



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

September 1-8, 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: "N" IS FOR NICODEMUS

We wrap up our Good Book summer sermon series today with scripture from John 3:1-10. We hear the story of Nicodemus who shows up by the cover of night to ask questions and learn from Jesus. But that's not the only time he appears in scripture and the other moments are a lesson in what it means to risk little, and show up too late. How might these later stories of Nicodemus teach us that there is always more to learn about ourselves, each other and God?

IT'S NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY!

When women and children experience domestic violence, they often feel isolated and struggle to find safety from trauma. The Friendship Home in Lincoln serves as a lifeline, helping survivors rebuild during tough times and offering hope for the future. Today's Noisy Offering supports the Friendship Home's Safe Quarters event on October 13. The event raises funds for survivors, providing shelter, crisis intervention, and ongoing support. Their aim is to raise \$100,000 to continue aiding those in need. So, dig out your quarters (bills are accepted, too!) and let's support the Friendship Home!

MONDAY VOLUTEERS NEEDED

Enjoy meeting people and making them feel welcome in church? Our "Monday Volunteers" need help covering the office on Mondays or when our Parish Coordinator is away. Volunteers cover a 4-hour shift, morning or afternoon. To volunteer or for more info, contact Gay Sutter at gaystrtr@gmail.com. Training on office equipment provided.

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Join us in the Chapel this morning from 9:30-10:30 AM for Adult Forum. View a video sponsored by the ELCA in which Rick Steves, noted for his PBS travelogues, will look at the life and travels of the Apostle Paul. This is a companion video to the video on the Apostle Peter that we watched last spring.

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR THE ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Hurry! **Secure your spot for the All-Church Retreat on September 21 at Camp Carol Joy Holling by today's deadline!** This retreat, perfect for all ages, starts at 9:30 AM with a flexible arrival time. Enjoy activities like paddle boating, fishing, games, relaxation, worship and classic camp fun! At 1:00 PM, Kay Rockwell will host a friendly bridge competition. Don't miss the chance to join in - contact Kay at 402-540-8454 if you would like to join in! Saturday night worship in the Chapel is canceled. Come and worship at camp at 5:00 PM instead! Register online at https://flclincoln.org/church_retreat or scan the QR code above with your smartphone. Prepare for a day of unforgettable moments!



LOOK FOR A REALM ACTIVATION EMAIL THIS WEEK

Look out for an email in your Inbox this week containing a link to activate your personal Realm account and instructions. If you have any problems, visit the Gathering Area on September 8, 15, and 22 for help from other members. A Q&A session and orientation on using Realm is scheduled for September 29 from 9:30-10:30 AM.

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EXPLORE FIRST LUTHERAN: 101 SESSIONS OFFERED

If you are seeking, needing or are curious about being part of a faith community that truly welcomes all, or know someone who is, we invite you and them to explore First Lutheran Church. Join us for our First Lutheran 101 sessions on September 15 and 22, from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Lower Level Room Blue 2 to learn more about what First has to offer and to explore how our faith community can become your faith community, too! Childcare will be available during these sessions in the church nursery. We would love to have you! If you would like to attend, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/2024flc101>.

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

The church building and office will be closed on Monday, September 2, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

CARD SHOWER FOR RALPH HAYDEN

Join us in celebrating the 92nd birthday of faithful member, Ralph Hayden, on September 11th with a card shower! Kindly send your best wishes to 3900 Pinelake Rd #224, Lincoln, NE 68516.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

M. Joyce Hansen, 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, Kay Rockwell, Bob Wessels, Tracy Troutman, Kathy Dalby and Elaine Dlouhy.

CONNECT WITH THE MINISTRY STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:15 AM - Worship & Livestream

9:30 AM - Adult Forum

9:30 AM - Fellowship Time

10:45 AM - Worship

Noon - Nuer Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - Office Closed for the Labor Day Holiday

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

12:30 PM - Staff Meeting

5:45 PM - Bible Study

6:30 PM - Exodus Group

6:30 PM - Jazz Rehearsal

7:00 PM - Executive Committee

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

10:30 AM - Bible Study

6:00 PM - Discipleship University

7:10 PM - Adult Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

5:15 PM - Jazz Rehearsal

6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

3:00 PM - BackPack Distribution at Pyrtle Elem.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

5:30 PM - Worship

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:15 AM - Worship & Livestream

9:30 AM - Adult Forum

9:30 AM - Fellowship Time

10:45 AM - Worship with Baptism

Noon - Nuer Worship

4:00 PM - Synod Youth Fall Kick-Off

6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry

LOOKING AHEAD

September 15 - Learning Year Begins for Youth

September 15 - Stewardship Campaign Kicks Off

September 22 - Kicks for Kids Begins