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 to 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 - - Bible Verses that Relate to Our Brothers and Sisters who are Trans, Gender-Diverse. Pastor Paula Lawhead will review some of these Bible verses with us. Come and hear how we all fit together in God’s plan.

Sunday, November 17, at 9:30 am - Candidacy Process Evolution to Include Emmaus. Rex Rogers is the Candidacy Coordinator for NE Synod ELCA. He will provide an update of how the candidacy process has evolved over the years, provide an update on the current candidates in the candidacy process with the NE Synod and the need for congregations to identify, encourage and support candidates to address the shortage of pastors needed to serve the ELCA open calls.

Kicks for Kids Serves 209 Students
Thank you! With your help we are providing 209 pairs of athletic shoes and socks for kids in need right here in our community. Although we met the need for now, we still get requests for approximately 10 pairs of shoes (costing around $250) throughout the school year. Your gifts to support future needs are always appreciated. Donation boxes are out today or you can leave your donation with Cyndi in the office.

Join Our FaithTrek Kids in a Congregational Book Drive
FaithTrek is sponsoring a congregational book drive to coincide with their word of the month – CARE. Books will be distributed through Reading Matters, a Lincoln Housing Charities program. Bring your book donations, new and gently used, quality, age-appropriate books for children 10 years and younger, by November 24 and drop in the book bins by Sunni’s office. Invite your neighbors and friends to donate, too.

Furkay/Wleh Family Members Settle in Lincoln
A big thank you to everyone who donated personal care and clothing items for the arrival of the Furkay/Wleh family members this past week. They all arrived safely and are settling into their new life in Lincoln. The most helpful support from here on will be cash donations toward their travel costs and Walmart gift cards for groceries, gas and boots. Contact Barb Johnson Frank for more information.

For a complete schedule of events, visit our online calendar at www.ftclincoln.org

This Week’s Events

Sunday, November 10
8:15 am Worship
9:30 am Adult Forum
FaithTrek
Middle & High School Learning
10:30 am Meals on Wheels
10:45 am Worship
12:00 pm Nuer Worship
Bible Class
6:00 pm Middle & High School Youth

Monday, November 11
1:30 pm Harbor Coffeehouse
7:00 pm Keeping God’s People in Stitches

Tuesday, November 12
6:30 am A Few Good Men
7:00 am Adult Forum Mtg.
9:15 am Staff Meeting
12:00 pm AA
5:30 pm Fellowship Committee
5:45 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Church Council
7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, November 13
6:30 am Faith To Go!
10:45 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Women Rowing North
5:00 pm Cherub and chorister Choir
7:00 pm Lydia Circle
7:10 pm Adult Choir

Thursday, November 14
9:00 am Construction Meeting
12:00 pm AA
6:30 pm Spirit Ringers

Friday, November 15
7:00 pm AA

Saturday, November 16
10:00 am Spirituality Workshop Planning
10:30 am AA
5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, November 17
8:15 am Worship
9:30 am Adult Forum
FaithTrek
Middle & High School Learning
Walking Wet Parent Class
6th Grade Meeting with Parents
10:30 am Meals on Wheels
10:45 am Worship
11:45 am Tacos & Talent
12:00 pm Nuer Worship

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

Donna Aschwege, Helen Bartholomew, Kathy Bolles, Wendy Bonaiuto, Harold Borchert, Jan Christensen, Jean Clarke, Kelly Dalby, Shirley Draper, Margaret Fahnbruch, Ethel Fairchild, Bonnie Fletcher, Larry Glaser, Gary Hansen, M. Joyce Hansen, Kent Hardel, Ralph Hayden, Cynthia Holt, Shirley Huls, Ann Johnson, Lorna Johnson, Sylvia Kempf, Andy Kruse, Judy Koepeke, Karen Lind-Olson, Helen Lyles, Elva Mares, Pr. Jean McCartney, Fred Monnich, Donna Nelson, Jan Norris, Howard Rasmussen, Dale Ripa, Carol Reed, Delores Roundey, Bud Sandin, Merl Scott, Richard Schwabauer, Marlene Stelling, Ron Vig, 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: Jack Kruse, 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.

Shop at the Gifts of Hope Alternative Market

Thinking ahead to Christmas gift giving? Our alternative gift market, Gifts of Hope, offers you a variety of twice-giving gift opportunities. You could give a market bag made by individuals with intellectual challenges who are part of the Mosaic program in Tanzania, delicious Fair Trade chocolate, a mosquito net to help prevent malaria, a backpack through the Food Bank or support the work of AMMPARO. This year we are able to accept cash, checks, credit cards and debit cards. Put your gift list together and plan to shop at Gifts of Hope on December 7 and 8.

Are You Called to be a Stephen Minister

Jesus instructed his disciples to “love one another as I have loved you, for by this everyone will know you are my disciples” (John 13:34-35). Our care for others is an expression of God’s love for us and is key to being a disciple. Our next Stephen Ministry training classes will begin in January, 2020. Do you feel called to this transformative caring ministry? Contact Pastor Justin or Faye Doolittle (fdoolittle@windstream.net) if you are!

Advent Mid-Week Worship Begins December 4

Advent begins December 1. Join us for Wednesday mid-week worship on December 4, 11 and 18. There will be a prayer service in the Chapel at Noon, followed by a light lunch at 12:30 pm. A light supper will be offered starting at 5:30 pm, followed by a prayer service in the Chapel at 6:30 pm.

Do You Have a Favorite Soup or Pie?

Would you be willing to share it? We are in need of pies for our fellowship hour following the Thanksgiving Eve worship and soup for our Advent mid-week suppers. If you can help, please complete the form enclosed in the worship bulletin, sign up on the kiosk in the Commons or contact LuAnn Snyder at 402-430-4492.

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.