



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

FEBRUARY 16-23, 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!

CONGREGATION AND COUNCIL CONVERSATION TODAY: MOVING FROM CHALLENGES TO OPPORTUNITIES

Join us for a conversation today in the Chapel at 9:30 AM about First Lutheran's ministries and budget challenges as we plan for the future. The Church Council wants to hear your ideas, concerns and hopes for our church. This discussion is in follow-up to the annual meeting budget conversation. It will replace the usual Sunday Adult Forum. Faithful February Conversations will resume next Sunday, February 23. Can't attend the conversation? Email your feedback to council@flclincoln.org, accessible only by the Council President and Vice President, talk to any Council member, or be sure to submit your completed online survey coming to your inbox later this week.

CELEBRATE PASTOR ERIN'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY WITH GLOBAL REFUGE SUPPORT

February 21 marks Pastor Erin's 10th anniversary as an ordained minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She's celebrating by supporting Global Refuge. Help her raise \$2,025 in 2025 to support immigrants, asylum-seekers and refugees. Learn more about Global Refuge's vital work and how you can help with your donation by visiting https://bit.ly/global_refuge_fundraiser.

LENT LUNCH AND SUPPERS - DO YOU HAVE A SOUP YOU CAN SHARE?

Do you have a favorite soup to share for our Lent lunches and dinners? The fellowship committee will serve soup on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of Lent after the noon Holden Prayer service and before the evening service. Sign up online at https://bit.ly/lent_soup_2025 to bring a crockpot of soup on one (or more!) of those Wednesdays. Thank you! (P.S. Pulled pork will be served on the second Wednesday of Lent and taco bowls on the fourth!)

TOUR THE MUSEUM OF AMERICAN SPEED

Join First friends for a special tour of the Museum of American Speed in Lincoln on Friday, February 28 from noon-2:30 PM. Led by First member and museum volunteer Tim Maack, this guided tour covers three floors of automotive history, featuring iconic cars, engines, motorcycles and more. Rated #1 by USA Today for car lovers, it's an event you won't want to miss - even if you can't tell a carburetor from a cupholder. Space is limited to 25 participants - RSVP on Realm today - or contact Kathleen Simley (kathleen@flclincoln.org).

WILD WOMEN OF FIRST DEBUT EVENT - ALL AGES INVITED

The Wild Women of First Lutheran is launching - a vibrant, multi-generational women's group - and you're invited to the first gathering on Monday, February 24, from 6:00-8:00 PM at The Forum (6301 S 58th Street)! Join an evening of fun featuring a taco bar, games, lively discussions and a celebration of National Women's Day. This is a chance to connect and build a supportive community of faith-filled women. RSVP on Realm and let Kari Hoeft (karihoeft@hotmail.com) know if you need a ride or have any questions. See you on the 24th!

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ENDOWMENT BOARD NOW ACCEPTING COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

First Lutheran members attending college in 2025-2026 can apply for the First Lutheran Endowment Fund Scholarship. Applications are now being accepted and are due by midnight, February 24. Late applications will not be accepted. Visit <https://flclincoln.org/endowment> to learn more and access the online application.

MOVIE NIGHT AT FIRST - THE WILD ROBOT

Grab a pillow, comfy blanket and a drink with a lid and come to Movie Night at First! *The Wild Robot* will be the featured movie on Saturday, February 22, at 6:30 PM in the Gathering Area! Snacks will be provided!

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, Fred Ohles, Pastor Marsha Anderson and Sophia Johnson-Alvarez.

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!

CONNECT WITH THE MINISTRY STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Pastor Erin Heidelberger, Lead Pastor (pastorerin@flclincoln.org)

Pastor Andrew Kitzing, Associate Pastor (pastorandrew@flclincoln.org)

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Stephen Ministry Leader (stephen.ministry@flclincoln.org)

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FIRST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:15 AM - Worship and Livestream

9:30 AM - Congregation & Council Conversation

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, FEBRUARY 17

9:00 AM - Cook for Matt Talbot

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

11:00 AM - Serve Lunch at Matt Talbot

11:30 AM - Day Off School Service Project at the Center for People

12:30 PM - Staff Meeting

5:45 PM - Bible Study Group

6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:30 AM - Martha Circle

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 20

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers

7:00 PM - Gather & Gab

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

3:15 PM - BackPack Distribution at Pyrtle Elementary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:00 AM - Saturday Morning with the Guys

5:30 PM - Worship

6:30 PM - Movie Night at First

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