FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at First Lutheran Church

NOVEMBER 1-8, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ON ALL SAINTS SUNDAY!

Today, on All Saints Sunday, we remember the saints who have gone before us and celebrate the faith, love and hope we share in Christ. As we give thanks for their lives, we trust in God's promise of resurrection and the love that holds us together. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here!

GENEROSITY GROWS

Today we continue *Every Blessing in Abundance*, leading to Commitment Sunday, November 8. This week's theme, *Generosity Grows*, invites us to imagine what today's gifts can make possible tomorrow.

"He who supplies seed to the sower...will supply and multiply your seed for sowing..." —2 Corinthians 9:10

Every act of generosity plants a seed. Serving a meal, purchasing a gift at Gifts of Hope that supports a community partner, visiting a homebound member—each can grow into friendship, stronger ministry and a reminder that someone cares.

Today, Don Schnier offers our Temple Talk. Consider: *What do you hope our generosity today will make possible tomorrow?* Write your anonymous response on your bulletin's reflection card and place it in the offering plate during the offertory. We'll add it to the Overflowing with Blessings board in the Commons.

Pick up your personalized stewardship packet in the Gathering Area!

Council's challenge ends today! If we reach 40% of our financial pledge goal by today, November 1, Church Council will donate $1,000 to the Lincoln Lutheran Food Pantry. Your pledge could put us over the top and help feed our neighbors.

Return your 2027 pledge today! Pledge at flclincoln.org/stewardship or scan the QR code for the online pledge form.

ONE SERVICE, ONE TABLE, SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE!

Join us for Commitment Sunday, November 8, as we celebrate *Every Blessing in Abundance* and the ministry we make possible together!

We'll gather for one worship service at 10:45 AM, with livestream, bringing our congregation together for this special celebration. There will be no 8:15 AM service or learning hour that day as the Good Life Halfsy will affect our access.

Our guest speaker will be Aaron Renkenberger of MOSAIC, one of the partners we welcome into our building each weekday for their day services.

Following worship, everyone is invited to the Activity Center for a delicious hot lunch catered by Chef au Chef. Come celebrate our ministries, partnerships, connections and the possibilities God is growing among us.

A LITTLE FUN CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

We make room for children to learn and grow by sharing our building with Las Abejitas Bilingual Education Center. Rising costs and delayed state subsidies are challenging their mission of affordable bilingual child care.

Help support families at their Fall Fun Carnival, Thursday, November 5, 5–7 PM at First Lutheran! Enjoy free admission, games, a bounce house, food and prizes.

Attend, donate a raffle basket or prize, give financially, sponsor a game table for $100 or spread the word. All proceeds support child care scholarships. Contact office@lasabejitas.net to help.

SUPPORT AND HONOR OUR VETERANS

Giving begins today! Help our Community Connections & Collaborations and Social Ministry teams provide a catered Veterans Day lunch and everyday essentials for residents of Victory Park Veterans Residence.

Pick up a meal donation envelope at the Gathering Area table. Through November 8, we're also collecting personal care, laundry and household cleaning supplies for the residents - who are mostly men.

On November 15, we'll honor First Lutheran members who are veterans in the Activity Center. Join us for a continental breakfast at 9:30 AM, followed by a recognition program around 9:50 AM.

Members who are veterans—or those honoring a deceased spouse, parent or child who served—may send the veteran's name, rank, branch and service dates to llwcarlson@gmail.com . To display memorabilia, request table space and arrive by 9:15 AM.

A QUIET PLACE IN YOUR WEEK

Pause, breathe and make room for reflection at Taizé worship on the first Wednesday of each month led by First Lutheran member Julianna Peters. Through repeated musical phrases and moments of silence, this reflective service offers space to slow down and rest in God's presence.

Join us for the first service this Wednesday, November 4, at 6:15 PM in the Chapel. The service will last approximately 45 minutes. All are welcome!

SWING INTO FIRST FRIDAY JAZZ

Join us Friday, November 6, from 11:30 AM–1:00 PM at First Lutheran for The Lightning Bugs! Enjoy their 1930s and '40s "Moonbeam Swing," featuring classic jazz and pop from the golden age of dance halls. Admission is free and lunch is available for purchase. Bring a friend and enjoy a midday music break!

GIVE YOUR PLASTIC BAGS A SECOND LIFE

Bring clean plastic bags to the new bin in the Gathering Area near the food collection grocery cart. We'll share them with food distribution sites, including ConnectioN Point and the Lincoln Lutheran Food Pantry, for shoppers to carry groceries home. Reduce waste and help a neighbor!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

We hold in prayer all who are facing ongoing or recent health concerns or life challenges, including M. Joyce Hansen, Sylvia Kempf, Betty Miller, Mary Brass, Jeanette Metteer, Dennis Schuster, Vern Westberg, Rod Price, Margrett Wehland, Michael Dalton, Pastor Marsha Anderson, Beth Strasheim, Ruby Augustine, Velda Schmidt, Jane Zatechka, Julius Swen, Terry Lander, Tom Hoeft, Pat Frank, Cynthia Holt, Carl Kramer and Dan Horn.

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FIRST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - LET'S MEET THE COUNCIL'S 40% STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE!
8:15 AM - Worship with Livestream
9:30 AM - Fellowship Time
9:30 AM - Learning Hour for 3 Year Olds-12th Grade
9:30 AM - Adult Forum
9:30 AM - Faithful Conversations
10:45 AM - Worship
Noon - Nuer Worship
6:45 PM - Stephen Ministry Supervision

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2
9:00 AM - First Fitness
1:30 PM - Coffee Talk
7:00 PM - Worship & Music Committee

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - ELECTION DAY
5:45 PM - Bible Study
7:00 PM - Executive Committee

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
10:30 AM - Bible Study
6:00 PM - Confirmation and Supper
6:15 PM - Taize Worship (Chapel)
6:30 PM - High School Youth Group
7:00 PM - Endowment Board
7:10 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
9:00 AM - First Fitness
5:00 PM - Las Abejitas Fall Festival
6:30 PM - Spirit Ringers Rehearsal
7:00 PM - Gather & Gab

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6
11:30 AM - First Friday Jazz with The Lightning Bugs

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
5:00 PM - Worship in the Chapel

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - COMMITMENT SUNDAY!
10:45 AM - Worship with Livestream
Noon - Commitment Sunday Lunch
Noon - Nuer Worship