



## WORSHIP AND PRAYER MINISTRIES OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### ASSIST

**Bible Bearer** - Carry the lectionary Bible into the worship service in the procession and carry it out in the recessional. Contact: Carla Osberg

**Crucifier** - Carry the cross in the processional and recessional. Contact: Carla Osberg

**Acolyte** - Light candles and receive the offering during the offertory. Contact: Carla Osberg

**Reader** - Read the first and second lessons and occasionally lead the psalm in the worship service. Contact: Carla Osberg

**Communion Assistants** - Participate in the processional and recessional and pour the wine during communion. Contact: Carla Osberg

**Communion Presenter** - Carry the bread and wine forward with the ushers when they bring up the offering. Instructions and a sign-up sheet can be found on the kiosk in the Commons. Contact: Deacon Sunni Richardson

**Assisting Minister** - Assist the Pastor with the prayers, set the Communion table and deliver Communion to the people who remain in pews. Contact: Carla Osberg

**Usher** - Distribute worship bulletins, collect the offering, direct people to the communion rail and provide security during the worship service. Contact: Al Williams or Judy Bailey

**Greeter** - Greet worshippers as they enter the church at each entrance. Contact: Carla Osberg

**Children's Worship Bags/Baskets** - Come in anytime during the week to sort through and prepare worship bags for children. Contact: Cyndi Crouse

**Altar Guild (Communion Set Up and Clean Up)** - Set up the communion elements before worship and then clean the dishes and glasses and chancel area following the worship services. Contact: Molly Goninan

**Wash Robes/Albs** - Wash worship robes/albs monthly. Check the robes frequently so they can be washed more, if needed. Contact: Gay Sutter

**Sound Tech & Recordings** - Manage the sound system during worship and major events. Contact: Boyd Bacon

## MUSIC

**Choir Member** – Each choir welcomes all who are willing to gather their voices in praise. Adult Choir (high school and up) encourages congregational singing and offers an anthem to lead deeper reflection to the Words shared. The Adult Choir sings most Sundays, except the first Sunday of the month. The Chorister Choir (Grade 3-6) sings 1 or 2 times a month and the Cherub Choir (K-2) sings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. All choirs rehearse every Wednesday during the school year. Contact: Boyd or Masako Bacon

**Soloist or Cantor** - Lead singing of the Psalm, sing during Communion or occasionally during the Offering. Contact: Masako Bacon

**Handbells** - Spirit Ringers rehearse every Thursday and play on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday and other festive Sundays. Youth Bells are scheduled as a short term group. Contact: Masako Bacon

**Jazz Team** - Play several times a year for worship and rehearse a few times prior to the Sunday. Contact: Boyd Bacon

**String Ensemble** - Play several times a year and rehearse a few times prior to the Sunday. Contact: Masako Bacon

**Brass Ensemble** - Consists of a larger group of people with different level of playing skills. Contact: Boyd Bacon

**Wind Ensemble** - Meet a few times before scheduled Sundays. Contact: Masako Bacon

**Vocal Ensembles (Middle/High School Age, Men's Chorus, Women's Choir)** – Add your voice to special vocal ensembles and offer worship music several times a year. Contact: Boyd Bacon

## PRAYER

**Worship Regularly** - Gather weekly with our faith community for worship and prayer.

**Pray Daily** – Offer prayer each day for family, faith community and the needs of the world. Contact: Cyndi Crouse

**Prayer Learning Opportunities** - Opportunities are offered periodically on how to deepen one's prayer life. Contact: Deacon Sunni Richardson

**Prayer Team** - Receive a weekly list of those needing prayers within and beyond the congregation. Pray daily for those on the list. Contact: Cyndi Crouse



## SERVING MINISTRIES OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### HUNGER AND CLOTHING PROJECTS

**BackPack Program** - Provide financial and volunteer support to provide a food-filled backpack every Friday for families at three LPS elementary schools. Contact: Kathy Dickey

**Food Bank Food Market** - Volunteer at Lincoln High's Food Market. Set food out, direct and support students and pack up leftover food at 2:30-4:00 pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Contact: Kathy Dickey

**Matt Talbot Outreach Kitchen**- Donate fruit and dessert items for a monthly meal for Lincoln's homeless and working poor. Come help with advance food preparation and/ or serving the meal. Contact: Steve Lenzen

**Meals on Wheels** - Deliver meals to home bound seniors or other folks needing this service. First Lutheran has regular Sunday routes or contact Tabitha for a route that works for you. Contact: Sandy Latshaw

**CROP Walk** - Raise money to support local and international hunger relief programs. This annual city-wide effort is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of October. First Lutheran is the host 2018-2020! Contact: Sandy Latshaw

**Lutheran Food Pantry** - Donate non-perishable food and personal care items to be distributed by the pantry. Place items in the grocery cart near the Welcome Desk. Contact: Steve Lenzen

**Bread for the World** - Advocate for food assistance by writing letters to your elected state and federal representatives. BFW works to influence legislation on hunger issues. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller

**Kicks for Kids** - A fall project to provide new shoes and socks for elementary aged children identified by their teachers. Take a tag, which matches a specific child, purchase the needed items and return them to the church for distribution. Contact: Donice Kaspar

**Fresh Start** - Donate clothing and household items to this transitional shelter for homeless women. Contact: Karen Lenzen

**Bridges to Hope** - This agency, as part of the Nebraska Synod of the ELCA, assists individuals being released from prison. To donate clothing, furniture or other items, call 402-420-5696.

