



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

October 6-13, 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 COMMITMENT SUNDAY

It's a big day at First Lutheran and we are glad you are with us to enjoy it! It's Commitment Sunday - a day of celebration as we come together to honor the commitments of time, talent and resources that our faith community has pledged for 2025. We are excited to welcome Matt Schur as our guest preacher for the day. Matt serves as a hospice lay chaplain at Tabitha and is the Parish Ministry Associate at Peace Lutheran in Plymouth.

If you haven't made your 2025 pledge yet, it's not too late. In fact, it's never too late. You can complete the pledge card included in your Stewardship packet or make your pledge online. Visit www.flclincoln.org/stewardship or scan the QR code to access all the stewardship resources, including the online pledge form.



EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our newest members of First Lutheran joining our faith community this weekend! We are excited to have them with us in our mission of serving, learning, praying and worshipping as disciples of Jesus Christ. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and personally welcome them into our family.

DIVE INTO FIRST STORIES!

Have you had a chance to read the inaugural edition of our latest publication, First Stories? If not, you definitely should!

Scan the QR code or visit https://bit.ly/first_stories_1st_edition to dive into the issue. You won't be disappointed!



TODAY'S FALL FESTIVAL WILL HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

It's Fall Festival Day at First Lutheran! From Noon to 3:00 PM enjoy games, food trucks and a balloon artist, plus a special pet blessing at 1:00 PM. Support the Capital Humane Society by picking up a bingo game card and playing to win - just bring some quarters! Also, visit the Las Abejitas Bilingual Education Center's book fair to help them reach their \$500 goal for classroom books. Parking is available on-site and at Morley Elementary School and 6900 A Street. We can't wait to celebrate fall with you!

TODAY'S NOISY OFFERING TO SUPPORT OUR 4-LEGGED FRIENDS

Today's Noisy Offering will go towards the Capital Humane Society in recognition of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, also known as the Blessing of the Animals Day, observed today. Your offering will help the Capital Humane Society continue to provide animals with a safe and healthy home until they are adopted. Dig deep into your pockets and purses and help us make a joyful noise in support of the Capital Humane Society and our 4-legged friends!

KICKS FOR KIDS SHOES AND SOCKS DUE BACK TODAY

Did you shop for a student in need of shoes and socks during our Kicks for Kids campaign? If so, today is the day to bring the them to church! Help us prepare to deliver each pair to the 242 students in need next Sunday, October 13, from 9:30-10:30 AM, as we organize and package them. Thank you for helping kids put their best foot forward!

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WALK FOR HUNGER - OCTOBER 13

Thank you to First Lutherans for supporting the CROP Hunger Walk! Since 1988, the Lincoln Walks have raised over \$1,097,750 to combat hunger, with a quarter of the proceeds helping food agencies in the Lincoln and Lancaster area! Join the Lincoln CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 13th, starting at Our Saviour's Church. Registration begins at 1:00 PM, with the walk at 1:30 PM. To participate or donate, visit www.crophungerwalk.org/lincolnne and select 'First Lutheran' to join the team. For questions, contact Sandy Latshaw at sjlatshaw@outlook.com.

JUSTICE IN ACTION LISTENING SESSIONS TO BE HELD OCTOBER 20

A Justice in Action Update and Listening Session is scheduled for Sunday, October 20, 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.

JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING REFORMATION SUNDAY CELEBRATION AND TOWN HALL FORUM

Sunday, 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. Legal notifications regarding these matters will be issued in the coming weeks.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 - New Member Welcome, Commitment Sunday, Noisy Offering & Fall Festival

8:15 AM - Worship & Livestream
9:30 AM - Learning Hour for FaithTrek, Middle & High School
9:30 AM - Fellowship Time
10:45 AM - Worship
Noon - Fall Festival
6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

(Pastor Erin out for continuing education through October 13)
9:30 AM - Fitness Class
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:00 AM - Adult Forum Planning Team
2:00 PM - Lydia Circle
5:30 PM - Fellowship Committee
5:45 PM - Bible Study
6:30 PM - Exodus Group
6:30 PM - Social Ministry Team
7:00 PM - Congregational Council

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

6:30 AM - Faith to Go!
10:30 AM - Bible Study
7:10 PM - Adult Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:30 AM - Fitness Class
3:00 PM - BackPack Distribution at Pyrtle Elem.
7:00 PM - Gather & Gab

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:15 AM - Worship & Livestream
9:30 AM - Fellowship Time
9:30 AM - Organize and Package Shoes & Socks for Kicks for Kids
9:30 AM - NO Learning Hour for FaithTrek, Middle & High School (Fall Break)
10:45 AM - Worship
Noon - Nuer Worship
1:30 PM - CROP Walk