



# FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at  
First Lutheran Church

APRIL 27 - MAY 4, 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!

## WILD WOMEN CINCO DE MAYO NIGHT – FUN, LAUGHTER AND THE WILD TROPHY AWAITS!

Missed the Wild Women of First kick-off in February? Don't worry – we've got another night of laughter and fun on May 5! Join us for a Cinco de Mayo celebration, chase the “Born to be Wild” guitar – signed by the trailblazing women of February's event – and compete for the Wild Women Trophy. Meet amazing women, have fun and make unforgettable memories! Don't miss out – join us from 6–8 PM at the Holmes Golf Course Clubhouse.

If you joined us in February, RSVP in the Wild Women Realm group by Monday, April 28. New to Wild Women or missed February? No problem! Email Mandy at [mandy@flclincoln.org](mailto:mandy@flclincoln.org) to join the group and RSVP by April 28.

Need a ride? Wild Women Ubers are ready – just let us know when you RSVP! Questions? Contact Terry Kruse at [terry.kruse5@gmail.com](mailto:terry.kruse5@gmail.com).

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE: JOIN THE NEHEMIAH ACTION ASSEMBLY ON MAY 1!

Join Justice in Action's Nehemiah Action Assembly on May 1, 6:30 PM, at St. Mark's Methodist Church. This free event brings together over 1,000 attendees from 27 faith communities to address key issues like mental health care, affordable housing and pre-trial diversion. Arrive early, connect with First Lutheran members in the front row and hear from local officials. Tickets available at the door, on Sundays in the Gathering Area or during the week at the church office. Make a difference in our community! Contact Pastor Andrew, Kari Hoeft, Barb Johnson Frank or Karen Statham with questions.

## TODAY'S ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Join us for today's Adult Forum, featuring First member Jeff Culbertson, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Chapel. With his wealth of experience and expertise as UNL's Director of Landscape Operations, Jeff will guide you through backyard gardening essentials and answer your questions. Don't miss this opportunity to grow your gardening knowledge!

## FINDING HOPE AND CONNECTION IN CHALLENGING TIMES

Feeling unsettled by today's challenges? First Lutheran offers support through resources like the *ELCA's Government and Civic Engagement* message, which encourages active, faith-based civic involvement. Join our Faithful Conversations group, meeting Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Gathering Area, for thoughtful discussions on current events, spiritual practices and community support. All are welcome to reflect, share and find hope together!

## JOIN THE ADVENTURE: ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Calling all 3 -year-olds to 5th graders! Join us for *On Earth as in Heaven* Vacation Bible School, happening June 16-20 from 8:30 AM to Noon! It's a week packed with exciting stories, joyful music, fun games and creative crafts. Together, we will explore how to pray for God's transformation in the world and discover how to say “yes” to being a part of it! We're teaming up with Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and hosting VBS right here at First Lutheran. Don't wait - register today at [bit.ly/FLC2025VBS](https://bit.ly/FLC2025VBS).

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## ED LOVE & COMBO BRING THE BLUES AND BEYOND!

Join Ed Love and his talented combo for a First Friday Jazz concert on May 2, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. The event is free to attend, with lunch available for purchase. Ed Love, on saxophone and clarinet, will be joined by a stellar lineup featuring Tom Harvill on piano, Hans Sturm on bass and Justin Jones on drums. The concert, titled “Can’t Lose with the Blues,” will feature classics from legends like Charles Mingus, Duke Ellington, Charlie Parker, Thelonious Monk and Herbie Hancock, with a few surprises beyond the blues thrown in.

## BIBLE STUDY GROUPS TO RESUME AFTER LENTEN BREAK

The Tuesday Bible Study group is back this week! Join us at 5:45 PM in the Upper Room on April 29 as we dive into the book of Daniel. The Wednesday group resumes on May 7 at 10:30 AM in Lower Level Room 3 and will be wrapping up the “Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer” study. Don’t miss these opportunities to grow in faith and fellowship!

## 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, Shari Peters, Jen Wemhoff, Daniel Robles and Harold Sutter.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Sunday, May 4 - Last day of FaithTrek
- Sunday, May 11 - Mother’s Day Brunch / 8:30-11:00 AM
- Sunday, May 19 - Blessing of High School Graduates
- Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day Service of Remembrance
- Friday, May 30- Sunday, June 1 - Synod Assembly in Kearney
- Sunday, June 1 - Livestream Worship from Synod Assembly / 10:00 AM / Activity Center (no 8:15 AM or 11:00 AM worship services)

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## 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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## THE WEEK AHEAD AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, APRIL 27

(Pastor Erin on Vacation)

8:15 AM - Worship and Livestream

9:30 AM - Faithful Conversations

9:30 AM - Adult Forum

9:30 AM - Learning Hour for 3-Year Olds-High School

10:45 AM - Worship

12:00 PM - Nuer Worship

4:00 PM - Stephen Ministry Training

6:00 PM - High School Youth Nashville Trip  
Participants’ Bowling Night

### MONDAY, APRIL 28

(Pastor Erin on Vacation)

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

### TUESDAY, APRIL 29

(Pastor Erin on Vacation)

12:30 PM - Staff Meeting

5:45 PM - Bible Study Group

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

(Pastor Erin on Vacation)

6:00 PM - Youth Education Committee

7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, MAY 1

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers

6:30 PM - Justice in Action Nehemiah Assembly  
(St. Mark’s Methodist Church)

7:00 PM - Gather & Gab

### FRIDAY, MAY 2

11:30 AM - First Friday Jazz

3:15 PM - BackPack Distribution at Pyrtle Elementary

### SATURDAY, MAY 3

5:30 PM - Worship

### SUNDAY, MAY 4 - NOISY OFFERING

8:15 AM - Worship and Livestream

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9:30 AM - Faithful Conversations

9:30 AM - Learning Hour for 3 Year Olds-High School

10:45 AM - Worship

Noon - Nuer Worship