

DECEMBER
2022



FIRST
LUTHERAN

WELCOME TO CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN!

First Lutheran has been preparing for Christmas all month. Our staff and many volunteers have carefully decorated the spaces we're in. Two Wednesdays ago, our kids shared the Christmas story through their annual program, singing as loudly as any Sunday School group we've ever had! A busload of carolers shared music at multiple long term care facilities. One group even found themselves being played for by the residents as they joined in. Through our Giving Tree, members offered thousands of dollars worth of gifts, including a big beautiful bike. We even marked December 21st, the year's longest night with a special Blue Christmas service that names the realities of holiday sadness amidst Christmas cheer.

We have become fully ready to give thanks for God's choice to be born as one of us. Our Advent waiting has been active and hopeful, which has brought us to a moment when we'll consider how Christmas grows Wider Welcome and Deeper Love. We're so glad you're here!

Pastor Stanton & Pastor Karyn

FAITH ALIVE! U

Weekend Workshops

Join other adults for an afternoon of exploring, questioning and learning about your faith

January 8 from 11:30am–2:30pm

lunch and childcare provided



Keynote: David Rask Behling
What our Welcome Statement May Mean



Pastor Ben Morris
Land Recognition Statements



Rev. Dione Stepanek
The Stories that Shape Us

RSVP at 1stlu.org/next

In 2019, the Vision and Leadership Team determined that it was time for us to explore the possibility of becoming a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Congregation. Since then, our RIC team has been listening, learning and working. In September, continuing to listen to God's call to Welcome All, Build Community and Serve Our Neighbors, the Vision and Leadership Team introduced a draft of a welcome statement to be used to further conversation about becoming a RIC Congregation.

By becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we will commit to:

1. Explicitly stating a welcome to people of ***"all sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions" or "LGBTQIA+"*** and name our commitment to ***"racial equity" or "anti-racism"*** in our welcome statement.
2. Be ***open to calling*** an LGBTQIA+ and Black, Brown, Indigenous, Person of Color (BIPOC) Rostered Leader.
3. Allow community space/sanctuary to be used for ***LGBTQIA+ weddings and blessings.***
4. ***Make a meaningful contribution*** annually to support the national RIC program.

Several opportunities for learning, conversation and discernment will lead up to a special congregational meeting on May 21. January 8 is our annual Faith Alive! U, where we will explore what welcome looks like. During Lent, our book study will help us understand how Lutherans interpret scripture and how that can help our discernment. The RIC study done last year will be made available online for people who want to learn more about specific scripture, and our pastors will share on social media answers to questions that have come up in the last year. We invite you to become a part of this journey by participating in these opportunities and by becoming familiar with the welcome statement.

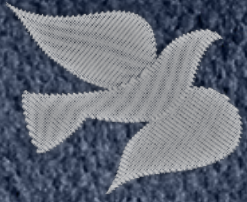
FIRST LUTHERAN'S WELCOME STATEMENT

We Welcome All. God DELIGHTS in the beautiful diversity of humankind and UNITES us through the love, grace and forgiveness of Jesus. We CELEBRATE God's creation in all its forms and the inherent worth, dignity and giftedness of people of all abilities, ages, cultures, classes, races, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions.

We Build Community. The Holy Spirit EMPOWERS us to be a community of disciples COMMITTED to individual and communal practices of listening, learning, forgiveness and reconciliation. Together, we especially seek to restore relationships and affirm those who have known the pain of exclusion and discrimination.

We Serve our Neighbor. Jesus GUIDES us in ways of nonviolence, healing and peacemaking. We PROCLAIM God's relentless, widening welcome and deepening love for all. We INVITE you to join us as we walk with Jesus toward greater love, understanding and mutual respect.

ALL are welcome here. ALL are loved here.



FIRST TEEN CLOTHES CLOSET

The First Teen Clothes Closet is a ministry of First Lutheran Church, housed at Trinity Lutheran in La Crosse to work alongside the Children's Clothes Closet there.

The First Teen Clothes Closet provides new undergarments, new school shoes, gently-used clothing and accessories, along with toiletries, to teens from throughout La Crosse County and neighboring areas impacting the lives of 300+ individuals in our community every year. Learn more on our Facebook page (@1stteencloset), or contact the office to be connected to steering committee member. Financial contributions may be made through the church office; clean, gently-used teen clothes may be donated at the hampers located in the church entryway.

