



FIRST GLANCE

A look at what's happening at First Lutheran Church

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 at 9:30 am in the Chapel - *The Work of the Churchwide Assembly* - Judy Batterman and Dara Troutman, First Lutheran members, will share stories and perspectives from the recent Assembly held in Milwaukee.

Next Sunday, September 8 - *Gifts of Hope and the Mosaic Story* - Jessica Javorsky, Community Relations Officer from the Beatrice Mosaic Campus, will share how Mosaic provides supports to more than 4500 people with disabilities, mental and behavioral health needs, as well as aging adults.

Learning Hour for Kids Begins Next Sunday

Our weekly learning hour for all kids (3 years old -12th grade) will resume next Sunday, September 8, from 9:30-10:30 am. Every child needs to be registered ahead of time. Just visit the Learn page at our website and click on FaithTrek (3 years old-5th grade), Middle School Learning or High School Learning, depending on the age of your child.

Fair Trade Sales Next Sunday

Support education around the world by making a Fair Trade purchase next Sunday in the Commons. Income from Fair Trade sales makes it possible for parents to pay school fees and gives children the freedom to go to school instead of working to help support their families. Fair Trade income also provides much needed funds for school infrastructure and teacher salaries.

Today's Noisy Offering to Support Backpack Program

50% of people know where their next meal will come from and don't worry about food. 40% are food insecure which means they are without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food. 10% are living in poverty and consistently go hungry. The Food Bank Backpack program is one way Lincoln is working to fight hunger. Your Noisy Offering today will support First Lutheran's Backpack Program. We distribute backpacks of food at Pyrtle and Morley elementary schools every Friday afternoon during the school year.

This Week's Events

Sunday, September 1

Noisy Offering and Name Tags

- 8:15 am Worship
- 9:30 am Adult Forum
- 10:30 am Meals on Wheels
- 10:45 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Nuer Worship

Monday, September 2

Office Closed / LABOR DAY

~~4:30 pm Harbor Coffeehouse~~

Tuesday, September 3

- 6:30 am A Few Good Men
- 9:15 am Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm AA
- 5:45 pm Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Executive Committee
- 7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, September 4

- 10:45 am Bible Study
- 5:00 pm Cherub and Chorister Choir
- 6:00 pm Dinner + Learning / Adult Confirmation
- 7:10 pm Adult Choir

Thursday, September 5

- 12:00 pm AA
- 6:00 pm Friendship Force
- 6:30 pm Spirit Ringers

Friday, September 6

- 7:00 pm AA

Saturday, September 7

- 8:00 am NSHLA Meeting
- 10:30 am AA
- 12:00 pm Middle School Youth at the Niebuhrs
- 5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, September 8

Fair Trade

- 8:15 am Worship
- 9:30 am Adult Forum
- FaithTrek
- Middle and High School Learning
- 10:30 am Meals on Wheels
- 10:45 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Nuer Worship
- 6:00 pm Senior High Youth Group

Visit the online calendar on our website for more ministry opportunities!

THE MINISTRY TEAM

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Weekly Liturgical Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Second Reading: Philemon 1:21

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33

Looking Ahead

September 19; 6:00 pm

Book Discussion: *Population: 485* —
Meeting Your Neighbors

September 29; 9:30 am

Learn About Stephen Ministry

October 4; 11:30 am-1:00 pm

First Friday Jazz Begins

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!



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In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

Donna Aschwege, Helen Bartholomew, Kathy Bolles, Harold Borchert, Joan Carlson, Varro Clarke, Terry Clementson, Kelly Dalby, Shirley Draper, Joan Farmer, Margaret Fahrnbruch, Ethel Fairchild, Bonnie Fletcher, Larry Glaser, Gary Hansen, Kent Hardel, Cynthia Holt, Shirley Huls, Lorna Johnson, Sylvia Kempf, Andy Kruse, Judy Koepke, Karen Lind-Olson, Helen Lyles, Elva Mares, Kristen Miller, Fred Monnich, Donna Nelson, Carol Reed, Howard Rasmussen, Dale Ripa, 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.

Flowers Today are Offered by...

Kristi and Greg Fisher, in memory of Kristi's father, John Benson.

We Pray for God to Comfort...

Alissa, Liana and Bud Sandin and family. Anne Sandin passed away Monday, August 26. Arrangements are pending.

Help Plan This Year's Gifts of Hope

Would you like to help raise and give away \$10,000? Help us plan this year's *Gifts of Hope* event the first weekend of December. It's giving with a purpose or as we like to say, "giving twice", with a gift to your friend or family member and a gift back to the producer/provider. In the past, we have helped provide food for refugees in South Sudan, mosquito nets to fight malaria, nursing scholarships for Tanzanian students, Meals on Wheels meals, support for schools in the Holy Land and so much more. A planning team is being formed and will meet September 23 at 7:00 pm. Contact Sunni if you are interested.

Creation Care Team Planning

The ELCA has been creation care advocates for years. The social statement on *Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice* was adopted by the ELCA back in 1993. We see ourselves as a center for exploring scriptural and theological foundations for caring for creation, providing opportunities to focus on creation and encouraging the development of resources that celebrate God's creation. Join the First Lutheran's Creation Care Team who is currently defining goals and establishing action plans for the coming year. See Sunni if you are interested.

Kelsey Fitting Snyder Called to Serve

Reverend Kelsey Fitting Snyder, who served as Vicar at First Lutheran Church from 2015-2016, has been called to serve St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Waco, Texas. Her husband, Jon, is a graduate student at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

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.