



# FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at  
First Lutheran Church

April 14-21, 2024

## 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! Don't forget to fill out the Guest Card in the Sanctuary pew slots so we know you were here. Feel free to ask the ushers or the person next to you any questions you might have. We hope you feel God's love, grace and mercy as you worship with us today!

## TODAY IS JUSTICE IN ACTION SUNDAY

Council member Kari Hoeft signed the Justice in Action Covenant on April 8th, on behalf of First Lutheran Church. The signing was witnessed by over 300 members from 24 faith communities. What does Justice in Action entail and what does First Lutheran's membership mean? During today's worship, Olivia Butts, Justice in Action's Associate Organizer, will deliver a Temple Talk to provide insights. However, the true meaning of our membership will be unveiled during today's learning hour in the Chapel from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. Olivia will delve into how JIA's interfaith, grassroots coalition of faith communities in Lancaster County, Nebraska, is leveraging the collective strength to tackle significant community issues. Don't miss out on this valuable learning opportunity. Save the date for the Nehemiah Action Assembly on May 2nd from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at St. Mark's Methodist Church in Lincoln. Stay tuned for more details! For inquiries, please reach out to Pastor Andrew Kitzing at [pastorandrew@flclincoln.org](mailto:pastorandrew@flclincoln.org), Council member Kari Hoeft at [karibrandt@hotmail.com](mailto:karibrandt@hotmail.com), or Barb Johnson-Frank at [bjohnsonfrank@gmail.com](mailto:bjohnsonfrank@gmail.com).

## TOWN HALL FORUM AND POTLUCK TODAY

Join us today for our first Town Hall Forum and Potluck Lunch of 2024 starting at noon in the Activity Center. It's an opportunity to get updated on the latest news from the First Lutheran leadership and ministry team and ask any questions you might have. Hope to see you there!

## WARTBURG COLLEGE CHOIR SEEKING HOMESTAY HOSTS

Abendmusik at First Plymouth Church needs homestays for eighty Wartburg College Choir students for their April 27 concert. They are seeking hosts. Students need a place to stay after the 7:00 PM concert on April 27 until 9:30 AM, April 28. Choir members can stay in pairs or more, sharing rooms and beds if queen-sized or larger. A Saturday night snack and Sunday breakfast would be great. Can you host? Sign up at [https://bit.ly/abendmusik\\_hosting](https://bit.ly/abendmusik_hosting). Help us show First Lutheran's warmth and hospitality. Any questions? Contact Matthew at [matthew@abendmusik.org](mailto:matthew@abendmusik.org).

## DONATE GARDEN TOOLS FOR REVERSE GARAGE SALE

Consider donating gently used hand garden tools for our "Reverse Garage Sale" to support the UNL East Campus Community Garden families. They grow crops for themselves and donate extra produce to the Husker Pantry, a campus food bank. These families could really use tools like hoes, shovels and turning forks. If you have any tools to spare, just email photos to First member, Mark Mesarch, at [unleascampusgardens@unl.edu](mailto:unleascampusgardens@unl.edu) along with your details. Tool pick-up will be on April 21 at the church.

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## FIRST LUTHERAN TO HOST LINCOLN ORGAN SHOWCASE CONCERT

The Lincoln Organ Showcase Concert will take place at First Lutheran on Sunday, April 21, at 4:00 PM and will showcase the talents of organist Elena Baquerizo. Elena is a rising star in the world of organ performance, currently studying at Rice University for her DMA while holding MM and BM degrees from Juilliard. She has earned numerous accolades from prestigious competitions. Don't miss the opportunity to experience her beautifully curated program on the Van Daalen organ at First Lutheran!

## GET READY TO CONNECT WITH REALM

First Lutheran Church is shifting to Realm Connect - an online member management platform with numerous benefits for staff and members. Access Realm Connect on your desktop, iPad or mobile device from anywhere! Stay updated on meetings and events, message staff, committee chairs, or groups easily, volunteer or register for events, track donations, maintain a personal profile and access an updated photo directory. More details on setting up your profile and connecting via Realm will be coming soon! Until then, share your primary email with us at [https://bit.ly/update\\_your\\_email\\_address](https://bit.ly/update_your_email_address) or scan the QR code with your smartphone. This will grant you access to Realm when the time comes. Thank you!



## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

M. Joyce Hansen, Rev. Dr. Mary Jensen, Sylvia Kempf, Donna Nelson, Pastor Bill Peterson, Rod Price, Cindy Schuster, Betty Miller, Marge Fahrnbruch, Mary Brass, Harold Borchert, Jeanette Metteer, Dennis Schuster, De Hansen, Jane Mickelson, Mariann Schafer, Elaine Kruse, Vern Westberg, Amy Thorpe, Richard Bouma, David Pitts, Ralph Hayden, Jay Sears, Gloria Van Ackeren, Jan Kruse, Ann Masters, Megahn Schafer and Delores Roundey.

## CONNECT WITH THE MINISTRY STAFF

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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, APRIL 14 - JUSTICE IN ACTION SUNDAY

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream  
9:30 AM - Learning Hour for FaithTrek, Middle & High School  
9:30 AM - Justice in Action Learning Session  
10:45 AM - Worship  
Noon - Nuer Worship  
Noon - Town Hall Forum and Potluck Lunch

### MONDAY, APRIL 15

9:00 AM - Cook for Matt Talbot Kitchen  
9:30 AM - Fitness Class  
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

### TUESDAY, APRIL 16

11:00 AM - Serve Lunch at Matt Talbot Kitchen  
12:45 PM - Staff Meeting  
5:45 PM - Bible Study Group  
6:30 PM - Exodus Group  
6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

9:30 AM - Martha Circle  
10:30 AM - Bible Study Group  
6:00 PM - Discipleship University  
7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, APRIL 18

9:30 AM - Fitness Class  
10:00 AM - Esther Circle  
6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers  
8:00 PM - Gather & Gab

### FRIDAY, APRIL 19

3:15 PM - Backpack Distribution at Morley and Pyrtle Elementary

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20

2:00 PM - Las Abejitas Open House (until 5:00 PM)  
5:30 PM - Worship

### SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream  
9:30 AM - Learning Hour: Adult Forum, FaithTrek, Middle & High School  
10:45 AM - Worship  
Noon - Nuer Worship  
1:30 PM - Vitality Initiative Cohort Meeting  
4:00 PM - Lincoln Organ Showcase Concert  
6:00 PM - Youth Summer Trip Planning Meeting