



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

FEBRUARY 9-16, 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!

TAKING FAITH HOME: A WEEKLY RESOURCE

Each week, we are offering First Lutheran members a new resource: *Taking Faith Home*. This guide helps spark faith-filled conversations throughout the week. You will find it as an insert in your worship bulletin and in the Wednesday *First Things First* e-newsletter.

Key features of *Taking Faith Home* include:

- Based on the Sunday church lectionary.
- A weekly prayer, Bible verse, mealtime prayer and blessing.
- Suggested daily Bible readings and a weekly hymn.

Ways you can use it at home:

- Share the blessings and prayers with your children at mealtime or bedtime.
- Use the Milestone and Caring Conversation questions to start meaningful discussions with your family or friends.
- On the go? Grab a prayer or Bible verse to keep God in your day.
- Try the Rituals and Traditions ideas to create new faith practices at home.

We hope this resource offers you meaningful ways to live out your faith each week.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FINAL COMPETITION: CHIEFS VS EAGLES

Drop your coins, cash or check in the pots at the end of worship today and vote for the Super Bowl winner with your donation. Chiefs or Eagles - who will it be? The real winner of our Souper Bowl of Caring is the Lincoln Lutheran Food Pantry who is receiving all the donations! Thank you!

FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS IN FEBRUARY

Join us for "Faithful Conversations" today and every Sunday morning in February at 9:30 AM in the Gathering Space. These informal discussions offer a chance to reflect on the week's news through a faith-based lens while enjoying coffee and donut holes. All perspectives are welcome as we come together to listen, support and care for one another.

WILD WOMEN OF FIRST DEBUT EVENT - ALL AGES INVITED

Mark your calendars! The Wild Women of First Lutheran are making their debut and you're invited! This multi-generational women's group is all about building a vibrant, inclusive community where women of all ages can connect, share and celebrate their faith.

Join us Monday, February 24, from 6:00-8:00 PM at The Forum, 6301 S 58th Street in Lincoln. Enjoy a taco bar, games, friendly competitions and great conversation as we kick off International Women's Month. Plus, we will discuss the future of the Wild Women group. Free-will donations will be accepted to cover event costs.

Whether you're young, seasoned, or in between, you will find your place in this empowering group - sharing laughs, supporting one another and sharing our faith - as we grow in friendship.

Email Kari Hoeft (karibrandt@hotmail.com) to RSVP and let her know if you're bringing a friend! Need a ride? We're happy to help. See you on the 24th!

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FIRST STORIES: UPLIFTING STORIES ABOUT OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

At First Lutheran, being the church and living our ministry together has never been about seeking recognition. It's about staying true to our mission - welcoming everyone and walking as Christ's disciples in our daily lives. Every now and then, it's good to take a step back and reflect on all that we've achieved together in answering this call. That's exactly what the latest edition of *First Stories* is all about. It's more than just a look back at the past six months. It's a heartfelt celebration of the meaningful impact we've made together - lives touched, faith renewed and hope sparked through our collective efforts. These are the uplifting stories we all need, especially in challenging times. Curious to see how our ministry is making a difference? Check out the newest issue of *First Stories* at <https://bit.ly/first-stories-fall-and-winter-2024> or scan the QR code!



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.

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 and Pastor Marsha Anderson.

Our condolences go to Lyle and Connie Petersen on the passing of Lyle's father.

Congratulations to Ricky and Megan Hulse on the birth of their daughter, Amelia Mae, born on January 27.

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, FEBRUARY 9

8:15 AM - Worship and Livestream
9:30 AM - Faithful Conversation/Adult Forum
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 - Super Bowl Party for Middle & High School Youth (8430 Fremont Street)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:00 AM - Adult Forum Planning
12:30 PM - Staff Meeting
2:00 PM - Lydia Circle
5:30 PM - Fellowship Team
5:45 PM - Bible Study Group
6:30 PM - Social Ministry Team
7:00 PM - Church Council

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:30 AM - Fitness Class
6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers
7:00 PM - Gather & Gab

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

3:15 PM - Backpack Distribution at Pyrtle Elementary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

5:30 PM - Worship

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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
6:00 PM - Middle & High School Youth Group