



# FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at  
First Lutheran Church

October 27 - November 3, 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!

## WELCOME TO REFORMATION SUNDAY AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Today is Reformation Sunday and we're celebrating with worship, food, fellowship and a bit of important church business. If you haven't yet, be sure to visit the fun, interactive stations in the Gathering Area, Commons and Activity Center, where you can learn about the founding of the Lutheran Church. There's something for everyone, regardless of age! The stations will remain open after the 10:45 AM service.

Don't miss the Bake Sale of Indulgences where you can purchase delicious homemade treats to help raise funds for summer camp scholarships and youth service trips!

Following worship, join us for a potluck lunch in the Activity Center, which will be followed by a special congregational meeting and Town Hall Forum. The agenda includes two key items: (1) reducing the number of Congregational Council members from 15 to 12, and (2) addressing housekeeping matters related to the First Lutheran Endowment Board.

## CALLING ALL ACTORS OR WANT-TO-BE ACTORS

Be a part of the annual Christmas Pageant, "Great Joy For All," on Sunday, December 15, at 9:30 AM. Open to actors of all ages, the play features easy one-liners and short roles. Rehearsals are on Sundays after late worship and Wednesdays. The first rehearsal is on October 30, from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. For questions or to participate, contact [jkbailey47@gmail.com](mailto:jkbailey47@gmail.com) or [sharon@flclincoln.org](mailto:sharon@flclincoln.org). Join us and let's bring "Great Joy for All" this Christmas!

## 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.

## ALL ARE INVITED TO CONFIRMATION BREAKFAST

Join the First Lutheran confirmands and their families for a celebratory breakfast in the Activity Center next Sunday, November 3, at 9:30 AM. This gathering honors their affirmation of baptism which will be part of the 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. The Gather and Gab group at First Lutheran Church invites everyone 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 will listen. Sign up now at [https://bit.ly/election\\_prayer\\_vigil](https://bit.ly/election_prayer_vigil).

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## CELEBRATE FREDDIE HUBBARD WITH DARRYL WHITE AND FRIENDS

Trumpeter Darryl White and his ensemble will honor Freddie Hubbard's music at the First Friday Jazz concert on November 1 at First Lutheran. Hubbard is cited by many music critics as one of the most important and original jazz trumpeters over the last 40 years. The concert, featuring pianist Jeff Jenkins, bassist Hans Sturm and drummer Greg Ahl, runs from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. White, known for his blend of jazz and classical music, has received acclaim for his performances. His past First Friday Jazz concerts have been applauded by audiences as one of their favorites. The concert is free to attend, with lunch available for purchase.

## 2025 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE DRIVE INCHES CLOSER TO GOAL

We are 71% toward our \$750,000 stewardship goal for 2025! Thank you to everyone who has pledged support to First Lutheran Church. Your contributions fund essential operations and help expand our ministries. The Budget Committee is preparing the 2025 budget and your pledge is vital for their planning. If you haven't pledged yet, please consider doing so to help us reach our goal! You can find all stewardship resources and the online pledge form at [www.flclincoln.org/stewardship](http://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. Our sympathy is extended to Scott Vicroy whose father passed away on October 23.

## CONNECT WITH THE MINISTRY STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 - REFORMATION SUNDAY

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 - Potluck Lunch, Special Congregational Meeting and Town Hall Forum

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

7:00 PM - Worship & Music Committee

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

12:30 PM - Staff Meeting

5:45 PM - Bible Study

6:30 PM - Exodus Group

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

10:30 AM - Bible Study

6:00 PM - Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

6:30 PM - Gifts of Hope Planning Team

7:00 PM - Stewardship Committee

7:10 PM - Adult Choir

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers

7:00 PM - Gather & Gab

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

11:30 AM - First Friday Jazz Concert

3:00 PM - BackPack Distribution at Pyrtle Elem.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

5:30 PM - Worship

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - ALL SAINTS

#### SUNDAY, AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND NOISY OFFERING

8:15 AM - Worship & Livestream

9:30 AM - Affirmation of Baptism Breakfast

10:45 AM - Worship

Noon - Nuer Worship

6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Gratitude Sunday with Lego Building Contest - November 24; 9:30 AM
- Gifts of Hope Market - Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8