



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

FEBRUARY 2-9, 2025

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!

IT'S NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY: SUPPORTING THE WORK OF GLOBAL REFUGE

Global Refuge (formerly known as Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) has helped provide a soft landing and a sense of home for immigrants and refugees for more than 85 years. Their services for children and families include refugee resettlement, foster care, economic empowerment, mental healthcare, crisis response and more. Global Refuge received an order from the government that suspended funding of their work and called for their staff to immediately stop serving newly arrived refugees in their care.

Gifts are the only way they can continue their work and assure refugees in their care can access the essential resources promised to them. Dig out your coins, dollar bills or checks (yes, "quiet" offerings are welcome too!) and give them to the kids who are excited, willing and anxious to drop it in the Noisy Offering pot during the offertory. Let's make a joyful noise for Global Refuge!

LOOKING FOR A CARING AND LOVING FAITH COMMUNITY?

Curious about First Lutheran Church and what membership could mean for you? Join our First Lutheran 101 class on Wednesdays, February 5 and 19, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Chapel. Dinner is provided, and childcare is available on request. Learn about membership and find ways to get involved in ministries that fit your interests. Serve, connect, question, and grow—wherever you are in life or faith, we'll walk with you. Register for the First Lutheran 101 class at https://bit.ly/flc_101_febr2025 and start your faith journey with First Lutheran.

ADULT LEARNING TODAY - REALM 201

Already activated your Realm account but want to learn how to use Realm's features? Join us for the "Realm 201" Adult Forum Session led by Kathleen Simley today from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Chapel. You'll get an in-depth walkthrough of features like event registration, texting options, giving tracking and member or ministry group communication. Plus, receive one-on-one help with tasks like updating your privacy settings or adding your profile photo. Haven't activated your account yet? No worries. Come and get one-on-one help with this, too!

FAITHFUL FEBRUARY CONVERSATIONS

The past two weeks under the new administration have brought rapid changes, leaving many of us struggling to keep up. With numerous Executive Orders impacting us or our loved ones, it's natural to feel overwhelmed and uncertain. Many are asking how to respond, what to say or how to make sense of it all.

In times like these, having a space to reflect and share is essential. That's why, throughout February, we're offering "Faithful Conversations" on Sunday mornings - starting today - at 9:30 AM in the Gathering Space. Grab coffee, donut holes and join us for informal discussions about the week's news through the lens of faith.

All perspectives are welcome because every voice matters. Let's come together as a community that listens, supports and cares for one another. We hope to see you there.

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FIRST STORIES: CELEBRATING COMMUNITY, FAITH AND TRANSFORMATION

Being the church and doing ministry together isn't about recognition - it's about living our mission at First Lutheran. We're called to be a welcoming community and walk daily as Christ's disciples. Every so often, it's important to pause and reflect on all we've accomplished together in pursuit of this mission. That's the focus of the latest "First Stories" newsletter. It's not just a recap of the past six months but a celebration of lives touched and transformed by our work. These are stories of hope, faith and inspiration - stories we need in challenging times. Check out the newest issue of "First Stories" at <https://bit.ly/first-stories-fall-and-winter-2024> or by scanning the QR code and be uplifted by these amazing stories!



DUELING DIVAS SHOWDOWN AT FIRST FRIDAY JAZZ

Join us for the First Friday Jazz concert on February 7 as Nebraska's beloved "Dueling Divas" Jackie Allen and Susie Thorne take the stage. They will have fun with dueling performances of jazz standards, complemented by the talent of Jeff Jenkins on piano, Hans Sturm on bass and Joey Gulizia on drums. Join us from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the Activity Center. Enjoy free admission, with lunch for sale. Be ready to enjoy a fun and highly entertaining concert!

IT'S THE FINAL WEEK OF SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

It's the final week of our Souper Bowl of Caring! The showdown is on - canned meals like spaghetti or ravioli vs. canned chicken. Who will win? That's up to YOU! Bring your pick (or both) to the First Lutheran Gathering Area this week. All donations support the Lincoln Lutheran Food Pantry.

Next Sunday is Super Bowl Sunday and the Chiefs and Eagles will face off. After worship, vote for your favorite team by dropping spare change, cash or a check into their pot. All proceeds go to the Lincoln Lutheran Food Pantry.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

M. Joyce Hansen, Sylvia Kempf, Donna Nelson, Pastor Bill Peterson, Cindy Schuster, Betty Miller, Mary Brass, Jeanette Metteer, Dennis Schuster, Vern Westberg, Richard Bouma, Ralph Hayden, Gloria Van Ackeren, Bob Wessels, Tracy Troutman, Rod Price, Margrett Wehland, Elaine Kruse, Mike Snyder, Michael Dalton, Verla Youngquist, Doris Bushard and Fred Ohles.

WHAT'S YOUR TOUCHSTONE VERSE FOR THE WEEK?

It could be from a hymn, reading or something in the sermon! Write it below. Read, pray and discuss it this week to help you connect with it!

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FIRST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - Noisy Offering

8:15 AM - Worship and Livestream
9:30 AM - Adult Forum: Unraveling the Mysteries of Realm
9:30 AM - Learning Hour for 3 year olds-high school
10:45 AM - Worship
Noon - Nuer Worship
4:00 PM - Stephen Ministry Training
6:00 PM - Middle & High School Youth Group
6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:30 AM - Fitness Class
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

12:30 PM - Staff Meeting
5:45 PM - Bible Study Group
7:00 PM - Executive Committee

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10:30 AM - Bible Study Group
6:00 PM - Discipleship University
6:30 PM - FLC 101 New Member Class
7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:30 AM - Fitness Class
3:30 PM - Small Group Ringers
7:00 PM - Gather & Gab

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

11:30 AM - First Friday Jazz
3:15 PM - Backpack Distribution at Pyrtle Elementary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:15 AM - Worship and Livestream
9:30 AM - Adult Forum
9:30 AM - Learning Hour for 3 year olds-high school
10:45 AM - Worship
Noon - Nuer Worship
4:00 PM - Stephen Ministry Training
6:00 PM - Super Bowl Party for Middle & High School Youth (8430 Fremont Street)