



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

September 15-22, 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!

"CULTIVATING LOVE" 2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF TODAY

Today kicks off our annual Season of Stewardship. We will be guided by our stewardship theme of *Cultivating Love* and by scripture - Ephesians 3:14-17. We will explore how God cultivates love in us as we cultivate connection, community and grace through the ministry of First Lutheran. Stop by the Gathering Area today and pick up your household's stewardship packet (Council members and Stewardship Team members will be handing them out). In your packet, you will find information about the stewardship season and making your commitment of financial support and involvement in the ministries of this church for the coming year. Join us each Sunday in September as your fellow church members share how they have been rooted and grounded in love at First Lutheran. A special thank you to the Schmitter family for sharing their story during our Temple Talk time today.

NOTE WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGES

Join us for worship as part of our all-church retreat at Camp Carol Joy Holling on Saturday, September 21, at 5:00 PM. Please note that there will be no Saturday worship in the Chapel, so we invite you to experience worship at camp instead!

Additionally, there will be no Saturday worship on October 5, allowing us to come together as a community for Commitment Sunday on October 6. On Sunday, October 27, we will have one worship service with a livestream at 10:45 AM, as the Good Life Halfsy marathon will be blocking our entrance earlier that morning.

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Join us for Adult Forum in the Chapel this morning from 9:30-10:30 AM when Sarah Callahan from Lutheran Giving will share insights on how First Lutheran members can achieve their estate goals for their loved ones while also incorporating a meaningful gift for ministry, according to their preferences.

A NEW LEARNING YEAR STARTS TODAY

Join us for a new learning year starting today from 9:30-10:30 AM! All cherubs, K- 5th grade, are welcome to FaithTrek in the Upper Room! Our nursery will offer a special learning experience for 3 and 4 year olds. Middle and high school students also kick off their learning year today in the lower level youth room as they explore being "Young Samaritans." Be sure you have registered your child online for learning hour at https://bit.ly/flcyouth_registration.

HELP OFFERED TO ACTIVATE YOUR REALM ACCOUNT

Did you receive your email to activate your personal Realm account? Were you able to activate it successfully? If so, "WOO HOO!" If not, no worries - help is available! Download the How-To Guide at https://bit.ly/realm_guide for assistance with your account setup or reach out to mandy@flclincoln.org. Stop by the Gathering Area from 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM this morning. Kathleen Simley will be there to assist! Need a photo for your Realm profile? Kathleen can help with that, too! We'll also offer help on September 22nd and 29th, with a Q&A session and orientation on using Realm from 9:30 AM-10:30 AM on September 29th.

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FIRST LUTHERAN 101 SESSIONS BEGIN TODAY

If you are seeking, needing or are curious about being part of a faith community that truly welcomes all, or know someone who is, come and explore First Lutheran Church! Join us for our First Lutheran 101 sessions today and next Sunday from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Lower Level Room Blue 3 to learn more about what First has to offer and to explore how our faith community can become your faith community, too! Childcare is available during these sessions in the church nursery. We look forward to having you with us!

CONFIRMATION CLASS PHOTOS ARCHIVED ONLINE

From as far back as 1899 to as recent as 2023, photographs of First Lutheran Confirmation classes have been thoughtfully archived online for your enjoyment. Discover a picture that holds special significance for you or someone you know? Feel free to print it or share it! Each photo includes the names of the class members. A heartfelt thank you to First member Judy Batterman for her efforts in preserving this important aspect of our history at First Lutheran! Explore the online archive of confirmation photos at https://bit.ly/flc_confirmation.

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.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:15 AM - Worship & Livestream

9:30 AM - Adult Forum

9:30 AM - Learning Hour for FaithTrek, Middle & High School

9:30 AM - First Lutheran 101 Class

10:45 AM - Worship

Noon - Nuer Worship

1:30 PM - Vitality Initiative Cohort

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:00 AM - Cook for Matt Talbot Kitchen

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

6:30 PM - Fall Festival Planning Team

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

11:00 AM - Serve Lunch at Matt Talbot Kitchen

12:30 PM - Staff Meeting

5:45 PM - Bible Study

6:30 PM - Exodus Group

6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:30 AM - Martha Circle

10:30 AM - Bible Study

6:00 PM - Discipleship University

7:10 PM - Adult Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

10:00 AM - Esther Circle

6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

3:00 PM - BackPack Distribution at Pyrtle Elem.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:30 AM - All-Church Retreat at CJH

5:00 PM - Worship at Camp Carol Joy Holling

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 - KICKS FOR KIDS KICK OFF!

8:15 AM - Worship & Livestream

9:30 AM - Adult Forum

9:30 AM - Learning Hour for FaithTrek, Middle & High School

9:30 AM - First Lutheran 101 Class

9:30 AM - Nominating Committee

10:45 AM - Worship

Noon - Nuer Worship

Noon - 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat