March 10-17, 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 worshiping 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

Join us for Holden Evening Prayer worship on Wednesday at Noon in the Chapel and 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary as we journey through Lent with hope, anticipating the joy of the resurrection. Enjoy soup and fellowship at 12:30 PM and 5:30 PM this Wednesday, March 13, and lasagna on Wednesday, March 20.

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday Worship at 8:15 \& 10:45 AM with an Intergenerational LEGO Gathering (9:30-10:30 AM)
- Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday Worship at Noon \& 6:30 PM with livestream
- Friday, March 29 - Good Friday Worship at Noon (a special service for families and kids) \& 6:30 PM with livestream
- Saturday, March 30 - Community Easter Vigil at 7:00 PM in collaboration with Spirit of Hope Lutheran, Zion Lutheran and Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran in Hickman
- Sunday, March 31 - Easter Breakfast (8:30-11:00 AM) with Worship at 8:00, 9:30 (with livestream) and 11:00 AM


## LEGO WONDERLAND TO OPEN AT FIRST

Imagine a vibrant LEGO hub filled with creativity and joy for all ages! A perfect spot for family bonding, friend hangouts or quality time with kids. First Lutheran is making this dream real for all. Got LEGO blocks lying around? Donate them to First Lutheran! Just look for the tote by the usher station to drop them in. Stay tuned for the LEGO wonderland opening soon!

## ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Join us for today's Adult Forum session from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Chapel! Sharon Hardel, our Youth \& Family Ministry Director, will lead a session on manging relational conflicts.

## EASTER WILL BE MORE THAN JUST WORSHIP

Easter at First Lutheran is going to be special! Join us for our fun Easter Celebration for Kids at 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 23. It's open to kids aged 3 through 5th grade, and friends are welcome! We will explore the Easter story, enjoy cool activities and hunt for Easter eggs (yes, including a special Golden Egg!). Remember to sign up online by March 17 at https://bit.ly/flc_easteregghunt so we can prepare everything just for you! We also need individually wrapped candy that fits inside the eggs for the hunt. Would you be up for buying some? Sign up online (https://bit.ly/flc_easter2024) to let us know you can lend a hand!

Our Easter Morning Breakfast will also be happening from 8:30-11:00 AM! We will be serving breakfast casserole, coffee cake, muffins and cinnamon rolls - all donated by our First members. Want to be one of those members? Sign up online at https://bit.ly/flc_easter2024 if you're up to buying or baking something for the breakfast!


Scan me to register for the Easter Egg Hunt!


Scan me to sign up to purchase candy for the Hunt and/or donate food for Easter breakfast!

## 2024 VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Exciting news! Registration is live for our community-wide Who Is My Neighbor Vacation Bible School on June 17-21! Join us for a week filled with story time, skits, music, games, crafts and heaps of fun as we dive into the meaning of "neighbor." We are once again partnering with Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Lincoln (1200 S. 40th Street), this year's host.

Looking for an enriching summer experience for your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews or neighbor's kids? From 8:30 AM to Noon daily, children aged 3 to 5th grade will explore daily themes with Bible verses to discover who their "neighbor" truly is. Register now for Who Is My Neighbor VBS at https://bit.ly/vbs2024_flc or by scanning the QR code with your smartphone camera!

## WHAT IS YOUR PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS?

Help us transition to Realm, our new member management software, by telling us what your primary email address is to receive communications. You can do it by scanning the QR code with your smartphone camera or by visiting https://bit.ly/update_your_email_address. Thank you!

## 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 Ann Masters.

## CONNECT WITH THE MINISTRY STAFF \& LEADERSHIP

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## this week at first

SUNDAY, MARCH 10
8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream
9:30 AM - Adult Forum
9:30 AM - NO FaithTrek, Middle and High
School Learning Hour (Spring Break)
10:45 AM - Worship
Noon - Nuer Worship
Noon - Vitality Initiative Cohort Meeting

## MONDAY, MARCH 11

1:30 PM - Coffee Talk
7:00 PM - Keeping God’s People in Stitches
TUESDAY, MARCH 12
7:00 AM - Adult Forum Planning
12:45 PM - Staff Meeting
2:00 PM - Lydia Circle
5:30 PM - Fellowship Committee
6:30 PM - Exodus Group
7:00 PM - Church Council
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
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, MARCH 14

10:00 AM - Service Project for Middle \& High
School Youth at Center for People
6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers Rehearsal
8:00 PM - Gather \& Gab
FRIDAY, MARCH 15
SATURDAY, MARCH 16
5:30 PM - Worship

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SUNDAY, MARCH 17 - First Communion Milestone
8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream
9:30 AM - Adult Forum
9:30 AM - FaithTrek, Middle and High School
Learning Hour
10:45 AM - Worship
Noon - Nuer Worship
2:00 PM - Frisbee Golf for Middle \& High School Youth
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