



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at
First Lutheran Church

APRIL 26-MAY 3, 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.

JUSTICE IN ACTION SUNDAY - WELCOME!

Welcome to Justice in Action Sunday.

As people of faith, we are called to “strive for justice and peace in all the earth.” It's not just something we say—it's something we live. Today's worship is a time to ground ourselves in that calling and remember why this work matters.

Through Justice in Action, First Lutheran joins with other faith communities to address real needs in our community—like mental health access, housing and food insecurity. This work is rooted in our faith and lived out together.

Today also prepares us for the Nehemiah Action Assembly on April 30—a powerful opportunity to show up, stand together and seek meaningful change. If you've ever wondered how your faith connects to real impact, this is one way we live it out—together.

NEHEMIAH ACTION ASSEMBLY - SHOW UP!

On April 30 from 6:30–8 PM, First Lutheran will show up alongside others from across Lincoln for the Nehemiah Action Assembly at St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Through Justice in Action, we join 26 other faith communities working for real, lasting change right here in our city. Each year, more than 1,000 people gather to call for action on issues that impact our neighbors—like mental health access, fair pre-trial systems, food insecurity and eviction mediation.

Our goal is 50 people from First Lutheran—showing up matters. When we're in the room, our collective voice is stronger. Sign up by emailing Kari Hoeft at karibrandt@hotmail.com or by using the bulletin insert.

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TODAY

Join us for today's Adult Forum from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Chapel. We'll be hearing from Jay Rempe, an Agricultural Economist at Rolling Prairie Economics, who will discuss the realities and challenges of agriculture in Nebraska.

Join Faithful Conversations at 9:30 AM in the Gathering Area for a relaxed, faith-filled conversation. Explore the week's news, reflect on worship and share in prayer and quiet practices—all through a lens of faith. Come as you are - there's a place for you in the conversation.

GIVE BACK WHILE YOU SHOP FOR MOTHER'S DAY AND GRADUATES

Looking for an easy way to make an impact? RaiseRight gift cards are a simple win-win. Use them just like your debit or credit card at grocery stores, restaurants, gas stations, online shops and more. Heading out for spring projects? Grab cards for Lowe's, Menards, Home Depot or Ace. Need a gift for Mother's Day or a graduate? You're covered there too with VISA or Amazon cards.

It doesn't cost you anything extra—just a simple switch in how you pay that makes a real difference. Every purchase supports our Gifts of Hope partners—like Mosaic, Lincoln Food Bank and Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach—with 100% of proceeds going directly to their work.

Stop by the RaiseRight table this morning in the Gathering Area or the church office during the week.

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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.

FIRST FRIDAY JAZZ TO END 15TH SEASON

Join us for First Friday Jazz on Friday, May 1, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. This performance will feature renowned trumpeter Darryl White paying tribute to trumpet legends like Louis Armstrong, Miles Davis, Dizzy Gillespie, Freddie Hubbard and Harry James. He will be accompanied by Broc Hempel on keyboard, Hans Sturm on bass and Greg Ahl on drums.

This concert marks the finale of our 15th anniversary season. We look forward to returning for season 16 on October 2.

TOWN HALL AND POTLUCK LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY

Make plans to join us on Sunday, May 3 at noon for a Town Hall Meeting and Potluck Lunch.

This is your time. First is your church family and your voice and perspective matter. Come hear about upcoming initiatives and ministries, ask questions, share your thoughts and be part of shaping what's ahead—together.

Bring a dish to share—singles, please bring one dish; couples and families, please bring two.

Come for the food and stay for the conversation and connection. We hope to see you there!

ARE YOU GOING THROUGH A TOUGH TIME?

First Lutheran Church is a caring congregation that offers support during tough times to anyone whether you are a member or not. If you need someone to talk to confidentially, reach out to a Stephen Minister for support. Email stephen.ministry@flclincoln.org to learn more or request a Stephen Minister.

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 26 - JUSTICE IN ACTION SUNDAY

8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream

9:30 AM - Adult Forum

9:30 AM - Faithful Conversations

9:30 AM - Fellowship Hour

9:30 AM - Learning Hour for 3 Years-High School

10:45 AM - Worship

Noon - Nuer Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 AM - First Fitness

1:30 PM - Coffee Talk

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

12:30 PM - Staff Meeting

5:45 PM - Bible Study

7:00 PM - Property Committee

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

10:30 AM - Bible Study

7:00 PM - Gather Lincoln Bible Study

7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

9:00 AM - First Fitness

6:30 PM - Nehemiah Action Assembly at St. Mark's Methodist Church

6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers

7:00 PM - Gather & Gab

FRIDAY, MAY 1

11:30 AM - First Friday Jazz

SATURDAY, MAY 2 - NEW MEMBER

WELCOME

5:00 PM - Worship

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9:30 AM - Learning Hour for 3 Years-High School

9:30 AM - Welcome to Middle School Milestone

10:45 AM - Worship

Noon - Town Hall & Potluck Lunch

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6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision