



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

September 22-29, 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" BY FOSTERING COMMUNITY

Our Season of Stewardship continues with the theme "Cultivating Love," inviting us to reflect on how God nurtures love within us as we build connections, foster community and extend grace in our daily lives and through the ministry of First Lutheran. This week we are focusing on fostering community. We invite you to listen to the video in the Commons area as the Meyer family discusses how their lives have been enriched by the sense of community at First Lutheran - from the very first minute to the present day.

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 First Lutheran for the coming year. You can also visit our Stewardship website at www.flclincoln.org/stewardship or by scanning the QR code to learn more and access all the stewardship resources.



COMMITMENT SUNDAY - A DAY OF CELEBRATION

Join us on Sunday, October 6, for a day of celebration when we will gather for worship at 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM to honor the gifts of money, time and talents that our faith community has pledged for 2025. Matt Schur will be our guest preacher for the day. Matt is a hospice lay chaplain at Tabitha and Parish Ministry Associate serving at Peace Lutheran in Plymouth.

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Join us for Adult Forum in the Chapel this morning from 9:30-10:30 AM when First member, Pastor Greg Gabriel, shares his family's week-long experience at Holden Village, an ELCA remote wilderness community in the North Cascade Mountains in Washington State.

KICKS FOR KIDS: HELPING KIDS PUT THEIR BEST FOOT FORWARD

First Lutheran is back for our ninth year of making a difference by providing new athletic shoes and socks to students in need. This year, we're aiming to collect 300 pairs for our community schools! Each school identifies children who would benefit from new shoes and socks. From today until September 29, visit our Kicks for Kids display in the Gathering Area—just pick a tag for a specific child with their gender and shoe size and go shopping! If shopping isn't for you, monetary donations are appreciated, especially with rising shoe prices. You can contribute by mailing a check, placing it in the offering plate during worship or dropping it off at the church office during regular hours. Please write "Kicks for Kids" in the memo line of your check. All shoes need to be returned to church by October 6. Thank you for helping kids put their best foot forward!

NURSERY OFFERS LEARNING TIME

Our nursery is open on Sundays for children ages 0-5 years from 9:30-11:45 AM. There is no cost and kids can stay for a short while or all morning with a certified teacher who will also lead FaithTrek learning from 9:30-10:30 AM. Drop in for a visit!

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FALL FESTIVAL IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

Our Fall Festival on October 6 is expected to draw a larger crowd than last year, with outreach efforts targeting local senior living centers, churches and families from two neighboring elementary schools. Las Abejitas Bilingual Education Center will also host their fall open house alongside the festival. Volunteers are essential for a warm welcome and organizers are seeking at least 30 more volunteers for one-hour shifts from Noon to 3:00 PM. Can you help? Sign up online at https://flclincoln.ivolunteer.com/fallfestival_volunteers_2024 and invite friends to join in making the festival a fun and inclusive experience for all!

REALM: DO YOU NEED HELP OR HAVE A QUESTION?

Have you activated your personal Realm account yet? Do you need help with the activation process? Do you need a photo taken for your Realm profile? If so, then help is available! Stop by the Gathering Area from 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM this morning. Judy Bailey and Lyle Petersen will be there to assist! We'll also offer help on September 29th with a Q&A session and orientation on using Realm from 9:30 AM-10:30 AM. Come and hear about all the ways Realm will help you stay connected with your First friends, ministry groups and staff.

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, Gloria Van Ackeren, Bob Wessels, Tracy Troutman, Kathy Dalby and Elaine Dlouhy. We also extend our heartfelt condolences to Jim Overcash on the loss of his father.

CONNECT WITH THE MINISTRY STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 - KICKS FOR KIDS BEGINS

8:15 AM - Worship & Livestream

9:30 AM - Fellowship Time

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 Rehearsal

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

5:45 PM - Bible Study

6:30 PM - Exodus Group

7:00 PM - Property Committee

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

10:30 AM - Bible Study

6:30 PM - Gifts of Hope Planning

7:10 PM - Adult Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:00 AM - Quilters

6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

3:00 PM - Backpack Distribution at Pyrtle Elem.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:00 AM - Saturday Morning with the Guys

5:30 PM - Worship

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:15 AM - Worship & Livestream

9:30 AM - Adult Forum - Realm Orientation

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

9:30 AM - Fellowship Time

10:45 AM - Worship

Noon - Nuer Worship

LOOKING AHEAD

October 27 - Reformation Sunday; Worship at 10:45 AM (No 8:15 AM worship)

November 3 - All Saints Sunday and Confirmation Sunday