



# FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at  
First Lutheran Church

August 4-11, 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! We hope you feel God's love, grace and mercy as you worship with us today!

## TODAY'S GOOD BOOK SUMMER SERMON SERIES: "P" IS FOR PUAH

Today's Good Book sermon will focus on Exodus 1:15-22 and the story of Puah. We don't often spend a lot of time talking about Puah's story (and her colleague Shiphrah) and their role in the Exodus story, but they played a significant role in making sure babies were born. Puah was a Hebrew midwife who delivered the children of the Israelites during the Egyptian servitude. She disobeyed Pharaoh's command and did not kill the Israelite male newborns. Listen to her story and think about its significance for you.

## THANKS TO TODAY'S MUSICIANS

We extend our gratitude to Brian Niebhur, our organist, and the talented musicians who are contributing to today's worship services while Boyd, Masako and Bennett take a well-deserved break. This exemplifies the musical talent and dedication to service that define our First members!

## IT'S NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY

On April 26, an EF-4 tornado devastated Elkhorn, Bennington, and Blair, causing unprecedented loss. Families were displaced, possessions lost and lives forever changed. Immediate aid poured in from individuals, churches and organizations, including the Nebraska Synod. The Nebraska Synod Disaster Response continues to provide support. As the recovery process persists, consistent support remains crucial. Your financial contributions are as significant now as they were in the immediate aftermath of the tornadoes. Let's make a joyful noise during today's Noisy Offering for Disaster Response and help the tornado victims!

## SUMMER TRIP AND CAMP REFLECTIONS FROM OUR YOUTH

Come to the Activity Center today at 9:30 AM and hear from the youth who participated in summer camp and trips to Louisville, KY and New Orleans! Enjoy a slide show of photos and stories about their experiences and adventures.

## SUPPORT FOSTER CARE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AT CEDARS HOME

Our final month of summer service will support Cedars Home for Children. Throughout August, we will gather essential items for foster care children and families at Cedars Home. Visit the display in the Gathering Area to contribute and learn more.

Requested items include boy's & teens underwear, girl's & teens underwear, boy's, girl's & teens T-shirts (preferably solid colors; generic patterns are acceptable), diapers (Sizes 3-6) and hygiene products (deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.). Thank you for your generosity!

## TWO WAYS TO SUPPORT FALL FESTIVAL

Our 3rd annual Fall Festival is coming up on Sunday, October 6 and promises to be the best one yet! The planning team is busy arranging food trucks, games, live music and volunteers. Working within a limited budget presents its challenges, so the team seeks assistance in two areas. Have a tent for shade to offer? Thrivent member? Consider applying for a \$250 Community Impact Card. The application is easy and quick. Contact [kathleen@flclincoln.org](mailto:kathleen@flclincoln.org) if you can help. Thank you!

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## BRING YOUR BACKPACK TO WORSHIP NEXT WEEKEND FOR A BLESSING

For all ages heading back to the classroom, and for all school employees, join us for worship next Saturday evening at 5:30 PM or Sunday morning at 8:15 or 10:45 AM with your backpack, briefcase, bus keys, lunch bag, or whatever you take to school and get a backpack tag and blessing from the congregation!

## PASTOR PATIO GATHERING RESCHEDULED

Due to the excessive heat, the Pastor Patio Gathering planned for Wednesday, July 31, was rescheduled to Wednesday, August 28 from 7-9 PM. Mark your calendar and plan to gather on what hopes to be a much cooler evening!

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

M. Joyce Hansen, Rev. Dr. Mary Jensen, Sylvia Kempf, Donna Nelson, Pastor Bill Peterson, Cindy Schuster, Betty Miller, Mary Brass, Harold Borchert, Jeanette Metteer, Dennis Schuster, De Hansen, Mariann Schafer, Vern Westberg, Richard Bouma, Ralph Hayden, Jay Sears, Gloria Van Ackeren, Jan Kruse, Kay Rockwell, Bob Wessels, Seth Nitzel, Kristina Hanson, Judy Peterson, Tracy Troutman and Kathy Dalby.

Blessings to Edie Erickson who was baptized on July 27. Edie is 4 years old and is the daughter of Sara (member, daughter of Barry & Vicki Graham) and Jesse Erickson and sister of Ethan and Declan. Sponsors were Michael Graham and Trista Hansen.

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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

8:15 AM - Worship & Livestream

9:30 AM - Youth Summer Trip & Camp Reflections

10:45 AM - Worship

Noon - Nuer Worship

### MONDAY, AUGUST 5

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

6:30 PM - Fall Festival Planning

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

**(Pastor Erin out for continuing education through August 10)**

12:30 PM - Staff Meeting

6:30 PM - Exodus Group

7:00 PM - Executive Committee

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

10:30 AM - Bible Study

6:00 PM - Grief Support Class

6:30 PM - Gifts of Hope Planning Team

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 - BACKPACK BLESSING

8:00 AM - Saturday Morning with the Guys

5:30 PM - Worship

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 - BACKPACK BLESSING

8:15 AM - Worship & Livestream

9:30 AM - Adult Bible Study

10:45 AM - Worship

Noon - Nuer Worship

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Summer Family Choir - Sunday, August 11; 10:45 AM Worship
- Coffee with Pastor Erin - Sunday, August 11; 9:30-10:45 AM
- Jazz Sunday - August 18; 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship