



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

FEBRUARY 23-MARCH 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!

HELP SHAPE OUR 2025 BUDGET: COMPLETE THE ONLINE SURVEY

The Congregational Council of First Lutheran Church invites all members to take part in an important online survey to help guide budget decisions for 2025. You can access the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LC7VQQW> or scan the QR code. We ask that all responses be submitted by Sunday, March 2. Your feedback is essential in shaping the future of our church and we deeply value your input. Thank you for your time and thoughtful contributions.



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! (Pulled pork will be served on the second Wednesday of Lent and taco bowls on the fourth!)

SHARE YOUR STORY: BE PART OF OUR LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Would you write a short reflection on a Bible passage that has impacted your life? Share the passage and how it has guided, comforted or inspired you. Your story will be part of our weekly Lenten devotions, emailed to the congregation each Sunday during Lent. Let us know you are interested in sharing your short reflection at https://bit.ly/lenten_devotion.

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Join us in the Chapel today from 9:30-10:30 AM for an Adult Forum session: What is Christian Nationalism? Is it new, or has it always been part of what some Americans envision for their country? Wesleyan Religious Studies Professor Jonathan Redding will provide an overview of American Christian Nationalism, its origins and intentions. We will also discuss key figures and ideas behind the movement to better understand its role in today's politics. Join us!

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, the tour features three floors of automotive history, including iconic cars, engines, and motorcycles. Rated #1 by USA Today for car lovers, it's an event you will love. Space is limited to 25 - RSVP on Realm 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)! Enjoy a fun evening with a taco bar, games, discussions and a celebration of National Women's Day. Connect and build a supportive community of faith-filled women. RSVP on Realm and contact Kari Hoeft (karihoeft@hotmail.com) if you need a ride or have questions.

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

Friday, February 21 marked Pastor Erin's 10th year as an ordained minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. To celebrate, she's raising \$2,025 in 2025 for Global Refuge to support immigrants, asylum-seekers and refugees. Learn more about their work and donate here: https://bit.ly/global_refuge_fundraiser.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP - MARCH 5

Join us on Ash Wednesday for worship with Holy Communion and ashes on March 5 at noon and 6:30 PM (with livestream) in the Sanctuary.

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, 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

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THE WEEK AHEAD AT FIRST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:15 AM - Worship and Livestream

9:30 AM - Adult Forum

9:30 AM - Faithful 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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

7:00 PM - Wild Women of First

7:00 PM - Vitality Initiative

7:00 PM - VBS Planning Meeting

7:00 PM - Worship & Music Committee

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

12:30 PM - Staff Meeting

5:45 PM - Bible Study Group

7:00 PM - Property Committee

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

6:30 AM - Faith to Go!

9:30 AM - Martha Circle

10:30 AM - Bible Study Group

7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 AM - Quilters

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers

7:00 PM - Gather & Gab

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Noon - Museum of American Speed Tour

3:15 PM - BackPack Distribution at Pyrtle Elementary

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

11:00 AM - Council Retreat

5:30 PM - Worship

SUNDAY, MARCH 2 - New Member Welcome & Noisy Offering

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

1:30 PM - Vitality Initiative Cohort

4:00 PM - Stephen Ministry Training

6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision