



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

July 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! We hope you feel God's love, grace and mercy as you worship with us today!

TODAY'S GOOD BOOK SUMMER SERMON SERIES: "S" IS FOR SALT

Today, our Good Book summer sermon series will explore the story of Lot's wife, as recounted in Genesis 19:15-17, 24-26. Historically, interpreters have seldom shown grace towards Lot's wife, often making assumptions about her without considering why she looked back. This tendency to judge without understanding is something we all can relate to - a moment when we made assumptions about others without taking the time to delve deeper.

But what if we did? We might discover shared experiences and find that we have more in common with one another and with the characters in Scripture than we realize. Why did Lot's wife look back? Perhaps for the same reasons we often do - and maybe her story is an invitation for all of us to move forward.

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 or scanning the QR code with your smartphone camera. We appreciate your generosity!



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

Join Pastor Erin this morning for "Coffee with the Pastor" from 9:30-10:15 AM in the Gathering Area. Whether you're new to First Lutheran or a longtime member looking to chat with a pastor, come for coffee and conversation!

You're also invited to a casual open house at Pastor Erin's patio on July 31, 7-9 PM, weather permitting. Snacks and drinks provided, bring your favorites to share. All are welcome at 4804 S. 44th St. with the patio accessible through the garage. Join us for fellowship and conversation with fellow First Lutheran members!

BID FAREWELL TO SUSAN MYREN TODAY

Join us for a reception today after the 10:45 AM late service on July 21 to wish Susan Myren well as she moves to Whidbey Island, Washington to be closer to family. She is a long-time member of First Lutheran and has served the church in a number of capacities, including as a member of Council, as a delegate to Synod Assembly, and as a choir member, to name a few. Feel free to bring cards or write a personal message on-site. Let's bid her farewell together.

JOIN US FOR CAMP MUSIC SUNDAY

Remember those fun church camp songs? Have a t-shirt from a past camp you've kept for nostalgia? Put on your camp clothes (including nostalgic t-shirts!) and join us for Camp Music Sunday next week to sing everyone's favorite camp songs!

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YOU DON'T HAVE TO WALK ALONE

"My Stephen Minister's participation in my life made the difference between suffering silently and knowing instead that someone cared for me and could be counted on to demonstrate genuine compassion throughout my emotional roller coaster."

Are you struggling with something in life - death of a loved one, the end of a friendship or significant relationship, a health-related diagnosis, loss of employment, moving to a new community or another life-changing event? At First Lutheran, our Stephen Ministers provide attentive listening, heartfelt prayers and compassionate Christian care. Their support is accessible to anyone, member or not, and is confidential and at no cost to you. You don't have to walk alone. Reach out to a Stephen Minister at stephen.ministry@flclincoln.org.

SHARON HARDEL TO BEGIN 7-WEEK SABBATICAL

Sharon Hardel, our Youth & Family Ministry Director, will begin a 7-week sabbatical beginning July 28 through September 15. To learn more about how she plans to spend her sabbatical time, read the July 17 News blog on our website at www.flclincoln.org/news. For ministry questions during this time, contact Mandy in the office.

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.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

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 - Music Rehearsal

9:30 AM - Coffee with Pastor Erin

10:45 AM - Worship

11:45 AM - Godspeed Reception for Susan Myren

Noon - Nuer Worship

MONDAY, JULY 22

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

6:30 PM - Fall Festival Planning

TUESDAY, JULY 23

12:30 PM - Staff Meeting

5:45 PM - Bible Study

6:30 PM - Exodus Group

7:00 PM - Property Committee

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

10:30 AM - Bible Study

6:00 PM - Grief Support Class

THURSDAY, JULY 25

9:00 AM - Quilters

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

6:30 AM - Gifts of Hope Vision Team

FRIDAY, JULY 26

SATURDAY, JULY 27

5:30 PM - Worship

SUNDAY, JULY 28 - CAMP MUSIC SUNDAY

8:15 AM - Worship & Livestream

9:30 AM - Fellowship Time

9:30 AM - Music Rehearsal

9:30 AM - Adult Bible Study

10:45 AM - Worship

Noon - Nuer Worship

LOOKING AHEAD

- Youth Summer Reflections - Sunday, August 4; 9:30-10:30 AM; Hear about the experiences of the middle and high school youth who traveled to Louisville, KY and New Orleans this summer
- Backpack Blessing - Sunday, August 11