



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

October 13-20, 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!

OUR STEWARDSHIP CONTINUES FOR 2025

Commitment Sunday may be over, but our stewardship continues as we have achieved 56% of our \$750,000 goal. Thank you to everyone who has pledged for 2025! Your support is crucial for planning our ministry budget and funding initiatives like accessibility improvements, local justice participation, and daily ministry expenses. We encourage those who haven't pledged yet to consider supporting First Lutheran Church in 2025, investing in the ministries that matter most to you. Scan the QR code or visit www.flclincoln.org/stewardship to access all the stewardship resources, including the online pledge form.



OCTOBER 27: REFORMATION SUNDAY, TOWN HALL & POTLUCK AND SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

October 27 promises to be an exciting day at First. We will celebrate Reformation Sunday with a single worship service at 10:45 AM, accommodating the Good Life Halfsy. Arrive early, between 9:30 and 10:30 AM, to enjoy the planned Reformation festivities - stay tuned for more details!

After the worship service, we will hold a Town Hall Forum, which will include a special congregational meeting and a potluck lunch. The Council has recently approved the Endowment Fund board's recommended amendments to the First Lutheran constitution, mostly focused on housekeeping items. However, these amendments require congregational approval. We will also vote on a proposal to reduce the Congregational Council membership from 15 to 12 members.

JOIN THE KICKS FOR KIDS SORT AND PACKAGE PARTY TODAY

Could you stay for a while this morning after the 8:15 AM worship service to help sort and package the donated shoes and socks from our Kicks for Kids campaign? Many hands make a really big job much more manageable. Join us for some fun in the Activity Center starting at 9:15 AM!

JUSTICE IN ACTION LISTENING SESSIONS TO BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY

A Justice in Action Update and Listening Session is scheduled for next Sunday in the Activity Center between services. This session will serve as the Adult Forum for the day, starting earlier at 9:20 AM. Olivia Butts, the Justice in Action Organizer, will share a progress report on the faith coalition's advocacy efforts related to affordable housing, access to mental health care and expanded pre-trial diversion opportunities. The session will also feature roundtable discussions facilitated by First Lutheran's JIA team leaders, encouraging members to offer input.

GIVE TO LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE AND HELP HURRICANE VICTIMS

Hurricane Helene hit Florida as a Category 4 storm on September 26, causing extensive damage in North Carolina and Tennessee. As floodwaters recede, the destruction is becoming clearer, with towns and infrastructure heavily impacted. This last week Hurricane Milton also struck Florida, resulting in further damage. Support Lutheran Disaster Response at <https://give.elca.org/page/68904/donate/1> in their recovery efforts for both hurricanes and other disasters.

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STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING CLASS TO BE OFFERED IN JANUARY

Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one Christian caring relationship for anyone who is going through a rough patch, pain or struggle in life. It's not a ministry of giving answers, rather it's a ministry of listening with care, asking reflective questions and "holding space" for someone else. Training is provided for caregivers. Our next Stephen Ministry training classes will begin in January, 2025. Do you feel called to this transformative caring ministry? Do you know of someone who could benefit from having a Stephen Minister? We always accept referrals. Feel free to contact Pastor Erin at pastorerin@flclincoln.org, Pastor Andrew at pastorandrew@flclincoln.org, Stephen.ministry@FLClincoln.org or call First Lutheran at 402-488-0919.

FALL FESTIVAL - THANK YOU!

Our fall festival was a blast as we celebrated October, beautiful autumn colors and the harvest season, along with all things pumpkin and spice! Families and friends enjoyed pumpkin painting, games, crafts, live music and delicious food. Huge thanks to everyone who joined us and to the dedicated volunteers whose hard work made this event possible! We truly appreciate your support and can't wait to see you all next year for more fall fun!

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.

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

(Pastor Erin out for continuing education)

8:15 AM - Worship & Livestream

9:30 AM - Organize and Package Shoes & Socks for Kicks for Kids

10:45 AM - Worship

Noon - Nuer Worship

1:30 PM - CROP Walk

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

11:00 AM - Day Off School Service Project for Middle and High School Youth

1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

7:00 PM - Keeping God's People in Stitches

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

11:00 AM - Serve at Matt Talbot Kitchen

12:30 PM - Staff Meeting

1:00 PM - Coffee & Conversation with High School Youth

5:45 PM - Bible Study

6:30 PM - Exodus Group

6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:30 AM - Martha Circle

10:30 AM - Bible Study

6:00 PM - Discipleship University

7:10 PM - Adult Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

10:00 AM - Esther Circle

6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers

7:00 PM - Gather & Gab

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

3:00 PM - Backpack Distribution at Pyrtle Elem.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

5:30 PM - Worship

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 - QUILT BLESSING

8:15 AM - Worship & Livestream

9:30 AM - Adult Forum

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

10:45 AM - Worship

Noon - Nuer Worship

1:30 PM - Vitality Initiative

5:00 PM - Middle & High School to Roca Farm