



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

October 20-27, 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!

STITCHED WITH LOVE: BLESSING 120 QUILTS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Today we will bless 120 quilts handcrafted by First Lutheran's dedicated quilting group. Each month, these volunteer quilters come together to assemble, stitch and complete quilts intended for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). LWR collaborates with partner agencies worldwide to distribute these quilts to individuals displaced by fires, floods, hurricanes, political unrest and war and who are in urgent need of shelter and warmth. Over the years, First Lutheran quilters have created and shipped more than a thousand quilts to communities around the globe, including within the United States. The quilts will cushion our backs as we bless them, pray for those who will receive them and send them off to show God's love for our neighbors. So you will get a little taste of the comfort these quilts bring to people who are experiencing upheaval, homelessness, natural disaster or violent conflict.

EMPOWER YOUR VOICE: JOIN THE JUSTICE IN ACTION UPDATE & LISTENING SESSION

Join us at our Justice in Action (JIA) Update and Listening Session today in the Activity Center. This interactive session will begin at 9:20 AM. JIA organizer, Olivia Butts, will update us on the strides made by the faith coalition in advocating for priority community causes - affordable housing, access to mental healthcare and expanded pre-trial diversion. As a member of JIA, First members will have the opportunity to engage in interactive roundtable discussions to voice their suggestions moving forward.

REFORMATION SUNDAY CELEBRATION: FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP (AND SOME CHURCH BUSINESS)

Next Sunday, October 27, will be a celebration filled with food, fellowship, and fun, along with some important church business. We will celebrate Reformation Sunday with a single worship service at 10:45 AM (accommodating the Good Life Halfsy earlier in the morning). Part of our celebration will include sharing stories and learning about the founding of the Lutheran church through fun, interactive stations for all ages. The stations will open at 10:00 AM and be available before and after the 10:45 AM service. A Bake Sale of Indulgences will also be part of the festivities, serving as a fundraiser for summer camp scholarships and youth trips! After the worship service, we will enjoy a potluck lunch, and we need main dishes, salads, vegetables, and desserts. Singles should bring one dish, and couples/families should bring two. The Town Hall Forum and special congregational meeting will follow lunch. The two agenda items for the meeting are (1) reducing the number of Congregational Council members from 15 to 12, and (2) addressing housekeeping matters related to the First Lutheran Endowment Board. You can read the constitutional amendments to be voted on at https://bit.ly/flc_amendments.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES ON ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On All Saints Sunday, November 3, we will honor our loved ones who have passed with a Remembrance Table. Please bring a framed photo of the individuals you wish to remember and celebrate to place on the table.

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CALLING ALL ACTORS OR WANT-TO-BE ACTORS FOR “GREAT JOY FOR ALL” CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Join the fun and share your talents at this year’s Christmas Pageant, “Great Joy For All” to be performed on Sunday, December 15, at 9:30 AM. The play isn’t long and there are a lot of “one-liners” so memorizing shouldn’t be difficult. There are some parts that are only a couple of lines. We will have rehearsals Sunday after late worship and the Wednesdays there is no confirmation. We need all ages. Email jkbailey47@gmail.com or sharon@flclincoln.org or text Judy Bailey 402-432-9976 or Sharon Hardel 717-805-4569 if you are interested or have questions. The first rehearsal will be Wednesday, October 30 from 6:00 – 7:00 PM.

OUR 2025 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE DRIVE CONTINUES

Though Commitment Sunday has passed, our pledge drive is still going strong, reaching 64% of our \$750,000 target. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has pledged for 2025! Your commitment critically shapes our ministerial plans and supports key projects and daily operations. We encourage those who haven’t pledged yet to support First in 2025 and invest in the ministries that matter most to you. Find all stewardship resources and the online pledge form at www.flclincoln.org/stewardship or by scanning the QR code.



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 20 - QUILT BLESSING

8:15 AM - Worship & Livestream
9:20 AM - Justice in Action Update & Listening Session
9:30 AM - FaithTrek, Middle & High School Learning Hour
10:45 AM - Worship
Noon - Nuer Worship
1:30 PM - Vitality Initiative Cohort
5:00 PM - Middle & High School to Roca Farm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

(Pastors at NE Synod Fall Leadership Gathering)
9:30 AM - Fitness Class
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk
6:00 PM - Columbarium Committee

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

(Pastors at NE Synod Fall Leadership Gathering)
6:30 PM - Exodus Group
7:00 PM - Property Committee

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

(Pastors at NE Synod Fall Leadership Gathering)
6:30 AM - Faith to Go!
10:30 AM - Bible Study
6:30 PM - Fall Festival Planning Team
7:00 PM - Nominating Committee
7:10 PM - Adult Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

3:00 PM - BackPack Distribution at Pyrtle Elem.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 - REFORMATION SUNDAY (NO 8:15 AM WORSHIP)

10:00 AM - FaithTrek Music Rehearsal
10:00 AM - Reformation Sunday Interactive Stations Open and Bake Sale of Indulgences
10:45 AM - Worship & Livestream
Noon - Nuer Worship
Noon - Potluck Lunch, Special Congregational Meeting and Town Hall Forum