



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

January 19-26, 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!

FINAL ANNUAL MEETING PREVIEW SESSION TODAY - ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 26

Join us today for the final preview session ahead of the annual meeting! The session will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Activity Center and will offer a comprehensive overview of the proposed 2025 budget, along with a detailed explanation. We highly encourage your attendance to ensure you're fully informed before casting your vote at the annual meeting on Sunday, January 26.

The annual meeting will begin at 12:30 PM in the Activity Center, with childcare available in the nursery during the meeting. Before the meeting, join us for a delicious spaghetti feed fundraiser at 11:30 AM. Proceeds will support the summer accompaniment trips for our middle and high school youth.

The 2024 Annual Report can be read and downloaded at https://bit.ly/flc_2024_annual_report and the 2025 Nominees at https://bit.ly/flc_2025_nominees.

BE A PART OF THE WEEKLY SOUPER BOWL OF CARING COMPETITION

Matthew 25:35-37 – *"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat..."* – reminds us of our mission to serve others with love. This is our chance to help the 64,510 people in Southeast Nebraska facing food insecurity.

From now until February 9th, join the friendly competition of the Souper Bowl of Caring to support the Lincoln Lutheran Food Pantry. Each week, two food items will compete, and your donations decide the winner:

- WEEK ONE (Jan 12 - Jan 18): Cereal vs. Oatmeal
- WEEK TWO (Jan 19 - Jan 25): Peanut Butter vs. Jelly
- WEEK THREE (Jan 26 – Feb 1): Pork & Beans vs. Canned Tomatoes
- WEEK FOUR (Feb 2 – Feb 9): Canned Meals (like Chef Boyardee) vs. Canned Chicken

Other non-perishables are welcome too! Drop off items at the Gathering Center at First Lutheran and vote with your donations. Weekly winners will be announced every Monday! Even if your favorite doesn't win, every contribution helps fill the pantry shelves.

TACKLING JUSTICE ISSUES TODAY - LUNCH & LEARN AND PRAYER VIGIL

As a member of Justice in Action, there are two opportunities today for First Lutheran members to advocate for justice in our community.

Join us at noon in the Activity Center for a free lunch and a discussion on:

- Housing stability
- Expanding mental health resources
- Reducing taxes through diversion programs for non-violent offenders

Learn how Justice in Action is tackling these issues and making a difference.

Join 26 faith communities for a Prayer Vigil tonight at the County Jail (3801 W. O St.) from 6:00 to 6:30 PM. The vigil focuses on non-violent offenders awaiting trial who could benefit from diversion programs. Bring a candle or use one provided. If the weather is unsafe today, the event will be postponed to January 26.

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WE'RE HIRING A PART-TIME ACCOUNTANT

Wyatt Swanson, our part-time accountant, is stepping down due to increased responsibilities in his full-time job. He will remain during a brief transition period as we search for his replacement to allow for training.

Do you have accounting experience and want a part-time role (about 40 hours per month) with a flexible schedule? If so, check out the job description at https://bit.ly/flc_accountant! This could be a great opportunity for you - or someone you know. Please share this with your network.

To apply, complete the First Lutheran Job Application at https://bit.ly/flc_jobs and send it with a cover letter and resume to Pastor Erin Heidelberger at pastorerin@flclincoln.org. Applications can also be mailed or dropped off at First Lutheran Church, 1551 S. 70th St., Lincoln, NE 68506.

Thanks for helping us find the next member of our team. And don't forget to thank Wyatt for his amazing work at First Lutheran over the past three years!

SUPPORT OUR GRADS: SEND LOVE THROUGH CARE PACKAGES!"

Let's connect with our recent high school graduates by sending them a care package and some notes of encouragement. After our annual meeting next Sunday, congregation members are asked to take some time to pack various items in boxes and write some notes to these 37 young adults who graduated high school between 2021 – 2024. Find out where they are now and what they are doing by helping to pack these care packages.

OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 20

The office will be closed on Monday, January 20, in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

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.

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 19 (Pastor Erin on 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

MONDAY, JANUARY 20 - Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

9:00 AM - Cook for Matt Talbot Kitchen

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

11:00 AM - Serve at Matt Talbot Kitchen
6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

6:30 AM - Faith to Go!
10:30 AM - Bible Study Group
6:00 PM - Discipleship University
7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

3:15 PM - BackPack Distribution at Pyrtle Elementary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

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
11:30 AM - Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser
Noon - Nuer Worship
12:30 PM - Congregational Annual Meeting
1:30 PM - Vitality Initiative Cohort
4:00 PM - Stephen Ministry Training