Education

Baptism Classes



Parents who wish to bring their children for baptism or adults who wish to be baptized are asked to attend a baptism class. **The next baptism class is Saturday, February 4, at 10am.** To register or ask questions call the church office at 608.783.3326 by Monday, Jan. 31. *Min. attendance required: 2 families.*

Sunday School

Classes meet for ages 3 years old to 5th grade. **Classes meet Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15am**, starting up again on Sunday, January 9. To register or for more info visit 1stlu.org/SunSchool.



Confirmation

Confirmation classes for 6th- & 7th-graders meet on **Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15am**, starting again on Sunday, January 9. Confirmation for 8th- & 9th-graders meets on **Wednesday evenings at 7pm** in small groups, and in classes throughout the year. To register or for more info visit 1stlu.org/confirmation.

First Lutheran Preschool

First Lutheran Preschool provides developmentally appropriate early-childhood education in a warm, child-centered, Christian environment. We offer Christian preschool sessions in the morning on Mon/Wed/Fri, Tue/Thur and Monday-Friday for ages 30 months and up. We are also a partner with the Onalaska School District, and we are a site for the 4-year-old preschool (4K). 4K runs Monday-Friday in the morning and includes busing. In addition, there is Lunch Bunch Monday-Friday.

Take a tour at our open house on Thursday, March 16, 4:30-5:30pm!

Call or email First Lutheran Preschool Director Melissa Rolbiecki with any questions: 608.779.4504 / preschool@firstlu.org

Check us out on Facebook: facebook.com/flponalaska



FIRST LUTHERAN
PRESCHOOL

Peer Ministry

Peer Ministry is a great way for our 10th graders to learn about how to deal with any situation that arises, large or small. It makes handling conflicts simple and equips them to be better listeners and be welcoming to all those around them.

Meeting most Sundays from 7-8:30pm in the Mary Rm, starting Jan. 8. Questions? Contact jason@firstlu.org.



Bible Matters

Are you looking for the connection between scripture and everyday life? Or maybe a way to dig deeper into the gospel of Matthew? If so, join Pastor Karyn for a year-long journey through the lectionary (our schedule of readings) **Monday evenings, 7-8pm, starting Jan. 16**, meeting in the narthex.

Bible Readers

Deep Dive: Revelation

Join Pastor Stanton online for 7-10 minutes per weekday **beginning Jan. 9** for a study of Revelation. He will read the Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing's excellent book, *The Rapture Exposed*, as well as the Rev. Dr. Craig Koester's commentary, in addition to M. Eugene Boring's commentary... so you don't have to! Revelation is the source of so much controversy. What if it could be a primary source of HOPE for the church in 2023? Find the posts each weekday by 5am on First Lutheran's Facebook page or YouTube channel.

School of Theology Winter Courses



Jan 5–Feb 16

Intro to the Bible

Early Church History w/ Pr. Margo Peterson

Letters of Paul w/ Pr. Barbara Bruneau

More info at 1stlu.org/theology

RSVP to office@lacrosseareasynod.org



Membership

By choosing to become a member, individuals and families commit to being part of a shared mission.

People who would like to become members of First Lutheran are invited to a social at David Reay's on **Thursday, Apr. 20, 6pm**, where you will get to know more about First and the staff in a relaxed atmosphere.

Call our office for more information at 608.783.2236 or email office@firstlu.org.

CONNECTION CARDS help the staff keep in touch with the needs of members and visitors alike. Please fill out a card, complete with prayer concerns and anything else you'd like the pastors to know. Hand it to an usher on your way forward for communion, or place it in the offering plate. Thanks!

MEMBERS: please use this card to update any contact info that may have changed in the past 12 months.

Connection Card

Today's Date: _____	Contact Information: <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor/Guest info
I am / we are...	Name(s) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communing member(s)	Street _____
<input type="checkbox"/> First time visitor(s)	City _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Second time visitor(s)	Phone (mobile preferred; members please include) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Repeat visitor(s)	E-mail _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Interested in membership	
<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran	
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest(s), member of...	
Congregation _____	

Filling out one card per family is sufficient.
Please hand this card to an usher as you go forward for communion, or place it in the offering plate.

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REBROADCAST

In the spirit of *Rudolph* and *Charlie Brown*, join us to hear our favorite retelling of the Christmas story in the annual rebroadcast of our virtual Christmas pageant: *Do Not Be Afraid!* It will be "re-premiered" at **8pm on Christmas Eve**, on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

CHRISTMAS CONTINUES

Christmas worship continues on **Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25, with one worship service at 10am**. But did you know Christmas isn't just one day in the church, but a season? Christmas worship continues on Sunday, Jan. 1, with worship at both 8am and 10:30am. Join us as we continue to sing many favorite Christmas hymns!

