Welcome to First Lutheran
We are glad you are in worship with us today! If you are visiting, please fill out a Guest Card found in your hymnal and place it in the offering plate. We also welcome all to share in Communion. Please ask an usher, staff member, or anyone sitting near you, if you have a question or need some assistance. Join us also for refreshments and fellowship from 9:30-10:30 am in the Commons area. Welcome to First Lutheran!

Sunday Morning Adult Learning Opportunities
This morning’s session at 9:30 am in the Chapel is Seeking Asylum at the Border - A Documented Struggle for Safety. Pastor Justin and Kari share stories about their recent border immersion experience in El Paso, Texas. Learn more about the documented struggle for safety and discover ways to connect with on-going ministries which live out our welcome statement.

Next Sunday, August 18 - Family Systems Theory as it Applies to Congregational Life - Pastor Dan describes how family systems theory shapes the way he understands leadership, and how it serves us as a faith community.

Prayers for Faith United Parish in Niobrara
Pastor Dan is preaching at Faith United Parish in Niobrara today. Please keep this faith community in our prayers as they work to overcome the damage from floods that ravaged the area this spring.

Another Explore First Lutheran Class Offered
If you are a visitor or have been a member for many years and are interested in learning more about what First Lutheran is up to we invite you to our second Explore First Lutheran class, Sunday, August 18, from 9:30 to 10:30 am. New members will be received August 24 and 25.

Learning Leader Orientation Planned
With our new Framework for Transformational Learning: A Lifelong Learning Plan now completed we are ready to integrate it into our learning ministries. We will introduce it at our Learning Leader Orientation on Sunday, August 18, from Noon to 3:00 pm. We will begin with a light lunch followed by an introduction to the framework and how it guides our learning. We will break into groups for age specific preparation and training.

Churchwide Assembly Elects Presiding Bishop
At this week’s Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee, WI, Rev. Elizabeth Eaton was re-elected as Presiding Bishop of the ELCA for another six-year term. First Lutheran members, Judy Batterman and Dara Troutman, were in attendance at the Assembly.

Visit the online calendar on our website for more ministry opportunities!
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Weekly Liturgical Readings
First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29
Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49-56

Looking Ahead
August 22; Noon Senior Potluck
August 25; 9:30 am Altar Guild Orientation
August 25; Noon; Holmes Lake Congregational Picnic

Visit Our Blog
At www.flclincoln.org/news you will find daily posts with videos, photos and stories of our ministry in action! Check it out!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers...
Donna Aschwege, Helen Bartholomew, Kathy Bolles, Harold Borchert, Joan Carlson, Varro Clarke, Terry Clementson, Kelly Dalby, Shirley Draper, Margaret Fahrnbruch, Ethel Fairchild, Bonnie Fletcher, Larry Glaser, Gary Hansen, Kent Hardel, Cynthia Holt, Howard Johnson, Lorna Johnson, Sylvia Kempf, Andy Kruse, Judy Koepke, Sharon Lemke, Karen Lind- Olson, Helen Lyles, Elva Mares, Kristen Miller, Fred Monnich, Donna Nelson, Carol Reed, Howard Rasmussen, Dale Ripa, Anne Sandin, Bud Sandin, Merl Scott, Marlene Stelling, Ron Vig, Dona Watermeier and Julius Wleh.

We also pray for these members of First Lutheran who have been deployed overseas or are on active duty in the armed forces: Zach Engler, Jeff Johnson, Conner Schmidt and Keeley Schmidt.

You can offer your own prayer requests on the back side of the Prayer & Guest Card found in the pew slot and place it in the offering plate.

Today's Flowers Are Offered By...
Andy and Karen Kuhn in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Register Your Child for a New Year of Learning
Our weekly learning hour for all kids (3 years old - 12th grade) will resume on Sunday, September 8, from 9:30-10:30 am. Every child needs to be registered ahead of time. It's easy and convenient! Just visit the Learn page at our website (www.flclincoln.org/learn) and click on FaithTrek (3 years old-5th grade), Middle School Learning or High School Learning, depending on the age of your child.

August FaithTrek Summer Learning Kit Now Available
The August FaithTrek Summer Learning Kit is available on the black desk in the Commons. Be sure to pick up the flier, one per family, and take a candy treat bag for each child. The candy bag is explained on the handout.

Confirmation for Adults: New Pilot Ministry Being Offered
Come to an orientation on Wednesday, August 21, from 6:00-8:00 pm, to learn about the new pilot ministry at First Lutheran. If you are an adult who has forgotten what you learned in confirmation class or you come from a faith tradition that did not have confirmation then you will want to know more about Confirmation: Adult Edition. Childcare will be provided upon request. See Pastor Justin for more information.

Bring Your Backpack for a Blessing
Calling all students, teachers and all who are employed by an educational system! Bring your backpack or whatever bag you carry to school for a blessing next weekend! During worship on Saturday and Sunday we will have a “Backpack Blessing” where you will receive a tag that can be attached to your backpack or bag as a reminder that “God's Got Your Back”! Be sure you also download the “New School Year Blessing” from www.flclincoln.org/resources to bless your child as they start a new school year!

Each person is a unique creation of God and, through grace, is a child of God. The people of First Lutheran Church welcome all because God welcomes all, without regard for race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity or relationship status, physical or mental challenges, imprisonment, addictions, socio-economic circumstances, or anything else that too often divides us. First Lutheran Church is a spiritual community that celebrates the gifts of God that can empower us to engage in the struggles of life, to care for each other, and to serve Christ where we work and live. Our unity is in Christ.