



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

MARCH 9-MARCH 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!

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)

INTERGENERATIONAL QUILTING EVENT

March 15th is National Quilting Day! During our Mini VBS over winter break, kids and adults created handmade designs on plain quilting squares. The First Lutheran Quilters group will show kids of all ages (3 years -113 years) how to piece the quilt squares together and the process of quilt making in honor of national quilting day. Join our Quilters in the Upper Room on Sunday March 16th at 9:30 AM, between services to learn more about the art of quilting! This is a come and go as you please event.

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer in a House Divided and a World on Fire – March 9 – April 6 9:30 am in the Chapel

Join us for 4 weeks as we explore the life and theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and the lessons we can use as we live at the intersection of faith and civic life today. Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran pastor and theologian living in Nazi Germany, who eventually joined the resistance and was arrested and killed before the end of WWII. This curriculum was compiled by Dr. Lori Brandt Hale, an internationally renowned Bonhoeffer scholar and president of the International Bonhoeffer Society – English Language Section.

FAMILY GAME DAY & POTLUCK

Do you have the *Luck of the Irish*? Join us Sunday, March 16 for Game Day and find out! Start with a potluck lunch at noon in the Activity Center. Bring your favorite game or pick from a selection of provided. Prizes will be award through the afternoon.

HYGIENE NETWORK DRIVE

The Social Ministry team invites you to help support the Lincoln Hygiene Network with a donations drive March 16- April 6th. Hygiene items must be new and unopened for donations. Items they have identified as a high need are: shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, period products, toothpaste, and lotion.

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!

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FAMILY REUNION AND WELCOME TO REFUGEES

Welcome Khabat and Ameer!

Miraculously, the Yazidi family First Lutheran Church sponsored through Lutheran Family Services in 2016 was reunited with two close family members in February. Long-awaited Special Immigration Visas (SIVs) for Khabat, whose husband died serving alongside U.S. troops in 2005, and adult son Ameer, were granted just as Lutheran Family Services lost federal funding for Reception and Placement.

LFS is allowed to help the family with appointments and paperwork, but money for short term assistance with rent is gone. Contributions to First Lutheran Church c/o Iraqi Immigrant Fund will help meet expenses until Ameer is eligible for employment. For more information, contact Kari Hoeft karibrandt@hotmail.com or Barb Johnson Frank bjohnsonfrank@gmail.com

SHARE YOUR STORY: HOW A BIBLE PASSAGE IMPACTED YOUR LIFE

It's not too late to share your mini-devotion! 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. Email your mini-devotion to 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, Tracy Troutman, Rod Price, Margrett Wehland, Elaine Kruse, Michael Dalton, Doris Bushard, Fred Ohles, Pastor Marsha Anderson and Julius Swen.

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THE WEEK AHEAD AT FIRST

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 - Daylight Saving 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 Lutheran Center

Noon - Nuer Worship

4:00 PM - Stephen Ministry Training

MONDAY, March 10- LPS Spring Break Week

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

11:00 AM- Las Abejitas Support Team

1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

7:00 PM - ELCA Gather Meeting

7:00 PM - Keeping God's People in Stitches

TUESDAY, March 11

12:30 PM - Staff Meeting

2:00 PM - Lydia Circle

5:30 PM - Fellowship Committee

5:45 PM - Bible Study

7:00 PM - Church Council

WEDNESDAY, March 12

11:00 AM- Claimed & Called Study

12:00 PM- Holden Evening Prayer, Meal after

5:30 PM - Lenten Soup Meal

6:05 PM - Claimed & Called Study

7:00 PM- Holden Evening Prayer

7:30 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, March 13

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers

7:00 PM - Gather & Gab

FRIDAY, March 14

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

5:30 PM - Worship

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

8:15 AM - Worship and Livestream

9:30 AM - Adult Forum

9:30 AM - FaithTrek, Middle & High School Learning hour

10:45 AM - Worship

11:45 AM - Family Game Day & Potluck

Noon - Nuer Worship

4:00 PM - Stephen Ministry Training