



# FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at  
First Lutheran Church

July 14-21, 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!

## WHO ARE WE? WHAT IS OUR IDENTITY? FIRST LUTHERAN'S VITALITY INITIATIVE

The Nebraska Synod's Vitality Initiative supports congregations in adapting to cultural changes by fostering discipleship and missional imagination. During the past seven months, First Lutheran's Vitality Initiative team - Faye Doolittle, Amy Harrison, Steve & Tiffany Henn, Doug Lind-Olson, Ben & Leah Middendorf, Natalie Peters, Dara Troutman and Pastor Erin Heidelberger - coached by Deacon Sunni Richardson from the Nebraska Synod staff (and our guest preacher today), have been exploring our identity, community and God's call. Join us at the Town Hall meeting following worship today to learn more about First Lutheran's Vitality Initiative and discover what our team is learning about our congregation's vocation and imagining for our future! And, welcome, Deacon Sunni Richardson!

## SUMMER SERVING: LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES - OUR JULY PARTNER

Our summer of service continues in July as we gather essential items for Lutheran Family Services. These contributions will support clients through the LFS Well-Being Box Program, aiding parents in the fatherhood program, individuals at mental health clinics and victims of flood disasters. Visit the display in the Gathering Area for more information and to drop off your donations during the month. The list of needed items is available online at [https://bit.ly/lfs\\_donate](https://bit.ly/lfs_donate) or scanning the QR code with your smartphone camera. We appreciate your generosity!



## POTLUCK LUNCH & TOWN HALL MEETING TODAY

Join us for our Town Hall meeting and potluck lunch today, starting at noon. After worship, gather for a potluck in the Activity Center to share lunch with your First Lutheran friends. Kids can enjoy the LEGO room with Laura Grauly, our FaithTrek Coordinator, and the nursery will also be available. Following lunch, our Town Hall meeting will address the impact of our building debt on future budgets, maintenance concerns and funding status. Your presence, updates, feedback and questions are vital.

## YOU'RE INVITED TO COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR AND PASTOR PATIO GATHERING

Join Pastor Erin next Sunday morning for "Coffee with the Pastor" from 9:30-10:15 AM in the Gathering Area (in the sitting area between the front entry and the sacristy). Are you a visitor or newcomer to First Lutheran who would like to know more about the church? Are you a long-time member who would like a chance to chat with one of our pastors? Join Pastor Erin for coffee and conversation!

You're also invited to a casual open house gathering on Pastor Erin's patio on July 31, from 7:00-9:00 PM, weather permitting. Snacks and drinks will be available, but feel free to bring your favorites to share. All are welcome to her home at 4804 S. 44th St. The patio is easily accessible through the garage with no stairs. Join us for a time of fellowship and conversation with your fellow First Lutheran members!

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## GODSPEED RECEPTION FOR SUSAN MYREN

Join us for a reception after Sunday's late service on July 21 to wish Susan Myren well as she moves to Whidbey Island, Washington to be closer to family. Feel free to bring cards or write a personal message on-site. Let's bid her farewell together.

## FIRST YOUTH TO ATTEND 2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

"Created to Be..." is the theme of the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering that Aden Niebuhr, Will Niebuhr, Xander Niebuhr, Dakota Fisher, Hannah Torrey, Owen Paulsen, Maxx Clark, Cora Hoeft, Sophia Johnson-Alvarez, Maya Troutman, Jenna Troutman, Pastor Andrew Kitzing and Sharon Hardel will attend this week in New Orleans. They will delve into discussions on justice, mental health and anti-racism throughout the event. The group plans to embrace their true selves as brave, authentic and free disruptive disciples - just as they were created to be! Follow their journey this week through our social media and website's News Blog!

## 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, Kathy Dalby, Dakota Fisher and Julius Swen and family on the passing of his daughter. Blessings and prayers also for Stephen Fisher, Sawyer White and Kenton White who will be attending Camp Carol Joy Holling and the thirteen high school youth and adults who will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this week.

## CONNECT WITH THE MINISTRY STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, JULY 14

9:30 AM - Fellowship Time

9:30 AM - Music Rehearsal

10:45 AM - Worship with Livestream

Noon - Nuer Worship

Noon - Town Hall Meeting and Potluck Lunch

### MONDAY, JULY 15

9:00 AM - Cook for Matt Talbot Kitchen

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

5:45 PM - MADD Impact Panel

### TUESDAY, JULY 16

11:00 AM - Serve at Matt Talbot Kitchen

6:30 PM - Exodus Group

6:30 PM - Social Ministry

6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

10:30 AM - Bible Study

6:00 PM - Grief Support Class

7:00 PM - Stewardship Team

### THURSDAY, JULY 18

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

10:00 AM - Esther Circle

### FRIDAY, JULY 19

### SATURDAY, JULY 20

5:30 PM - Worship

### SUNDAY, JULY 21

8:15 AM - Worship (*No Livestream - Recording will be available on Facebook on July 22*)

9:30 AM - Fellowship Time

9:30 AM - Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM - Music Rehearsal

10:45 AM - Worship

11:45 AM - Godspeed Reception for Susan Myren

Noon - Nuer Worship

## SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT NEXT SUNDAY'S LIVESTREAM

The 8:15 AM worship service next Sunday will not be streamed. It will be recorded and shared on Facebook on Monday.