



# FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at  
First Lutheran Church

November 10-17, 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!

## UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY FOR THE LEGO CHALLENGE

We are thrilled to distribute baggies containing 50 Lego blocks to everyone in our congregation! Use these blocks to unleash your creativity and construct something unique to bring to church on Gratitude Sunday, November 24. Join us in the Activity Center from 9:30 to 10:30 AM for an engaging activity that welcomes all generations. Additionally, a young FaithTrekker will evaluate the Lego creations you submit! So, let your imagination run wild and be sure to pick up your Lego baggie in the Gathering Area!

## JOIN THE CONVERSATION: EXPLORE RACIAL AWARENESS THROUGH AN OMAHA-BASED FILM

Join R.A.R.E. (Racial Awareness Reconciliation and Engagement) on Tuesday, November 12, at 7:00 PM Central Time for a thought-provoking discussion on the Academy Award-nominated documentary "A Time for Burning." This impactful film delves into the 1965 efforts of the pastor at Augustana Lutheran Church in Omaha to enhance race relations within the community. Across the nation, ELCA churches will be screening the film in November, culminating in a churchwide dialogue with Bishop Eaton on December 3 at 7:00 PM. This conversation aims to promote awareness, reconciliation, and engagement on racial issues, highlighting the significance of diversity and the collective effort to combat prejudice. Please watch the film and review the provided study guide prior to the meeting. For more information and to register, visit [https://bit.ly/RARE\\_registration](https://bit.ly/RARE_registration).

## ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Visit the Chapel this morning, located in the northwest corner of the building, between 9:30 and 10:30 AM for the Adult Forum session! First member, Norm Kempf, will be sharing interesting stories and photographs from his trip to Jordan and the Holy Land last spring.

## SHARE YOUR FAVORITE SOUP AT OUR ADVENT WORSHIP LUNCHESES & DINNERS!

Have you ever made a soup so tasty that you wanted to share it? Now's your opportunity! Join us for our Wednesday Advent worship lunches and dinners on December 4, December 11 and December 18. It's easy -just jump online at [https://bit.ly/flc\\_advent\\_soup](https://bit.ly/flc_advent_soup) and choose the Wednesday(s) you can bring your tasty soup in a crockpot and let us know if you will be providing it for our 12:30 PM lunch or 5:30 PM dinner. We're excited to taste your culinary creation!

## JOIN US FOR A THANKSGIVING FEAST: A DAY OF GRATITUDE, FAMILY AND DELICIOUS FOOD!

This Thanksgiving Day, step away from the kitchen and join us for a delicious feast at First Lutheran Church at noon with your family and friends! We will provide turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, and gravy. Families are encouraged to bring two side dishes (such as vegetables, salad, or dessert), while individuals can contribute one side. Please make sure to sign up online at [https://bit.ly/flc\\_thanksgiving](https://bit.ly/flc_thanksgiving) by November 24, so we can prepare enough food for everyone!

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## TRANSFORM LIVES WITH STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry offers a one-on-one Christian caring relationship for anyone facing challenges, pain or difficulties in their life. Rather than providing solutions, this ministry focuses on compassionate listening, asking thoughtful questions and creating a supportive space for others. Caregivers receive training to equip them for this role. Our next Stephen Ministry training classes are set to start in January 2025. Are you feeling called to engage in this impactful caring ministry? Do you know someone who might benefit from the support of a Stephen Minister? We welcome referrals at any time. For more information, reach out to Pastor Erin at [pastorerin@flclincoln.org](mailto:pastorerin@flclincoln.org), Pastor Andrew at [pastorandrew@flclincoln.org](mailto:pastorandrew@flclincoln.org), [stephen.ministry@flclincoln.org](mailto:stephen.ministry@flclincoln.org) or call First Lutheran at 402-488-0919.

## WE'RE CLOSE TO THE FINISH LINE: EVERY PLEDGE COUNTS TOWARDS OUR STEWARDSHIP GOAL

We are close to our \$750,000 stewardship goal for 2025 with just \$36,235 left to pledge! Every member's pledge is essential for our Budget Committee to create a realistic budget. If you haven't pledged yet, please consider doing so to support our efforts. Let's unite and reach the goal this week! Pledge online at [www.flclincoln.org/stewardship](http://www.flclincoln.org/stewardship) or scan 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. Congratulations and best wishes to Rebecca Simley on her marriage to Spencer Kokes on November 2.

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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### 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

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:30 AM - Fitness Class  
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk  
7:00 PM - Vitality Initiative Team  
7:00 PM - Keeping God's People in Stitches

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

7:00 AM - Adult Forum Planning  
12:30 PM - Staff Meeting  
2:00 PM - Lydia Circle  
5:30 PM - Fellowship Committee  
5:45 PM - Bible Study  
6:30 PM - Exodus Group  
7:00 PM - Church Council

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

6:30 AM - Faith to Go!  
10:30 AM - Bible Study  
6:00 PM - Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
6:30 PM - Nominating Committee  
7:00 PM - Endowment Board  
7:10 PM - Adult Choir

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

3:00 PM - BackPack Distribution at Pyrtle Elem.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

5:30 PM - Worship

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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  
11:45 AM - Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
Noon - Nuer Worship  
1:30 PM - Vitality Initiative Cohort