Sunday School

No Sunday School on Dec. 25 & Jan. 1

- Have a blessed Christmas season!
- Classes resume Jan. 8

New registrations welcome any time of the year.

Questions regarding Sunday School?

Visit 1stlu.org/sunschool.

CONFIRMATION

GRADES 6 & 7

- There are no Grade 6 & 7 Bible classes on Sunday, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.
- Classes resume Sunday, Jan. 8.

GRADES 8 & 9

- There are no Grade 8 & 9 small groups on Wednesday, Dec. 28.
- Small groups resume Wednesday, Jan. 4.

Questions? Visit 1stlu.org/confirmation.

OFFICE CLOSURES

The office will be closed at the following times in the coming weeks...

- Closed all day, Monday, Dec. 26 (Christmas observed)
- Closed all day, Monday, Jan. 2 (New Year's observed)
- Closed all day, Monday, Jan. 16 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

UPCOMING: DEC. 25–JAN. 9

SUN 25	CHRISTMAS DAY NO SUNDAY SCHOOL NO GR 6 & 7 CONFIRM CLASSES 10:00am Christmas Worship
MON 26	OFFICE CLOSED (CHRISTMAS OBSERVED) 7:00pm AA - FS 7:00pm Bible Matters - NX
TUES 27	1:30pm Staff Mtg 3:30pm Knitters & Crocheters - UR 5:00pm Bells Practice - CR
WED 28	NO GR 8 & 9 SMALL GROUPS 6:00am Courageous Men - FS 6:15pm In-Person Worship
THUR 29	7:00pm Women of the House
FRI 30	7:00pm AA - FS
SUN 1	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL NOR CONFIRM CLASSES 8:00am In-Person Worship 9:15am Parent Share - UR 10:30am In-Person Worship
MON 2	OFFICE CLOSED (NEW YEAR'S DAY OBSERVED) 7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 3	9:00am Quilters - FS 12:30pm Blood Drive - NX 1:30pm Staff Mtg 3:30pm Knitters & Crocheters - UR 5:00pm Bells Practice - CR
WED 4	6:00am Courageous Men - FS 6:30am Coffee with Pastor Karyn - NX 10:00am Springbrook Worship 5:30pm Confirmation Dinner - FH 6:15pm Confirm Class - FS 6:15pm In-Person Worship 7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups
THUR 5	9:00am Sunshine Team 7:00pm Women of the House
FRI 6	6:00pm Epiphany Dinner Theater 7:00pm AA - FH
SUN 8	8:00am In-Person Worship 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Confirm Classes - FS 9:15am Parent Share - UR 9:15am Gr 2 FBB: What's Fair (1st Mtg, parents/guardians only) - FH 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am In-Person Worship 11:30am Faith Alive! University 7:00pm Peer Ministry Kick-off
MON 9	BIBLE READERS DEEP DIVE: REVELATION 7:00pm AA - FS 7:00pm Bible Matters - NX

ROOM KEY:

CR = Choir Room FBB = Faith Building Block FH = Fellowship Hall
FS = Fireside Room MR = Mary Room NX = Narthex
SN = Sanctuary TR = Thomas Room UR = Upper Room



First Lutheran accepts one-time contributions electronically by credit/debit card. Use your mobile device to scan this QR code or go to 1stlu.org/give.

SERVING:

Pastor Jason Stanton, Pastor Karyn Bodenschatz
Organ/Piano: Gabe Hicks, Guitar/Vocals: Todd Saner,
Bass: Troy Birdsong, Elec. Guitar: Dick Daleki, Drums:
Jim Knutson, Keyboard: Brian Renkas,
Vocals: Sophia Stanton

SATURDAY, DEC 24, 2PM

Bread Baker: Mark Koenig, Peggy Daleki; Greeters:
Drew & Logan Schaffner, Christnovich family; Ushers:
Bob Dean, Scott & Sue Palmer, Carley Schaffner, Rob &
Eli Nelson; Reader: Carol Skoy; Communion Servers:
Jennifer Wiesjahn, Carol Skoy, Sandi Thompson-Melby,
Libby Howe, Jill Hanson, Phyllis Bey, Jennifer Wiesjahn;
Projection Leader: Jared Schaffner; Live Stream
Director: Andy Stutesman; Live Stream Hospitality: Jen
Loos

