

MAY 11-18, 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!

CELEBRATING JAN MODICA'S 30 YEARS OF CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY

After over 30 years of leading the Cherub's children music ministry at First Lutheran Church, Jan Modica is retiring. Her passion for music and faith has nurtured generations of young members, creating lasting memories and strengthening their spiritual journeys. Jan's dedication to teaching through music has brought joy, comfort and a deep connection to faith for countless children. As she retires, we honor her incredible legacy and the impact she has made on our faith community. Join us this morning from 9:15 to 10:30 AM at the Activity Center for a celebration in her honor. While you're there, don't miss the Mother's Day Brunch fundraiser happening alongside the event! Thank you, Jan, for your love and service!

PENTECOST ART CLASS WITH PAUL OMAN

Ready for an afternoon full of creativity and fun? Join us on Sunday, May 18, from 4:30 to 6:00 PM in the Upper Room at First for a live, Zoom-led paint class with the amazing Paul Oman! Don't worry if you've never painted before - this class is for everyone. Together, we'll create a beautiful piece inspired by the story of Pentecost.

We've got you covered with all the supplies (including a 9x12 canvas), but feel free to bring your favorite brushes if you would like. After painting, stick around to enjoy some tasty snacks.

A suggested \$10 donation helps cover the cost of materials, and everyone is welcome - friends, family, or anyone eager to enjoy some creative time together. Head to Events on Realm and sign up now!

CELEBRATE AND GIVE BACK AT TODAY'S MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Celebrate the amazing women in your life with a special Mother's Day Brunch! Join us this morning from 9:15 to 10:30 AM at the Activity Center for a breakfast featuring pancakes, fresh fruit and an opportunity to make a meaningful impact.

Your free-will donations will go a long way! Half will help provide life-changing summer experiences for our youth, making sure every opportunity is accessible:

- Camp Scholarships: Supporting kids attending Carol Joy Holling summer camp.
- High School Trip (July 6–12): Nine students and two adults will serve in Nashville, connect with other Nebraska Synod youth, and grow in faith together.
- Middle School Trip (July 16–19): A small group will explore South Dakota's National Parks, worship together, and possibly serve in a Native American community.

The other half of donations will support Friendship Home in Lincoln, an organization helping mothers and children impacted by domestic abuse.

Let's honor the incredible women in our lives with great food, good company and the joy of giving back.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED IN MAY

Sign up as a Worship Assistant! Many volunteers are needed to support our worship services in May. Can you please help? Use your smartphone to scan the



QR code or sign up on Realm at https://bit.ly/worship-assistant-may.

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

Join us for *On Earth As in Heaven VBS* at First Lutheran Church, June 16-20, 8:30 AM-Noon! Kids ages 3 through 5th grade will enjoy a week of fun, faith and learning, exploring the Lord's Prayer through stories, crafts, games and service projects. Partnering with Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, the program connects prayer with action, teaching kids about global communities and how to make a difference. Don't wait - register your child at bit.ly/flc2025VBS! Friends are welcome, too!

NEW WORSHIP TIMES STARTING JUNE 1

Join us for a special worship service on Sunday, June 1, as we stream live from the Nebraska Synod Assembly at 10:00 AM in the Activity Center. Please note, there will be no worship services at 8:15 or 10:45 AM that day. However, we will hold our regular Saturday service on May 31 at 5:30 PM.

Starting Sunday, June 8, our new summer worship schedule will take effect and run through August 31. Saturday services will shift to 5:00 PM, while Sundays will feature a single worship service at 9:30 AM, with livestream available. Following Sunday worship, the Adult Forum will begin at 10:40 AM.

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, Harold Sutter, Bill Shaner and Kent Hardel.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Monday, May 26 Memorial Day Service of Remembrance at 10:00 AM
- Saturday, June 28-Sunday, June 29 Pastor Bekah Davis from Saint Andrew's Refugee Services (StARS) in Cairo, Egypt as Guest Preacher and Adult Forum speaker

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!

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FIRST

SUNDAY, MAY 11

8:15 AM - Worship and Livestream

9:15 AM - Mother's Day Brunch

9:15 AM - Reception for Jan Modica

9:30 AM - Faithful Conversations

10:45 AM - Worship

Noon - Nuer Worship

MONDAY, MAY 12

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

11:00 AM - Las Abejitas Committee

1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

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

TUESDAY, MAY 13

7:00 AM - Adult Forum Planning Team

10:00 AM - Staff Planning

2:00 PM - Lydia Circle

5:30 PM - Fellowship Committee

5:45 PM - Bible Study Group

7:00 PM - Church Council

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

6:30 AM - Faith to Go!

10:30 AM - Bible Study

7:10 PM - Adult Choir End-of-Year Party

THURSDAY, MAY 15

9:30 AM - Fitness Class

10:00 AM - Esther Circle

6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers

FRIDAY, MAY 16

3:15 PM - BackPack Distribution at Pyrtle

Elementary

SATURDAY, MAY 17

5:30 PM - Worship with Graduate Blessing

SUNDAY, MAY 18 - Graduate Blessing

8:15 AM - Worship and Livestream

9:30 AM - FaithTrek Worship Asst Training with

Pastors

9:30 AM - Faithful Conversations

9:30 AM - Adult Forum

9:30 AM - Spirit Ringers

10:45 AM - Worship

Noon - Nuer Worship

4:00 PM - Stephen Ministry Training

4:30 PM - Paint the Pentecost with Paul Oman