



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

APRIL 19-26, 2026

WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you've worshiped with us before, welcome back! If this is your first time, we're so glad you're here! We hope you feel surrounded by God's love, grace and mercy as you worship today—our ushers, greeters, staff or anyone nearby in the pews are happy to help with any questions, during or after worship.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUEST PREACHER

We're honored to welcome Pastor Mark LaChonce as our guest preacher for worship today! Pastor Mark serves as director of the Bethany Beyond the Jordan Baptismal Site—the traditional site of Jesus' baptism—and as pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Amman, Jordan, an English-speaking congregation serving people from around the world. His ministry brings together visitors and locals alike in worship, reflection and service, offering connection, renewal and a deeper understanding of faith.

Pastor Mark and his wife, Jennifer, will also share their work and experiences at our Adult Forum at 9:30 AM in the Chapel.

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL FOR THE NEHEMIAH ACTION ASSEMBLY

On April 30 from 6:30–8 PM, First Lutheran will join others from across Lincoln at the Justice in Action Nehemiah Action Assembly at St. Mark's Methodist Church. As one of 27 JIA faith communities, we're part of a grassroots effort working for real change. This annual gathering brings over 1,000 people together to call for action on issues like mental health, pre-trial diversion, food insecurity and eviction mediation. Our goal is 50 attendees—your presence matters! Sign up by emailing Kari Hoeft at karibrandt@hotmail.com or using the bulletin insert.

Love to sing? Join the pop-up JIA Choir—rehearse at 5:30 PM and sing at the start of the Assembly. Sign up by April 20 at <https://sites.google.com/view/JIAChoir>.

And don't miss Justice in Action Sunday at First Lutheran next Sunday, April 26, as we lift up our call to work for justice.

GET IN THE SPRINGTIME MOOD AT SPRING FLING!

It's been 16 years since our last church dance...so we're overdue! Join us for Spring Fling on Saturday, April 25 from 6–8 PM in the Activity Center for a night of fun, music and community.

- FREE (free will donations welcome)
- All ages welcome—members or not!
- Live DJ spinning crowd favorites
- Light appetizers, desserts and spring drinks
- The crowning a Spring Fling King & Queen

If you remember our Senior Prom or Country Hoedown, you know—they were a blast! If you missed them, now's your chance! Dress up, dress down, dance a lot or just come hang out—either way, don't miss it. Grab a friend and we'll see you on the floor!

MEMBER PHOTO DIRECTORY SESSIONS CANCELLED

We have a quick update regarding our upcoming photo sessions for the Member Photo Directory. Due to a scheduling conflict with our photographer, the sessions originally planned for April 25, May 2 and May 3 have been cancelled. We're working on rescheduling and anticipate new photo session dates beginning in late May and continuing through the summer. Thank you for your flexibility. We're excited to keep this project moving forward and to include as many of you as possible! More details and updated dates will be shared soon, so stay tuned!

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SEND BEST WISHES TO OUR 2026 GRADUATES

Help us celebrate our 2026 high school graduates! Take a moment to write a card offering your encouragement, congratulations and prayers as they prepare for this exciting next chapter. Your words can make a lasting impact as they step into what's ahead. Cards and collection boxes are available in the Gathering Area through May 10. Stop by, write a note and help send our graduates off with love and support from their church family.

LINCOLN LUTHERAN CHOIR TO PRESENT CONCERT

The Lincoln Lutheran Choir, directed by Jon Marquez, will present its spring concert, Jesus My Joy, on April 26 at 3:00 PM at Grace Lutheran Church (23rd & Washington). This 40+ year community choir features over 30 singers of all ages, including First Lutheran members, and will perform a wide variety of sacred music—from historic pieces to modern works—in multiple languages, along with audience sing-along hymns. The concert is free and open to the public, with a free-will offering. All are invited!

TURN SPRING PROJECTS INTO GIFTS OF HOPE

Support our Gifts of Hope partners—like Mosaic, Lincoln Food Bank, Matt Talbot, ECHO Collective, South Sudan Relief, I've Got a Name and the Center for Legal Immigration Assistance—while you tackle your spring projects! Stop by the RaiseRight table in the Gathering Area this morning to pick up gift cards for Lowe's, Menards, Home Depot, Ace Hardware and more. Use them instead of your debit or credit card when you make your purchase and a percentage of it will come back to First Lutheran. Best of all, 100% of proceeds support our Gifts of Hope partners. It doesn't cost you anything extra—just a simple switch in how you pay that makes a meaningful difference.

PASTORAL CARE JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY

When you or a loved one need care, our church family is here to help. For a pastoral visit during hospitalization, please call the church office at 402-488-0919 (hospitals do not notify us). Home Communion is available—contact the office or email pastorerin@flclincoln.org or pastorandrew@flclincoln.org. For after-hours emergencies, leave a message for a pastor.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

M. Joyce Hansen, Sylvia Kempf, Pastor Bill Peterson, Cindy Schuster, Betty Miller, Mary Brass, Jeanette Metteer, Dennis Schuster, Vern Westberg, Rod Price, Margrett Wehland, Michael Dalton, Pastor Marsha Anderson, Marge Wessels, Beth Strasheim, Ruby Augustine, Velda Schmidt, Nyabuony Ubeck and family, Janice Schnier, Jane Zatechka and Julius Swen's job search.

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FIRST

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream
9:30 AM - Adult Forum
9:30 AM - Faithful Conversations
9:30 AM - FLC 101
9:30 AM - Learning Hour for 3 Years-High School
10:45 AM - Worship
Noon - Nuer Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 20

9:00 AM - First Fitness
1:00 PM - Las Abejitas Support Team
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

(Pastor Andrew on vacation through April 26)
6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

6:30 AM - Faith to Go!
10:30 AM - Bible Study
7:00 PM - Endowment Board
7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

9:00 AM - First Fitness
9:00 AM - Quilters for LWR
6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers
7:00 PM - Gather & Gab

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

8:00 AM - Saturday Morning With the Guys
3:00 PM - Youth/Parent Meeting
5:00 PM - Worship
6:00 PM - Spring Fling!

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 - JUSTICE IN ACTION

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