SATURDAY, DEC 24, 4PM

Bread Baker: Bev Larson, Mary Nicolai; Greeters:
Rhonda Bryhn, Chris McGaff, Renkas family; Ushers:
Bob Dean, Phyllis Bey, John & Saydee Hink, Mark
Koenig; Light Bearers: Peickert family, Miller family;
Reader: Carol Skoy; Communion Servers: Linda Green,
Brenda Mackeben, Mary Nicolai, Carol Skoy, Paula
Skoy & Travis Everson; Projection Leader: Doug Shupe

SATURDAY, DEC 24, 6PM

Bread Baker: Michelle Bauer; Greeters: Sue
Bodenschatz, Libby Howe, McDonald family; Light
Bearers: Glen & Bridget Crave, Libby Howe, Pedretti
family, Merrill & Judy Wachter; Reader: Aaron
McDonald; Communion Servers: Tina Buchal, Libby
Howe, Olivia Konrardy-Buchal, Terry Lee, Beth
McDonald, Carla Stanton; Projection Leader:
Jeffrey Olson

SATURDAY, DEC 24, 11PM

Reader: Libby Howe; Communion Servers: Libby
Howe, Jennifer Wiesjahn; Projection Leader: Jerad
McHenry

SUNDAY, DEC 25, 10AM

Ushers: Kathleen Olson; Piano: Nathan Olson;
Projection Leader: Katie Olson; Live Stream Director:
Jeff Olson

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please take time before worship & go to the narthex to write down any prayers you want to lift up, so we can be certain to include them in worship today!

READINGS

Saturday, Dec. 24: Isaiah 9:2-7 & Luke 2:1-14

Sunday, Dec. 25: Isaiah 62:6-12, Titus 3:4-7 & Luke 2:8-20

Wednesday, Dec. 28: Luke 2:8-20

NURSERY AVAILABLE

Members and visitors: our nursery is available for children newborn through age 4. The nursery is staffed Sunday mornings during and between services, and on Wednesday evenings during service and programming. **Please bring your diaper bag.** It will also be staffed during some church events and will be advertised as such when available. We hope you take advantage of our services while here at First.

HOSPITAL REMINDERS

For Gundersen: be sure to alert the hospital of your church affiliation when they ask and they will then release your name to us when we call.
For Mayo/Franciscan Healthcare: it is important that you or a family member contact us directly at the church office: 608.783.2236. Mayo does not give out information regarding who is hospitalized.





Flowers

*Thank you to all who donated the flowers
adorning our sanctuary this Christmas season*

T.J. Barth
In memory of:
Daughter Brandi Barth

Doris Baum
In memory of: Ursula
Fitzner, Bill Baum Sr.

Randy & Lauri Berg
In memory of: Lauri's dad
Richard McMullen, Randy's
parents Lloyd & Janice Berg

Sharon Branvold
In memory of: My mother
Mary Ellen Nelson, my
father Rev. Robert N. Nelson

Ed & Barb Burrell
In memory of:
Parents Len & Bev Olson,
daughter-in-law Lisa Dutton
In honor of:
Our grandchildren and
great-grandchild

Terry & Judy Butzman
In memory of: Our brother
Ron, sister Mary Hefti and
nephew Michael Sanding
In honor of: Our
grandchildren Madelyn &
Molly, Gregg, August &
Franklin Butzman

Robert Dean & Bev Larson
In memory of:
Our mothers, Virginia Dean-
Taylor and Ruth Dyer

Bob & Bev DiNicola
In memory of: LeRoy &
Charlotte Hougom, Jim &
Shirley DiNicola, George
Allen Hougom, Peyton Lee
Erling Hougom

Delores Hammer
In memory of:
Duane Hammer

Trish Harman
In honor of:
Grandpa Orv & Dad

Meredith & John Hink
In memory of: Beth Hink,
Barbara Zondag

Nancy Holthaus
In memory of:
Husband Arnie Holthaus

Meredith & Tom Hougen
In memory of:
Our granddaughter
Madelyn Payne

Meredith & Tom Hougen
In memory of: Todd Lofald

Larry & Lori Hougom
In memory of: Peyton Lee
Erling Hougom, George
Allen Hougom, LeRoy Sr. &
Charlotte Hougom,
Gary Olds
In honor of: Cody & Colton
Hougom, Nancy Olds

