

July 28-August 4, 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: "J" IS FOR JOSEPH

Years after Joseph is the recipient of his brothers' jealousy and is sold into slavery in Egypt, he eventually reunites with them. In a twist of fate, they find themselves in need while he holds power. Instead of seeking vengeance or succumbing to anger, Joseph chooses a path of forgiveness and compassion. Today's Good Book summer sermon series will delve into Joseph's compelling narrative, as depicted in Genesis 50:15-21. Through his response, we can learn valuable lessons on how to identify and mend relationships in our life, offering a guiding blueprint for reconciliation and healing.

WELCOME TO CAMP MUSIC SUNDAY

From the silly songs that echoed around the campfire to the heartfelt hymns sung under the starlit sky, church camp songs have a magical way of weaving themselves into the fabric of our memories. Join us today to relive those cherished childhood moments and immerse yourself in the nostalgic tunes of Camp Music Sunday during our worship services.

ENJOY FELLOWSHIP TIME AT THE PASTOR PATIO GATHERING

Come hang out at Pastor Erin's patio on July 31, 7-9 PM, weather permitting. We've got snacks and drinks covered, but feel free to bring your favorites to share. Everyone is welcome at 4804 S. 44th St., just head to the patio through the garage. Let's enjoy some fellowship and chat with fellow First Lutheran members! See you there!

JOIN THE SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor Erin for a Sunday morning Bible Study today. The study, based on the day's lectionary, will be held in the Chapel (located in the northwest corner of the building) from 9:30-10:30 AM, replacing the Adult Forum. The Sunday morning study will run through August 18, taking a break next Sunday, August 4.

LAST WEEK TO SUPPORT OUR JULY SERVING PARTNER

This is the last week for you to donate 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. The list of needed items is available online at https://bit.ly/lfs_donate or scanning the QR code with your smartphone camera. Our upcoming August service project will support



Cedars Home for Children by providing essential personal items for foster children and families. Review the list of needed items at www.flclincoln.org/news/cedars_home.

JOIN REALM CONNECT TODAY

Join Realm Connect, our online member platform for updates, events, staff connections and more. Download the app and create your account and begin engaging with First Lutheran ministries! Contact <u>mandy@flclincoln.org</u> for assistance.

YOUTH SUMMER TRIP REFLECTIONS TO BE SHARED NEXT SUNDAY

Join us next Sunday, August 4, from 9:30-10:30 AM, to hear our middle and high school youth and adults share their reflections on their summer experiences in Louisville, KY, and New Orleans. Hear how they served, formed new friendships, witnessed God's work, explored sights and gained insights about the people and places they visited. Come and listen to their stories!

MONDAY OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you like meeting people and making them feel welcome in church? Our "Monday Volunteers" are asking for volunteers to help cover the office on Mondays or when our Parish Coordinator is on vacation or out of office. Current volunteers cover about a 4-hour shift and can chose a morning or afternoon spot. If interested in volunteering or wanting more information reach out to Gay Sutter at <u>gaysttr@gmail.com</u>. Training for new and current volunteers on office equipment will be provided.

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.

CONNECT WITH THE MINISTRY STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Pastor Erin Heidelberger, Lead Pastor (pastorerin@flclincoln.org) Pastor Andrew Kitzing, Associate Pastor (pastorandrew@flclincoln.org) Pastor Marsha Anderson, Visitation Pastor (pstrmarsha@aol.com) Masako and Boyd Bacon, Directors of Music & Worship (musicflclincoln@gmail.com) Sharon Hardel, Director of Youth & Family Ministry (sharon@flclincoln.org) Laura Graulty, FaithTrek Coordinator (laura@flclincoln.org) Kathleen Simley, Director of Communications (kathleen@flclincoln.org) Mandy West, Parish Coordinator (mandy@flclincoln.org) Janis Strautkalns, Facilities Maintenance Manager (janis@flclincoln.org) Wyatt Swanson, Church Accountant (wyatt@flclincoln.org) Eryan Hanson, Church Accountant (bryan@flclincoln.org) Lee Rockwell (leerockwell65@gmail.com)

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, JULY 28

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

MONDAY, JULY 29

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

TUESDAY, JULY 30

5:45 PM - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Exodus Group 7:00 PM - Property Committee 7:00 PM - Stewardship Team

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

10:30 AM - Bible Study 6:00 PM - Grief Support Class 7:00 PM - Pastor's Patio Gathering

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1 9:30 AM - Fitness Class

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 5:30 PM - Worship

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

8:15 AM - Worship & Livestream
9:30 AM - Youth Summer Trip Reflections
10:45 AM - Worship
Noon - Nuer Worship
6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

LOOKING AHEAD

- Noisy Offering for Synod Disaster Relief -Sunday, August 4
- Backpack Blessing Sunday, August 11; 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship
- 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