



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

November 3-10, 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!

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES ON ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Today marks All Saints Sunday, a time to honor and remember our loved ones who have passed. During our worship services, we will acknowledge those who were members of First and have died since last All Saints Day. Additionally, you will have an opportunity to reflect on and give thanks for all your departed loved ones during worship and at a Remembrance Table in the Gathering Area.

CELEBRATE OUR CONFIRMANDS AT BREAKFAST

Join the First Lutheran confirmands and their families this morning for a celebratory breakfast in the Activity Center at 9:30 AM. This gathering honors their affirmation of baptism which will be part of today's 10:45 AM worship service. Everyone is welcome!

ELECTION PRAYER VIGIL - SIGN UP FOR A TIME TO PRAY

As we approach the presidential election, we are reminded of the vital role prayer plays in our lives and communities. When the Body of Christ unites in prayer, its power is undeniable. You are invited to an Election Prayer Vigil, starting at 8:00 PM on November 4 and ending at midnight on November 5. Each prayer shift lasts 30 minutes and can be done from anywhere during your scheduled time. Feel free to sign up for multiple slots! Let this vigil be a moment of connection with the Divine where we can share what's on our hearts - whether anxiety, fear, sadness or hope. Join us in this prayer vigil, knowing that God is listening. Sign up now for a prayer slot at https://bit.ly/election_prayer_vigil.

JOIN THE LEGO CHALLENGE!

Starting today we will be distributing baggies containing 50 Lego blocks to individuals and families within our congregation. With these blocks, unleash your creativity and construct something special - anything - to bring to church on Gratitude Sunday, November 24. During the 9:30-10:30 AM learning hour, all generations will be meeting in the Activity Center for a fun activity and the Lego creations handed in will be judged by a young FaithTrekker. So, get your creative juices flowing and pick up a Lego baggie in the Gathering Area!

LET'S MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE FOR LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

It's Noisy Offering today! Gather your coins and your bills and give to Lutheran Disaster Response and support the work they are doing for victims of Hurricane Helene and Milton. As you dig into your pockets or reach for your wallet, know that every penny and dollar contributed will go towards providing life-saving resources to those who have been impacted by these devastating storms.

LINCOLN LUTHERAN CHOIR TO CELEBRATE 45TH ANNIVERSARY

The Lincoln Lutheran Choir will perform a concert at Grace Lutheran Church in Lincoln on Sunday, November 17, at 3:00 PM, celebrating their 45th anniversary. The concert will feature pieces such as "Mary Had a Baby" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," along with works like "Sanctus" and "Lamentations of Jeremiah." There is no admission fee, but a free-will offering will be collected. Everyone is invited!

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LET'S CROSS THE FINISH LINE WITH OUR STEWARDSHIP GOAL!

The needle has moved this week - inching us closer to our Stewardship goal of \$750,000! We are currently 89% of the way toward our goal for 2025! Thank you to everyone who has generously pledged their support for the ministry of First Lutheran! Our Budget Committee is preparing a proposed budget for 2025 and your pledge is vital for creating a realistic financial plan. We encourage those who haven't pledged yet to do so soon, as it will help the committee's efforts. Let's work together to move the needle to 100% in the coming week! You can find the online pledge form at www.flclincoln.org/stewardship or by scanning the QR code.



EXPERIENCE NATIVITY SCENES AROUND THE WORLD

Join First Lutheran members for a pilgrimage to St. Benedict Center in Schuyler, NE, to experience nativity scenes from around the world at the "Christmas on the Hill" event. A group will attend on Monday, December 9, and another on Saturday, December 14, with departures from the church at 10:30 AM and returns at 3:30 PM. Enjoy lunch, explore a craft fair and discover the beautiful retreat center. Admission is free, with lunch priced at \$13.72 for adults and \$7 for children. Please RSVP to Sharon by November 24 to secure your spot!

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, Mariann Schafer, Vern Westberg, Richard Bouma, Ralph Hayden, Gloria Van Ackeren, Bob Wessels, Tracy Troutman, Elaine Dlouhy, Rod Price, Margrett Wehland and Mike Snyder.

CONNECT WITH THE MINISTRY STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM & NOISY OFFERING

8:15 AM - Worship & Livestream
9:30 AM - Affirmation of Baptism Breakfast
10:45 AM - Worship with Affirmation of Baptism
Noon - Nuer Worship
6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:30 AM - Fitness Class
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:00 AM - Election Polling (until 8:00 PM)
12:30 PM - Staff Meeting
5:45 PM - Bible Study
6:30 PM - Exodus Group
7:00 PM - Executive Committee

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

10:30 AM - Bible Study
6:00 PM - Discipleship University
7:10 PM - Adult Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:30 AM - Fitness Class
6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers
7:00 PM - Gather & Gab

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Middle School Camp Retreat at CJH
3:00 PM - BackPack Distribution at Pyrtle Elem.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:00 AM - Saturday Morning with the Guys
5:30 PM - Worship

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:15 AM - Worship & Livestream
9:30 AM - Learning Hour for FaithTrek, Middle & High School Age
9:30 AM - Adult Forum
10:45 AM - Worship
Noon - Nuer Worship

LOOKING AHEAD

- Midweek Advent Holden Evening Prayer - December 4, 11 and 17; Noon and 6:30 PM
- Gifts of Hope Market - Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8