



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

MARCH 2-MARCH 9, 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!

CHEF MANDY & ANDY TO COOK PANCAKES

Join us for unlimited pancakes and sausage on Fat Tuesday, March 4, from 5-7 PM at the First Lutheran Activity Center! Tickets are \$10 (kids 5 and under eat free) and can be purchased in advance from the church office, at the door or through Events in Realm. All proceeds support youth mission trips and camp scholarships. Enjoy great food, great company and make a difference. Bring your friends and family!

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Our schedule on Wednesdays in Lent has changed this year to allow for a new all-ages faith formation opportunity. The Claimed & Called intergenerational study will bring together middle school age and up for study and faith conversations about living out of the promises of Baptism. Claimed & Called will be a time of speaking the faith to one another, growing deeper in discipleship, and building life-giving relationships with one another. Here's our Wednesday Lent schedule starting March 12:

11:00-11:50 AM: Claimed & Called Study (Chapel)

12:00-12:20 PM: Holden Evening Prayer (Chapel)

12:20-1:00 PM: Soup Lunch (Activity Center)

5:30-6:00 PM: Soup Supper (Activity Center)

6:05-6:50 PM: Claimed & Called Study (Activity Center, for middle school and up) + Nursery & Activities for Young Children

7:00-7:20 PM: Holden Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Join us in the Chapel today from 9:30-10:30 AM for an Adult Forum session: Norm Kempf to present his experience of travelling to Egypt. Including all the ancient wonders and biblical connections.

MEET GINA HUGHES - OUR NEW CHURCH ACCOUNTANT

Gina Hughes grew up on a farm near Columbus, NE, and has a background in accounting and HR. She works as an HR Specialist at LinPepCo in Lincoln. A mom and grandma of three, Gina enjoys spending time with family, cooking and scrapbooking. She shares, "I'm excited to join First Lutheran Church's team. I was looking for something to supplement my income and transition into a part-time job after retirement. This opportunity seems like a great fit. The staff I've met so far has been very welcoming and I look forward to meeting everyone. What a beautiful church!"

FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS

Interested in a conversation about current events through a lens of faith? Bring your coffee to the Welcome Space inside the main entrance at 9:30 this morning. All perspectives are welcome and needed.

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.

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LENT LUNCH AND SUPPERS

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.

FIRST FRIDAY JAZZ

Join us on Friday March 7th, for the stylings of Andy Hall. Enjoy free admission, with lunch for sale starting at 11 AM. The concert is from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the Activity Center.

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, Michael Dalton, Doris Bushard, Fred Ohles, and Pastor Marsha Anderson

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, 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

MONDAY, March 3

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

TUESDAY, March 4

12:30 PM - Staff Meeting

5:00 PM - Pancake Feed

7:00 PM - Executive Committee

WEDNESDAY, March 5 Ash Wednesday

12:00 PM - Worship

6:30 PM - Worship and Livestream

7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, March 6

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers

7:00 PM - Gather & Gab

FRIDAY, March 7

11:00 AM - First Friday Jazz

3:15 PM - BackPack Distribution at Pyrtle Elementary

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

8:00 AM - Saturday Morning with the Guys

5:30 PM - Worship

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 - Daylight Savings Time

8:15 AM - Worship and Livestream

9:30 AM - Adult Forum

9:30 AM - No FaithTrek Learning

10:45 AM - Worship

11:30 AM - Youth Serving Lunch at Luther Center

Noon - Nuer Worship

4:00 PM - Stephen Ministry Training