



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

January 12-19, 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!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED IN JANUARY

The online signup for worship assistants is now open for January, February and March! We've moved our signup process to Realm!

The sign-up process is quick and straightforward. Follow these steps to get started using your desktop (the steps are similar on the Realm app):

1. Log in to your Realm account.
2. Click **Serving** on the left-hand menu.
3. At the top, select **Opportunities**.
4. Click **Browse by Role** to view all available worship assistant roles. Select the roles you're interested in and submit each for approval. (Approval is a one-time process handled by Mandy West as a Realm safety precaution.)
5. Once approved, you will receive confirmation. Return to **Serving** in Realm.
6. You'll now be part of the Worship Assistants team. Click **Worship Assistants** and select **Schedules** to access the January–March Worship Assistant sign-up.
7. The 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM service schedules will appear. Choose your preferred date and time and add yourself to the roles you would like to fill.

Steps 1-5 are a one-time setup. After approval, just follow Step 6 to sign up for future opportunities.

Haven't activated your Realm account yet? Email Mandy (mandy@flclincoln.org) for a time-sensitive link. We urgently need January worship assistants - check your schedule and sign up today. Thank you!

ANNUAL MEETING PREVIEWS START TODAY

Join us for two preview sessions ahead of the annual meeting, scheduled for today and next Sunday, January 19, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Activity Center. Each session will feature unique information, so attending both is highly recommended to gain a comprehensive understanding of the nominated candidates for elected office and the proposed 2025 budget. Mark your calendars for the congregational annual meeting on Sunday, January 26, which will include a spaghetti feed fundraiser at noon.

IT'S NOISY OFFERING SUNDAY!

Today's Noisy Offering supports the Lutheran Family Services (LFS) Well-Being Box Program, which provides essential items for families in need. Donations help stock the LFS Children's Services closets, where families can select items their children need. Current priorities include winter coats, shoes, socks, underwear and hygiene products. Drop your loose change, cash, or checks in the silver pot during the offertory and help make a joyful noise for the LFS Well-Being Box Program. Together, we can make a difference!

JOIN US FOR LUNCH & LEARN: TACKLING JUSTICE ISSUES!

Join us at Noon on Sunday, January 19, in the Activity Center for a free light lunch and an update on what our Justice in Action Team is doing to tackle three key community issues. Know someone struggling with housing in Lincoln? Someone dealing with poor mental health and lacking resources? Curious about how Diversion programs for non-violent offenders could lower local taxes? Come hear what Justice in Action is working on!

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2024 GIFTS OF HOPE BREAKS A RECORD

Together, we made history! The 2024 Gifts of Hope market raised an incredible ****\$24,539.50**** - our highest total ever! A huge thank you to everyone who brought First Lutheran's Welcome and Mission Statements to life. From the greeters, table mates, roamers, cashiers and shoppers, thank you for bringing First Lutheran's welcome and mission statements to life! This year's Gifts of Hope spread hope locally, statewide and internationally through the amazing work of our 11 partners. But the impact doesn't end here! Check out our online Gifts of Hope catalog at https://bit.ly/2024_GOH to support these amazing partners year-round. Giving back isn't just for December - spread hope any day of the year!

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR PICK UP

If you requested offering envelopes for your 2025 contributions, please visit the table in the Gathering Area to pick up your personalized box. Thank you!

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, Elaine Dlouhy, Rod Price, Margrett Wehland, Elaine Kruse, Mike Snyder, Michael Dalton and Verla Youngquist. Our sympathies go to the family of Judith Heller who passed away on December 20. Her memorial service was held at First Lutheran on January 3.

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, JANUARY 12 - NOISY OFFERING

- 8:15 AM - Worship and Livestream
- 9:30 AM - Annual Meeting Preview Session
- 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

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

- 9:30 AM - Martha Circle
- 10:30 AM - Bible Study Group
- 7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

(Pastor Andrew on Vacation Through January 21)

- 9:30 AM - Fitness Class
- 10:00 AM - Esther Circle
- 3:30 PM - Small Group Ringers
- 7:00 PM - Gather & Gab

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

- 3:15 PM - Backpack Distribution at Pyrtle Elementary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

- 5:30 PM - Worship

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

(Pastor Erin out for Continuing Education through January 21)

- 8:15 AM - Worship and Livestream
- 9:30 AM - Annual Meeting Preview Session
- 9:30 AM - Learning Hour for 3 year olds-high school
- 10:45 AM - Worship
- Noon - Justice in Action Lunch & Learn
- Noon - Nuer Worship
- 4:00 PM - Stephen Ministry Training