



# FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at  
First Lutheran Church

April 7-14, 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!

## FIRST LUTHERAN A NEW MEMBER OF JUSTICE IN ACTION COALITION

Our commitment to embodying our Welcome Statement, aligned with our liturgy's baptismal promises to promote justice and peace globally, is clear! Join us in exploring the Congregation Council's recent decision to collaborate with Justice in Action (JIA), a coalition of 24 Lincoln faith communities. Alongside other congregations, we will address local issues and propose solutions, focusing on Affordable Housing, a Mental Health Care Navigation System and Pre-Trial Diversion services expansion. Find more details at <https://www.justice-in-action.org> or in today's bulletin insert. Mark your calendar for these events:

- April 13th and 14th: Justice in Action Temple Talks during worship services
- April 14th, 9:30 AM: Information session in the Activity Center with JIA staff
- May 2nd, 6:30-8:00 PM: Nehemiah Gathering at St. Mark's Methodist Church in Lincoln

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## BIBLE STUDY GROUPS RESUMING THIS WEEK

Our weekly bible study groups on Tuesdays at 5:45 PM and Wednesdays at 10:30 AM will resume this week. Join one even if you haven't attended previously!

## ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Come to the Chapel today from 9:30-10:30 AM for "Supernal Anthems Echoing: The Poetry of our Hymns." Priscilla Hayden-Roy will explore hymns as poetic expressions of theological concepts, delving into hymn language and author techniques.

## TOWN HALL FORUM NEXT SUNDAY

Join us for the first Town Hall Forum and Potluck Lunch of 2024 next 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!

## TODAY IS NOISY OFFERING

Returning home during school breaks in northern Tanzania can be risky for young students due to Maasai customs. ERIPOTO, a Tanzanian nonprofit by Esuvat Lukumay, supports girls with a safe house during breaks and a residence for young mothers. The organization offers counseling, education and sewing lessons, aiming to empower women and girls in Tanzania against inequalities. ERIPOTO has been a partner with First Lutheran's Gifts of Hope market. Empower Tanzanian women and girls with your change and bills during today's Noisy Offering!

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## DONATE GARDEN TOOLS FOR REVERSE GARAGE SALE

As you clean out your garage or shed this spring, consider donating garden tools for the "Reverse Garage Sale." First member, Mark Mesarch, manages the UNL East Campus Community Gardens (ECCG) for university faculty, staff and students. Over fifty families from different countries grow crops for themselves and donate extras to the Husker Pantry, a campus food bank. The families lack hand tools like hoes, shovels and turning forks. We are collecting gently used hand tools for them. If you have tools to donate, send photos to Mark at [unleatcampusgardens@unl.edu](mailto:unleatcampusgardens@unl.edu), along with your details, and he will coordinate the tool collection. A pick-up event is set for April 21 at church.

## MY STORY. OUR STORY. GOD'S STORY. DIGITAL PHOTO BOOK DEBUTS

First Lutheran families were invited to share their pandemic stories on canvases. The collection of 180+ canvases was revealed on Easter Day 2022 and exhibited until Easter 2023. Each canvas tile has been cataloged in a digital photo book and can be explored by visiting [https://bit.ly/flc\\_my\\_story](https://bit.ly/flc_my_story). Visit the Gathering Area to experience members' stories and the woven faith, hope and community spirit. Thank you to those who contributed a canvas - please pick up your tile at the table.

## 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, David Pitts, Ralph Hayden, Jay Sears, Gloria Van Ackeren, Jan Kruse, Ann Masters, Megahn Schafer, Jane Shaner and Delores Roundey.

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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7 - Noisy Offering Sunday

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream

9:30 AM - Learning Hour: Adult Forum, FaithTrek, Middle & High School

10:45 AM - Worship

Noon - Nuer Worship

6:00 PM - Youth Group Scavenger Hunt

6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

### MONDAY, APRIL 8

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

6:00 PM - Columbarium Committee

7:00 PM - Keeping God's People in Stitches

### TUESDAY, APRIL 9

7:00 AM - Adult Forum Planning

12:45 PM - Staff Meeting

2:00 PM - Lydia Circle

5:30 PM - Fellowship Committee

5:45 PM - Bible Study Group

6:30 PM - Social Ministry Committee

6:30 PM - Exodus Group

7:00 PM - Congregational Council

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

6:30 AM - Faith to Go!

10:30 AM - Bible Study Group

6:30 PM - Gifts of Hope Evaluation

7:00 PM - Endowment Board

7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers

7:00 PM - Vitality Initiative Coaching

8:00 PM - Gather & Gab

### FRIDAY, APRIL 12

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

### SATURDAY, APRIL 13

8:00 AM - Saturday Morning with the Guys

5:30 PM - Worship

### SUNDAY, APRIL 14 - Justice in Action Sunday

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream

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