



# FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at  
First Lutheran Church

APRIL 20 - 27, 2025

## WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you've worshipped with us before, welcome back! If this is your first time, we're glad you're here! We hope you feel God's love, grace, and mercy as you worship with us today.

## WELCOME TO EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP!

8:30 - 10:00 AM - Easter Breakfast in the Activity Center

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 AM Services - Join us for a joyful worship service celebrating the risen Christ! We hear God's word and join in song with the choirs and brass in proclaiming the "Christ has risen indeed!"

## BLESSING A FAMILY

Are you looking to gain space back in your house? Empty storage space of furniture? Our newly arrived family from Iraq, Ameer & Khabat are getting their first apartment in May! Items desired to make the apartment a home include: a full sized bed frame, couch/living room chair, night stands, coffee table, side tables, and a kitchen table with chairs. If you have donations or questions, please reach out to Kari Hoeft at [karibrandt@hotmail.com](mailto:karibrandt@hotmail.com) or Barb Johnson Frank at [bjohnsonfrank@gmail.com](mailto:bjohnsonfrank@gmail.com).

## JUSTICE IN ACTION

Thursday, May 1

6:30-8:00 pm

St. Marks United Methodist Church, 8550 Pioneers Blvd

May 1 is the next Nehemiah Action Assembly of Justice in Action (JIA). We have three initiatives that we are working on. Be ready as we work as a united voice to make real change in our town. Kari Hoeft has tickets available in advance, or get them at the door. Find out more about JIA at [www.justice-in-action.org](http://www.justice-in-action.org)

## BIBLE STUDY GROUPS RESUMING

The Tuesday group that meets at 5:45 p.m. (Upper Room) will resume next week, April 29, and is covering the book of Daniel. The Wednesday 10:30 a.m. group (Lower Level Rm 3) resumes on May 7 and will be finishing the "Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer" study.

## ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

**Easter Sunday:** No Adult Forum

**April 27:** Come to the Chapel from 9:30-10:30 AM for "Backyard Gardening" with Jeff Culbertson, UNL's Director of Landscape Operations and First Lutheran member. He will share insights on enhancing your landscape to cope with Nebraska's unpredictable weather, valuable tips on lawn, tree, and shrub care, and answer your landscaping questions.

## WILD WOMAN OF FIRST

Monday, May 5

6:00-8:00 pm

Holmes Golf Course Banquet Hall

Women of all ages are invited to attend a multi-generational women's event. More details to follow!

## EMMAUS LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Emmaus: Lifelong Learning (a ministry of the Nebraska synod) offers short term courses throughout the year. Participants have the opportunity to engage online or in-person through book discussions, workshops, webinars, and conversation groups.

Three sessions of "Advocacy 200" will be offered on Thursday evenings in May:

May 1: *What Does a Legislator Listen to?* Led by former Senator Lynne Walz

May 15: *How to be an Effective In-Person Advocate*

May 22: *Advocacy and Professional Boundaries*

Register for one or all three classes through the synod website: [nebraskasynod.org/event/advocacy-200/2025-05-01](http://nebraskasynod.org/event/advocacy-200/2025-05-01)

[www.flclincoln.org](http://www.flclincoln.org) / 402-488-0919

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## SUMMER VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Register your child(ren) now for *On Earth as in Heaven* summer Vacation Bible School! Join us for a week of story time, music, games, crafts, and fun as we pray for God's transformation of the world — and to say "yes" to God's invitation to be part of it! We're partnering with Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, and VBS will be held here at First Lutheran.



**June 16-20 8:30 AM - Noon**

**For 3 year-olds through 5th grade**

**Register for *On Earth as in Heaven* VBS online at [bit.ly/FLC2025VBS](https://bit.ly/FLC2025VBS)**

## IN OUR 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.

## PASTORAL CARE

### Hospitalization

When you are hospitalized, your church family wants to be there to help you through the healing process and bring God's comfort. To receive a pastoral visit, be sure to call or have a family member call the church office (402-488-0919) to let us know you are there. Note that Lincoln hospitals do not contact the church when you're hospitalized, even if you indicate a church home when you're admitted.

### Home Communion

When you or a loved one can't get to worship regularly, receiving Communion can be a challenge. Pastors and home Communion volunteers (Eucharistic ministers) would love to bring Communion to you. Call the office (402-488-0919) or send an email to [pastorerin@flclincoln.org](mailto:pastorerin@flclincoln.org) or [pastorandrew@flclincoln.org](mailto:pastorandrew@flclincoln.org).

### Emergencies

When an emergency occurs outside of regular business hours, call the church office (402-488-0919) and leave a message for an individual pastor.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- May 2: First Friday Jazz with the Ed Love Combo
- May 4: Last day of Faith Trek
- May 11: Mother's Day Brunch, 8:30-11:00 a.m.
- May 19: Blessing of High School Graduates
- May 26: Memorial Day Service of Remembrance
- May 30-June 1: Synod Assembly, Kearney
- June 8: Summer Send-off Blessing for youth camps and service trips

## THE WEEK AHEAD AT FIRST

### SUNDAY, April 20 - Easter Sunday

8:00 AM - Worship

8:30 AM - Easter Breakfast, Activity Center

9:30 AM - Worship

11:00 AM - Worship and Livestream

12:00 PM - Nuer Worship, Chapel

### MONDAY, April 21 - Office Closed

**Pastor Erin on vacation April 21-30**

### TUESDAY, April 22

6:30 PM - Exodus Group

6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

7:00 PM - Property Committee

### WEDNESDAY, April 23

7:00 PM - Endowment Board Meeting

7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, April 24

9:00 AM - Quilters

9:30 AM - First Fitness

10:00 AM - Esther Circle

6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers

7:00 PM - Gather & Gab

### FRIDAY, April 25

3:15 PM - Back Pack Distribution at Pyrtle

### SATURDAY, April 26

8:00 AM - Saturday Morning with the Guys

5:30 PM - Worship

### SUNDAY, April 27

8:15 AM - Worship and Livestream

9:30 AM - Faithful Conversations, Gathering Area

9:30 AM - Adult Forum, Chapel

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

10:45 AM - Worship

12:00 PM - Nuer Worship, Chapel

4:00 PM - Stephen Ministry Training

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