



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

January 26 - February 2, 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 A BUSY DAY AT FIRST: ANNUAL MEETING, SPAGHETTI FEED AND COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Join us today for the 155th Annual Congregational Meeting of First Lutheran Church. The meeting will begin at 12:30 PM in the Activity Center, with childcare provided in the nursery for your convenience.

Before the meeting, come for a spaghetti feed fundraiser, starting at 11:30 AM. All proceeds will support our middle and high school youth in their upcoming summer accompaniment trips.

After the meeting, take some time to pack various items in boxes and write some notes of encouragement to 37 of our 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.

UNRAVELING THE MYSTERIES OF REALM

Join us Sunday, February 2, 9:30-10:30 AM, for "Realm 201," an interactive session to help you make the most of your Realm account. Kathleen Simley, First Lutheran's Communications Director, will lead this session designed to make staying connected easy.

Whether you're new to Realm or need a refresher, this session will help! Learn how to activate your account, update your profile, sign up to volunteer, register for events, and send messages to staff and members. You will also discover how to get text alerts and stay informed effortlessly.

Don't miss this chance to master Realm and stay connected with your church family!

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Can you navigate the challenges of incarceration and reentry faced by thousands every day? Join Alissa Ries of Our Saviour's Lutheran in today's Adult Forum for an activity that offers a first-hand look at the incarceration-to-reentry journey - no prison bars required! Through real-life stories, this interactive session explores the impact of our prison system on individuals and communities. We will also learn about the FEAST prison ministry at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Lincoln. Meet us in the Activity Center from 9:30-10:30 AM for this special session.

WELCOMING THREE NEW BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND!

This weekend, we joyfully celebrate the baptism of three children:

- Fiona Mary Havens: Baptized during Saturday evening's worship service. Fiona's parents are Lauren (daughter of Matt Reckmeyer) and Matt Havens. Her sponsors are Mark and Catherine (Allie) Reckmeyer.
- Savannah Catherine Reckmeyer: Also baptized during Saturday evening's service. Savannah's parents are Catherine (Allie) and Mark Reckmeyer (son of Matt Reckmeyer). Her sponsors are Lauren and Matt Havens.
- Adalyn Marie Cordonier: Baptized during Sunday's 10:45 AM worship service. Adalyn's parents are Nick and Kim Cordonier, with J.D. and Laura Freeman as her sponsors.

We give thanks for these children and their families as they take this meaningful step in faith!

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SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: PORK AND BEANS VS. CANNED TOMATOES

Get ready for this week's Souper Bowl of Caring face-off: pork and beans vs. canned tomatoes! Which will you pick? Bring your champion to the Gathering Area - or bring both! All donations support the Lincoln Lutheran Food Pantry to fight food insecurity.

This past week's challenge was peanut butter vs. jelly - stay tuned for the winner! The final face-off is canned meals (like Chef Boyardee or chili) vs. canned chicken, running February 2-9. We're also happy to accept any other non-perishable food items. Let's tackle food insecurity together!

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 to learn more on Wednesdays, February 5 and 19, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Chapel. Dinner is provided and childcare is available upon request.

Discover what it means to be a member and how to get involved in ministries that match your interests. Join us to 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 journey of faith and community with First Lutheran.

WE'RE HIRING A PART-TIME ACCOUNTANT

First Lutheran Church is looking for a part-time accountant (approximately 40 hours per month) with a flexible schedule. If you have accounting experience or know someone who does, check out the job description at https://bit.ly/flc_accountant. To apply, complete the application at https://bit.ly/flc_jobs and send it with a cover letter and resume to Pastor Erin Heidelberger at pastorerin@flclincoln.org.

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, 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

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

9:30 AM - Fitness Class
1:00 PM - Las Abejitas Support Team
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk
7:00 PM - Worship & Music Committee

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

3:15 PM - Backpack Distribution at Pyrtle Elementary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

5:30 PM - Worship

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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