LeRoy & Wanda Hougom
In memory of: LeRoy &
Charlotte Hougom, Joseph
& Darlene Johnson, Lyle
Headington, George
Hougom

In honor of: Jason & Kelly
Hougom, granddaughter
Ivy, Tyler & Jenny Hougom,
granddaughter Valarie,
grandson Lucas

Kris & Mark Huesmann,
& Alison & Alex Franzini
In memory of:
Roger Johnson
In honor of: Judy Johnson

Judy Johnson
In memory of: My husband
Roger Johnson
In honor of: My children &
grandchildren

Peter & Kathy Kirkegaard
In memory of: Paul &
Kathryn Kirkegaard, Mickey
& Margery Nielsen
In honor of: Maren, Lucas,
Amelia, Charlie Walz

Carol & Gordon Knudson
In memory of: Bill Grayburn
In honor of: Grandchildren
Alex, Emma, Dana, Signe
and Morgan

Ryan & Charlie Mackeben
In memory of:
Grandpa Mike Klein

Karen Meier
In memory of:
Phyllis & Richard Wood

Mary Meier
In memory of: Lowell W.
Meier, Daniel L. Meier

Brian & Mary Narveson
In memory of: Joyce
Lemley, Butch Lemley,
Elisabeth Narveson, Levern
Narveson

Liz Elicerio Nelson
In memory of:
Dorothy & Ray Arko

Nancy Olds
In memory of: Gary Olds,
Peyton Lee Erling Hougom,
Don & Cleo Card, Lawrence
& Jenny Olds, Erma Olds,
Bob & Mary Williams
In honor of: Larry, Lori, Cody
& Colton Hougom, Jennifer
& Tanner Olds, Paul, Pam &
Tucker Petersen

Kathryn & Perry Pedretti
In memory of:
Our parents Ladd Huber,
John & Lorraine Pedretti
In honor of:
Our granddaughter
Reagan Jessemon

Kay Risberg
In honor of:
My family Kate, Randy,
Trevor; my friend Diane

Mary & Jim Schleifer
In memory of: Our parents
Robert & Virginia Rude and
Lawrence & MaryAnn
Schleifer

Larry & Marilyn Schreiner
In memory of: Mary & Wes
Paulus, Larry & Georgia
Schreiner

Carol Skoy
In memory of:
Gary, Jay and Alee
In honor of:
Paula, Travis and Greg

Paula Skoy & Travis Evenson
In memory of: Gary Skoy
and our babies, Jay & Alee

JoAnn Sprehn
In memory of:
My husband Ronald
In honor of: Our children
Melissa, Jonathan and
Matthew and their spouses,
our grandchildren and
great-grandchildren

Jerry & Mary Stahl
In memory of:
Jerry's mother Irene

Carol Wenzel
In memory of: Glenn Wenzel

Gary & Bonnie Withrow
In memory of: Irv Hippe,
DeLoris Hippe, Ileen
Withrow

Pam & Roger Wolfert
In memory of: Megan Bye,
Catherine Wolfert, Dorothy
Delazzari, Charley & Helen
Riek, Martha Riek, Lula
Rahn, Bill Sterling





WARMING CENTER

Lutherans are covering shifts and meals the first two Fridays Nov. 1–Apr. 30

NEXT: Friday, Jan. 6

Learn more and sign up:

1stlu.org/next



Contact Bridget for info: bridget@firstlu.org

Monday Night Community Meals

The Monday Meals at Trinity Lutheran serve over 100 meals each week, and is supported by several churches, including First Lutheran. Kids are welcome and encouraged to help. Tasks include sorting and bagging food, putting food in trays, trays in bags, washing dishes, etc on site at Trinity. They are still serving the food to-go only but might switch to in-house meals, which will require more help to clean up and wash dishes. We would also LOVE help planning and making the main entree.

The Hunger Task Force can supply most of the food.

You can help by preparing food, or serving and cleaning up. The event is held at Trinity Lutheran, 1010 Sill Street, La Crosse.

Upcoming Mondays for 2023:

**Feb. 13, Mar. 27,
May 8 and Oct. 16**

If you have questions or want to learn more, contact bridget@firstlu.org.

**Sign up at
1stlu.org/next**

Parents' Night Out

Bring your children for an evening of FUN with the middle and high school youth, while parents get a chance to get out or stay in!

ALL are welcome! You do not need to be a member

NEXT: Friday, Jan. 27

Ages: Birth–12 • Cost: Free will donation

Money raised will help the middle and high school youth with their 2023 mission trip and Bible camp

Time: Registration begins at 4:45pm till 5:30pm followed by dinner and activities till 8pm (parents may pick up earlier if needed)

Activities include face painting, games, and activities!

