Realm Connect on your desktop, iPad or mobile device from anywhere! Stay updated on meetings and events, message staff, committee chairs, or groups easily, volunteer or register for events, track donations, maintain a personal profile and access an updated photo directory. More details on setting up your profile and connecting via Realm will be coming soon! Until then,

share your primary email with us at https://bit.ly/update_your_email_address or scan the QR code with your smartphone. This will grant you access to Realm when the time comes. Thank you!



ARE YOU GOING THROUGH A TOUGH TIME?

First Lutheran Church is a caring congregation that offers support during tough times to anyone whether you are a member or not. If you need someone to talk to confidentially, reach out to a Stephen Minister for emotional support. Email to request a Stephen Minister at stephen.ministry@flclincoln.org.

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, Ann Masters, Megahn Schafer and Jane Shaner.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 AM - Worship

8:30 AM - Easter Breakfast

9:30 AM - Worship & Livestream

11:00 AM - Worship

Noon - Nuer Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 1

Church is closed for Easter holiday Pastor Erin on vacation through April 7

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

12:45 PM - Staff Meeting

6:30 PM - Exodus Group

7:00 PM - Endowment Board

7:00 PM - Executive Committee

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

6:00 PM - Discipleship University

7:10 PM - Adult Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers

8:00 PM - Gather & Gab

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

11:30 AM - First Friday Jazz

3:15 PM - BackPack Distribution

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

1:00 PM - Bob Falos 90th Birthday Open House (until 3:00 PM)

5:30 PM - Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 - Noisy Offering Sunday

8:15 am - Worship & Livestream

9:30 AM - Fellowship Hour

9:30 AM - Adult Forum

9:30 AM - FaithTrek, Middle & High School

Learning Hour

10:45 AM - Worship

Noon - Nuer Worship

6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry

For more information about these and other upcoming events, visit our calendar at https://flclincoln.org/events.