### CARING MINISTRIES

**Casserole Caravan** - Deliver a meal or treat to those just home from the hospital from illness, surgery or birth and families dealing with a death or family crisis. Contact: Deacon Sunni Richardson

**Stephen Ministry** - Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one Christian caring relationship for anyone who is going through a rough patch, pain, or struggle in life. It's not a ministry of giving answers, rather it's a ministry of listening with care, asking reflective questions and "holding space" for someone else. Training provided. Contact: Faye Doolittle

**Prayer Shawls** - Combine a love of knitting or crocheting creating prayer shawls for those in need of comfort, as well as in celebration and joy. Not a stitcher? Be a delivery person taking a shawl to someone in need. Contact: Jan Mares to be a stitcher or Pastor Dan Warnes to deliver.

**Afghans** - Make an afghan for a graduating high school student. Contact: Sharon Hardel

**Funeral Lunches** - Help provide and/or serve a funeral lunch as we assist families in grief by providing a place to gather and break bread with family and friends. Contact: Cindy Timperley or Robin Westhoff.

**Eucharistic Ministry** - Take communion to those homebound or recovering from illness or injury and not able to join us for worship. Contact: Harold Sutter

**Visitation** - Share your time and provide a bright spot in a homebound person's day. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller

## GLOBAL MISSION

**Immigrant Support** – Work with refugee resettlement and other immigrant support programs. Donate furniture and household items, provide transportation, help with school work, provide support navigating systems or be a friend and enjoy building a relationship with a newcomer. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller

**AMMPARO / Guardian Angels** – AMMPARO (Accompanying Minor Migrants with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) is an initiative of the ELCA grounded in advocacy and supporting migrant children and their families. Learn about and participate in our efforts to respond to the effects of global human migration and how you can be trained to be a juvenile immigration watcher (Guardian Angel). Contact: Pastor Justin Eller

**Fair Trade** - Help with sales or purchasing fair trade products, which support the farmers who actually produce them. Products are normally available the first Sunday of the month, but are also available any time the church office is open. Contact: Faye Doolittle

**Quilts** - A quilt brings warmth on a cold night, shelter from the sun, creates a bed or room divider. Quilts assembled throughout the year are shipped to Lutheran World Relief for distribution at home and abroad. Quilters and donations of specific materials are appreciated. Contact: Phyllis Frickel

**Tanzania Health Projects** - First Lutheran supports two student nurses and has helped with other health projects, such as Houses for Health. Donations appreciated - \$1700 gift covers expenses for the year. Contact: Karen Clementson

## PROJECTS AT FIRST LUTHERAN

**Fellowship Events** – Plan and implement fellowship events. Contact: LuAnn Snyder

**Maintenance and Property Projects** - Painting, yard work, minor repairs, moving furniture around and cleaning projects keep our building safe, welcoming and beautiful. Contact: Steve Lenzen

**Bulletin Crew** – Help assemble bulletins for Sunday worship. Commit to 1-2 hours on a Thursday evening or Friday during office hours. You can select your own hours. Contact: Cyndi Crouse

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**God's Work Our Hands** – Once a year we gather as a congregation, along with thousands of ELCA congregations, and leave the building in mass to serve the community. Help needed on the planning side. Contact: Deacon Sunni Richardson

**Gifts of Hope Alternative Market** - This market, held the first weekend of December, provides alternatives to traditional Christmas gift shopping. Planning help is needed, along with people to be at a giving station during the market. Contact: Deacon Sunni Richardson



## LEARNING MINISTRIES OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### EARLY CHILDHOOD (BIRTH-2 YEAR OLDS)

**“Walking Wet” Parent Class** – Classes for parents of newborns-2 year olds who are looking for ways to incorporate faith into their daily family routine without a lot of extra work and fulfill promises they made at their child’s baptism. 4-6 week sessions will be offered on Sunday mornings in the fall and spring. Contact: Sharon Hardel

### CHILDHOOD (3 YEAR OLDS to 5TH GRADE)

**FaithTrek** - Sunday morning Christian education for 3 year olds through 5th grade with a focus on Bible stories, prayer and service utilizing an experiential education style of learning where questions are welcomed and expected. Contact: Deacon Sunni Richardson

**Summer Vacation Bible School** – Experience Bible stories through crafts, games, community engagement activities, music and story – challenging participants of all ages to grow in their calling as disciples of Christ. Contact: Sharon Hardel