Questions? Contact karyn@firstlu.org

First Lutheran Onalaska Blood Drive

Giving Warms the Heart

January

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TUESDAY, 12:30–5:30pm

Walk-ins welcome,
appointments encouraged:
schedule at 1stlu.org/next

Remember to bring a mask & ID



Questions? Contact Diane Shuda: 608.386.4270



LAST BEST CHANCE: STORY TIME



In 2022, I was gifted a time of sabbatical from First Lutheran. I won a sizable grant from the Lilly Foundation so that I could use that time to attend to some “Last Best Chances” in my life as I know that my eldest daughter is about to graduate high school, I am getting no younger and tomorrow is guaranteed to none of us! In Part One of my sabbatical, I attended to my adult relationships: a getaway with my wife Carla, which was the first of its kind since kids came along, a ski trip with my best friends from seminary, a golf trip with my Dad and a silent retreat with my God. It was pretty great. In Part Two, I attended to the relationships I have with the most significant kids in my life. Carla and I took our three kids to see where we met on a once-in-a-lifetime three week trip to the United Kingdom. I also got to share a week in Florida with my godchildren. I ended this portion, again with a silent retreat. All in all, 2022 provided me with opportunities to connect with people in my life who oftentimes get my leftover time and attention. I thank God for your support and encouragement to be away.

My sabbatical, however, was not just for me. Within the grant I won, \$5,000 was given to twenty individuals who dreamed up their own “Last Best Chance”. Taking an aging parent to the theater one last time, driving to a family member’s home far away before their illness makes a visit less possible and taking a child for a special outing are just a few of the ideas that were funded. Every “Last Best Chance” has a story and as people of faith, we see God active in the midst of these meaningful moments. That’s why I will be gathering the Last Best Chance recipients in the spring of 2023 to share their stories with each other in preparation for sharing them throughout 2023 and beyond with the rest of the church. It promises to be a new version of “Faith Alive! Storytellers” as I pray we all learn to see “Where Is God In All This” wherever we are.


Pastor Jason Stanton
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DEEP DIVE... REVELATION JAN-FEB

Pastor Stanton posts
a study of Revelation
every weekday morning,
January–February

 [Facebook.com/1stlu](https://www.facebook.com/1stlu)

 [YouTube.com/1stlu](https://www.youtube.com/1stlu)

More info: 1stlu.org/readers
Questions? Contact jason@firstlu.org



DONATIONS FOR WOMEN'S CLOTHES CLOSET

The Women's Clothes Closet, a ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran in downtown La Crosse, is in need of NEW bras (with tags still on) in sizes 36C-40C. Donations can be brought to First, and placed in a specially labeled basket located in the entryway.

MEAL TRAIN FOR PAYNE FAMILY

A meal train has been created to help support the Payne family over the course of the next few months, following the death of their daughter. *To sign up for a meal, go to 1stlu.org/next.*

WINTER FUN DAYS @ SUGAR CREEK

WHAT: Sledding, tubing, broom ball, hot chocolate, hot dogs, hot chili and winter FUN! WHEN: **Sundays, Jan. 15 & Feb. 5, noon-5pm.** COST: \$10/person, children 4 and under free. *RSVP at 608.734.3113 / camp@sgrcreek.org.*

SING!

The next performance will be for Palm Sunday, and rehearsals start on **Wednesday, Mar. 22, at 7pm** in the sanctuary. The Senior Choir is open to all people ages 12 and up. There is no audition and no formal training required, just a desire to enhance worship through the beauty of music! *Full schedule and sign up at 1stlu.org/choir. For more info contact Todd Saner at todd@firstlu.org.*



Epiphany * Dinner Theater

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 6PM

COST: \$10, kids 5 & under free

Sign up at 1stlu.org/next




Questions? Contact karyn@firstlu.org

The poster features a warm, golden background with several starburst graphics. At the top, the title 'Epiphany * Dinner Theater' is written in a decorative, cursive font. Below the title, the event details are listed in a clean, sans-serif font. In the center, there is a stylized illustration of the Three Kings in traditional robes and crowns. At the bottom left, there is a small circular portrait of a woman with glasses, and to her right, the contact information is provided.



Merry Christmas from all of us at First Lutheran!

All of this and more on the web at www.FirstLutheranOnalaska.org. See also:

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