



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

April 21-28, 2024

WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Welcome to worship at First Lutheran! We're so happy you're here! If you've worshipped with us before, welcome back! If this is your first time, a big welcome to you! Don't forget to fill out the Guest Card in the Sanctuary pew slots so we know you were here. Feel free to ask the ushers or the person next to you any questions you might have. We hope you feel God's love, grace and mercy as you worship with us today!

WARTBURG COLLEGE CHOIR SEEKING HOMESTAY HOSTS

Abendmusik at First Plymouth Church needs homestays for eighty Wartburg College Choir students for their April 27 concert. They are seeking hosts. Students need a place to stay after the 7:00 PM concert on April 27 until 9:30 AM, April 28. Choir members can stay in pairs or more, sharing rooms and beds if queen-sized or larger. A Saturday night snack and Sunday breakfast would be great. Can you host? Sign up at https://bit.ly/abendmusik_hosting. Help us show First Lutheran's warmth and hospitality. Any questions? Contact Matthew at matthew@abendmusik.org.

MARCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

March closed quarter one with \$93k in receipts and \$82k in expenses. Larger service invoices for heating and cooling systems are being managed. Year-to-date, receipts are nearly \$24k above budget due to early pledge fulfillment. Expenses are over budget by \$158, but overall trending closely as expected.

FIRST LUTHERAN TO HOST LINCOLN ORGAN SHOWCASE CONCERT TODAY

The Lincoln Organ Showcase Concert is happening today at First Lutheran at 4:00 PM, featuring the talented organist Elena Baquerizo. Elena, a rising star in organ performance, is currently studying at Rice University for her DMA and holds MM and BM degrees from Juilliard. She's received many awards from top competitions. Make sure not to miss her amazing program on the Van Daalen organ at First Lutheran!

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Come to the Chapel today from 9:30-10:30 AM for *Backyard Gardening* with Jeff Culbertson, UNL's Director of Landscape Operations and First Lutheran member. He will share insights on enhancing your landscape to cope with Nebraska's unpredictable weather, valuable tips on lawn, tree and shrub care and answer your landscaping questions.

WHAT'S YOUR ENNEAGRAM NUMBER?

Has your curiosity been peaked hearing church folk talking about their Enneagram number? Now is your chance to learn the essentials of Enneagram. Rev. Edgar Schumbach will be leading this *Emmaus: Lifelong Learning* course in person in Lincoln on May 4 from 9:00 AM-Noon. The workshop will provide an overview of key aspects of the Enneagram's nine points and its three triads, touching on key aspects of the Enneagram not often found in popular literature. Our workshop also will share how to use the Enneagram in one's spiritual journey. Registration deadline is April 26 at <https://nebraskasynod.org/event/enneagram-whats-that>. Open to pew sitters and clergy. Bring a friend!

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SAVE THE DATE: MAY 2

Mark your calendars for May 2nd, 6:30 PM! Join us as we stand together to represent First Lutheran at the Justice in Action Nehemiah Action Assembly hosted at St. Mark's Methodist Church. Over 1,000 individuals from the 25 JIA member congregations, including First Lutheran, will come together with local city and county leaders to tackle critical issues such as mental health navigation, adult pre-trial diversion and affordable housing. Let's make a difference!

YOU DON'T NEED TO FACE HARDSHIPS ALONE

God never meant for us to face life's challenges alone. In times of hardship, having a compassionate listener who provides Christian care can turn the seemingly impossible into a reality. This is the compassionate support that Stephen Ministers at First Lutheran provide. Whether you or someone you know require a listening ear (and they need not be a First member!), do not hesitate to connect with a Stephen Minister for confidential conversations and emotional assistance. Kindly reach out via 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, Elaine Kruse, Vern Westberg, Amy Thorpe, Richard Bouma, Ralph Hayden, Jay Sears, Gloria Van Ackeren, Jan Kruse, Ann Masters, Megahn Schafer, Delores Roundey and Beth Scott and family on the death of her husband, Merl, on April 15. His memorial service was held at First Lutheran on April 20.

CONNECT WITH THE MINISTRY STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Pastor Erin Heidelberger, Lead Pastor (pastorerin@flclincoln.org)
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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream
9:30 AM - Learning Hour: Adult Forum, FaithTrek, Middle & High School
9:30 AM - Fellowship Time
10:45 AM - Worship
Noon - Nuer Worship
1:30 PM - Vitality Initiative Cohort Meeting
4:00 PM - Lincoln Organ Showcase Concert
6:00 PM - Youth Group Summer Trip Planning

MONDAY, APRIL 22

9:30 AM - Fitness Class
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

12:45 PM - Staff Meeting
5:45 PM - Bible Study Group
6:30 PM - Exodus Group
6:30 PM - Realm Soft Launch Meeting
7:00 PM - Property Committee

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

9:00 AM - Quilters
9:30 AM - Fitness Class
6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers
8:00 PM - Gather & Gab

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream
9:30 AM - Learning Hour: Adult Forum, FaithTrek, Middle & High School
9:30 AM - Fellowship Time
10:45 AM - Worship
Noon - Nuer Worship
3:30 PM - Erin Niebuhr Piano Recital
6:00 PM - Youth Group Picnic at Roberts Park