**Preschool & Elementary Parent Discussion Group** – A gathering of parents of preschoolers and elementary age kids the first Sunday of the month (held simultaneously during preschool/elementary youth group time) to talk about issues related to their child’s faith formation. Contact: Sharon Hardel

**Youth Group** - Gather the first Sunday of the month to connect with and learn more about fellow youth to build relationships and be part of a community that shares a love for God and serves the local community. Contact: Sharon Hardel

**Milestone Ministries** - Celebrates important milestones in the faith life and daily life of young members (baptism, confirmation, graduation, etc.). Contact: Sharon Hardel

### ADOLESCENTS (6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE)

**Middle School Learning** – Sunday morning Christian education for 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders focusing on growing and living as a young disciples facing real life issues from a perspective of faith. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller

**Confirmation: Dinner + Learning** – (7-9<sup>th</sup> grade) Two-fold focus: 1) for confirmand to affirm her/his baptism and God’s work that has already been going on since baptism and 2) to help their parents/mentors fulfill their baptismal promise. Confirmation is about building relationships with parents and youth sharing and growing in faith together. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller

**Youth Accompaniment Experience** - A trip outside of familiar territory leads to a journey outside of comfort zones and experiencing God at the margins of life. This summer trip has more to do with how our young people are in the world and less about the projects accomplished. Contact: Sharon Hardel

**Youth Group** - Gather monthly to connect with and learn more about fellow youth to build relationships and be part of a community that shares a love for God and serves the local community. Contact: Sharon Hardel

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## TEENS (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> GRADE)

**High School Learning** – Sunday morning Christian education for 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders with an emphasis on current event, cultural awareness, Bible study, difficult topics and God in daily life. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller

**LYON (Lutheran Youth of Nebraska) Retreat & Trip (For High School Youth Only)** – Connect with Lutheran youth across Nebraska for Synod-wide activities and engagement. Contact: Sharon Hardel

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**Youth Group** - Gather weekly (usually Sundays from 6-8 pm) to connect with and learn more about fellow youth to build relationships and be part of a community that shares a love for God and serves the local community. Contact: Sharon Hardel

## EARLY-MATURE ADULTHOOD

**Adult Forum** (Sundays 9:30 am) - Learn about a variety of topics relevant to our Christian faith and how those topics influence our growth as disciples of Jesus Christ. Please share ideas you have for speakers or topics you would like to explore in Adult Forum. Contact: Connie Kisling

**Senior Fellowship Ministries** – Come to a quarterly lunch with programming intended for senior adults on the second Thursday of the month at noon. Contact: Pastor Dan Warnes

**Creation Care Workshops** – Educational opportunities, special events and presentations aimed at helping us all take care of all God's creation. Contact: Deacon Sunni Richardson

**Spiritual Formation Workshops** - Come and deepen your spirituality. Past topics have included Prayer Beads, Prayer Flags, Praying in Color, etc. Contact: Deacon Sunni Richardson

**Synod Assembly** - Participate in the Synod governing body's business. Contact: Deacon Sunni Richardson

**English Tutoring** - Partner with an English Language Learner as an English tutor/teacher on Sundays during the learning hour or during the week. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller

**Accompaniment Trips (Holy Land, Tanzania, Argentina & Uruguay)** - Join members and friends of the Nebraska Synod on a journey to the Holy Land (Israel, Modern Palestine, Jordan). Offered through the Nebraska Synod, Nebraska Synod Holy Land Accompaniment and the Synod Global Mission Team. Contact: Mary Jensen

**Book Discussion** - See faith in the real world and in the lives of the characters in current best sellers and "everyone is reading" books. Contact: Deacon Sunni Richardson

**Harbor Coffee Talk** - Gather to talk about the Sunday sermon or a current event on Mondays at the Harbor Coffee Shop from 1:30-2:30 pm. Contact: Deacon Sunni Richardson

**A Few Good Men** - Tuesday mornings at 6:30 am, a group of men gather to chat about life, faith and a book they are reading together. Contact: Lee Rockwell

**Faith to Go!** - Eat a light breakfast and learn more about one of your fellow congregants. Held at 6:30 am mornings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Contact: Tera Beerman

**Saturday with the Guys** - Join a group of guys who study and discuss a book together on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:00 am. Open to men of all ages. Contact: Jim Kisling or Mitch Snyder

**Women's Circles** - Attend a monthly women's circle for fellowship, relationship building, projects and spiritual development. Contact: Deacon Sunni Richardson

**Women's Bible Study** - Using the Women of the ELCA's Gather Magazine to study the Bible. Held on the 3rd Thursday of the month and open to women. Contact: Deacon Sunni Richardson

**Tuesdays 5:45 PM** - Each Tuesday evening, join the conversational study of scripture, exploring how the Living Word continues to speak to and impacts our daily lives. You can join the conversation at any time without previous Bible study experience. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller

**Wednesdays 10:45 AM** - This interactive and participatory Bible study dives deep into our sacred text to understand it on a personal and communal level. You can join this study at any time without previous experience. Contact: Pastor Justin Eller