

FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

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

NEW SUMMER SERMON SERIES BEGINS TODAY

Today we begin our new summer sermon series titled *The Good Book: Meeting Our Ancestors in Faith, One Story at a Time*. This 8-week journey will help us rediscover the "good" in the Good Book, as we delve into ancient stories of faith from the Old and New Testaments, drawing parallels to our lives today. Today's focal point is "I is for Israel," drawing inspiration from Genesis 32:24-28 and the tale of Jacob. Listen and contemplate as you hear his story and how it intertwines with your own.

TOWN HALL WITH POTLUCK LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY - CHANGE IN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Join us for our Town Hall meeting and potluck lunch on Sunday, July 14, starting at noon. There will be a single worship service with a livestream at 10:45 AM (no Saturday evening worship on July 13th). Deacon Sunni Richardson from the Synod staff will be our guest preacher, focusing on the Vitality Initiative.

After worship, gather for a potluck to share your favorite dishes - from main courses to salads, veggies and desserts. Singles, please bring one dish, while couples and families are encouraged to bring two. Kids can enjoy the LEGO room with Laura Graulty, 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.

JOIN THE SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor Andrew 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, July 14.

TODAY IS NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY

After a storm hits New Orleans, power outages lead to health concerns in the hot Gulf Coast summers. City leaders and organizers have pinpointed the top eight needed items for residents during these times. At the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans from July 16-21, the goal is to put together 3,000 disaster relief kits for locals. Each kit, costing around \$100 to make, will offer vital support post-disaster. Your Noisy Offering today will directly support the creation of these kits and will be given by First Lutheran youth at the Gathering. Drop your change and bills in the Noisy Offering silver pot during today's offertory as we help New Orleanians!


BUY YOUR SALTDogs TICKETS TODAY

Tickets are available for *A Night at the Saltdogs* on Friday, July 12! Join your First Lutheran friends for a pre-game tailgate at 5:30 PM, followed by the game at 7:05 PM and post-game fireworks. Each ticket costs \$15. Get your tickets in the Gathering Area today! The tailgate will be in the SW corner of the parking lot, with hot dogs, salad, watermelon, beans and root beer floats available. See you at the ball park!

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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 throughout 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!

GODSPEED RECEPTION FOR SUSAN MYREN

You're invited to a reception after the Sunday late service on July 21 to share good wishes and godspeed messages with Susan Myren, a long-time member of First Lutheran. Susan is moving to Whidbey Island, Washington, at month-end to be closer to family on the West Coast after calling Lincoln home for over 40 years. You are invited to bring cards or write a personal message on-site. A basket for receiving your well wishes will be provided. Join us to bid her farewell.

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 7

(Pastor Erin on Vacation through July 10)

8:15 AM - Worship and Livestream
9:30 AM - Adult Bible Study
9:30 AM - Fellowship Hour
9:30 AM - Music Rehearsal
10:45 AM - Worship
Noon - Nuer Worship
6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

MONDAY, JULY 8

9:30 AM - Fitness Class
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk
6:30 PM - Fall Festival Planning
7:00 PM - Keeping God's People in Stitches

TUESDAY, JULY 9

7:00 AM - Adult Forum Planning
12:30 PM - Staff Meeting
5:30 PM - Fellowship Committee
5:45 PM - Bible Study
6:30 PM - Exodus Group

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

6:30 AM - Faith to Go!

THURSDAY, JULY 11

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

FRIDAY, JULY 12

5:30 PM - Saltdogs Tailgate and Ball Game

SATURDAY, JULY 13

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

LOOKING AHEAD...

- Wednesday, July 31 - Pastor Patio Gathering at Pastor Erin's Home; 7-9 PM
- Sunday, August 11 - Backpack Blessing during worship services
- Sunday, September 8 - FaithTrek, Middle & High School Learning Year Begins