March 17-24, 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 our final Holden Evening Prayer Lenten worship on Wednesday at Noon in the Chapel and 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary Enjoy taco bowls and fellowship at 12:30 PM and 5:30 PM.

# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- · Saturday, March 23 NO WORSHIP
- 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 and Zion Lutheran in Lincoln 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

# SEEKING WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR UPCOMING MONTHS

Ready to serve as a worship assistant in April, May, or June? Whether you're interested in being a communion assistant, Bible Bearer, crucifer, reader, usher, greeter or part of the Altar Guild every role is vital for a meaningful Sunday worship experience! Volunteer today to join the team. Training provided for all roles, and all ages welcomed! Sign up online at <a href="https://flclincoln.ivolunteer.com/second\_quarter\_2024">https://flclincoln.ivolunteer.com/second\_quarter\_2024</a> or scan the QR code!

# ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Join us for today's Adult Forum session from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Chapel with a viewing and discussion of the video, *The Life of Apostle Peter*.

#### FIRST COMMUNION MILESTONE

Today, at the 10:45 AM service, we witness Sofia Long and Sabrina Andersen partake in their first Holy Communion. May this sacred meal be a source of strength, a gift of peace and a firm foundation as they grow in their faith. Sofia is Mike and Sarah Long's daughter, while Sabrina is Matt and Amanda Andersen's daughter.

# **WELCOME, MARTIN AND LUTHERS!**

Welcome Martin and Luthers, the UNL Lutheran Center Band, providing music for today's worship services! Thanks to Matt Schur, Matt Price, Dominic Ferraro, Whitney Schwisow and McKenna Olson for sharing your musical gifts!

#### REGISTER TODAY FOR EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter at First Lutheran will be special! Join us for a fun Easter Celebration for Kids at 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 23. Open to kids aged 3 to 5th grade, friends are welcome! Explore the Easter story, enjoy activities, and hunt for Easter eggs (including a special Golden Egg!). Sign up online by today at <a href="https://bit.ly/flc\_easteregghunt">https://bit.ly/flc\_easteregghunt</a> to join in the fun!



Scan to register for the Easter Egg Hunt!



Scan to sign up for candy at the Hunt or donate food for Easter breakfast!

# YOU'RE INVITED TO THE NIEBUHR SENIOR RECITAL

Next Sunday, March 24th, at 3:00 PM in the First Lutheran Church Sanctuary, Will, Xander and Aden Niebuhr will have a senior recital to mark 13 years of dedication to their instruments. They will perform solo pieces on piano and strings, along with a piano quartet and a string trio by local composer Kara Baxter (also their aunt!). The Niebuhr family invites all First Lutheran members to join the recital. Thank you for supporting their musical journey over the years.

# CELEBRATE THE BIG 9-0 WITH BOB FALOS

Celebrate with First Lutheran member, Bob Falos, as he hits the big 9-0! Stop by the Activity Center on Saturday, April 6, from 1:00-3:00 PM for an open house party! Leave the gifts behind and come with your joyful and playful spirit!

#### CREATE AND BUILD WITH LEGOS ON SUNDAY

Join us for a bit of fun building with LEGO blocks at our Palm Sunday Intergenerational Gathering on Sunday, March 24, from 9:30-10:30 AM, in the Activity Center! Let your creativity soar and discover what a touch of imagination can bring to life! And, do it with members of all ages!

### 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 and Megahn Schafer.

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### THIS WEEK AT FIRST

# 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 - Mini Golf for Middle & High School

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 18**

9:00 AM - Cook for Matt Talbot Kitchen

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

7:00 PM - Worship & Music Committee

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 19**

11:00 AM - Serve at Matt Talbot Kitchen

6:30 PM - Exodus Group

6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

9:30 AM - Martha Circle

Noon - Midweek Lenten Worship

12:30 PM - Taco Bowl Lunch

5:00 PM - String Ensemble

5:30 PM - Easter Youth Bell Rehearsal

5:30 PM - Taco Bowl Dinner

6:30 PM - Midweek Lenten Worship

7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 21

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

10:00 AM - Esther Circle

6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers Rehearsal

8:00 PM - Gather & Gab

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 22

3:15 PM - BackPack Distibution

7:00 PM - High School Camp Lock In

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 23**

8:00 AM - Saturday Morning with the Guys

1:30 PM - String Ensemble Rehearsal

2:00 PM - Children's Easter Celebration

NO SATURDAY WORSHIP

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 24 - Palm Sunday

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream

9:30 AM - All Generational LEGO Gathering

10:45 AM - Worship

Noon - Nuer Worship

3:00 PM - Niebuhr Senior Recital