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NOVEMBER 2019

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STANTON

HOW DOES A CHURCH GROW ITS CAPACITY FOR MINISTRY?



IF WE MEMBERS of First Lutheran actually believe we change lives, how do we do more of that? Our staff, vision and leadership team and a task force sat with that question for a while and came up with a few ideas. All the ideas are rooted in sharing stories that explain how it is true: that First Lutheran is a transformative institution where lives get changed. And so we created videos and framed posters and posted content to social media that all said "We Change Lives..." through Stephen Ministry, Lutheran World Hunger, Youth Ministry, a Green Team and and much more. We also thought it would be smart to not just ask for money, but to

invite everyone into something special. Not every church has its focus on serving the neighbor, caring for creation and worshipping God. Some churches are simply about self-preservation. First Lutheran holds a unique place in the religious landscape of our community. All are welcome. All are encouraged to lead, in fact. And all questions are allowed.

I believe this message that "All are welcome" is faithful AND meets a moment in our culture where young and old alike seek to belong to groups that allow wandering, serve others and do not pretend to have all the answers.

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All Saints Worship
Fri., Nov. 1, 11am

We will honor our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone before us at a special worship. The service will be followed by a light lunch at noon.

YAGM APPLICATION DATES EARLIER THIS YEAR

The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program invites young adults (ages 21-29) into a year-long international journey of service. If you, a friend, a church family member would be interested in such a journey, go to elca.org/yagm and begin the application process. **The application window opens Nov. 1, and closes Feb. 15, 2020**, with priority given to those who apply by Jan. 15.

ANTI-RACISM EVENT

Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 7pm, Holmen Lutheran Church. Watch TED Talk: America's Native POWs, and hear from a group who journeyed to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in June tell why they went and what they experienced. Confirmation classes welcome! Sponsor: Synod Anti-Racism Task Force.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR "COME FOR SUPPER" ATTENDEES

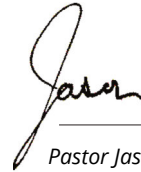
Come for Supper at Our Savior's in La Crosse is asking for your help. They will be purchasing winter gloves and personal hygiene items to distribute to supper guests for Christmas. If you would be interested in helping finance the purchase of these gifts, checks for any amount can be sent to Our Savior's Lutheran (612 Division St, La Crosse, WI 54601). Make sure you designate your gift to "Come for Supper." Thank you!

At the same time, we ground all those questions and service in ancient stories that have guided seekers/believers for centuries. First Lutheran is an old institution finding its way into a new world that is more secular, but no less interested in connecting to Truth and living in Love.

I want to be a part of a church like this, with our priorities. I want to support its youth ministries, its efforts to warm cold bodies and feed hungry ones. I want to tell others that my church has fellowship and learning times where presenters ask more questions than enforce doctrine. And so I give money to the church.

Every year, we ask our members to make a financial pledge or fill out an estimate of giving card. This year, I hope you consider your giving in light of who First Lutheran is and what we

do together. My family will be increasing our gifts to First Lutheran's general fund in 2020 because I understand the church's capacity for doing its unique work depends on the financial generosity of its members. Join me!



Pastor Jason Stanton
jason@firstlu.org



FASHION CORNUCOPIA DINNER SHOW

For the Women's Clothes Closet

Sat. Nov. 2, 11am & 5pm

at Our Savior's Lutheran Church
612 Division St, La Crosse

Cost: \$35/person or
\$240 for a table for 8
Call: 608.782.3468

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Onalaska, Wisconsin 54650
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office@firstlu.org
www.FirstLutheranOnalaska.org

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30AM
Wednesday 6:15 PM

SUBMITTING NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

To have your announcement in the monthly newsletter, send it to newsletter@firstlu.org, or give it to Andy in the office. **Deadline for the newsletter is always noon on the 15th of the month.**

To have your announcement in the weekly announcements pages handed out each weekend, send it to announcements@firstlu.org, or give it to Andy in the office. **Deadline for the weekly announcements is always noon each Wednesday.**

First Lutheran is a congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA)



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

2019 SMALL GROUPS

Weekly Groups:

Coffee with Pastor Karyn

Courageous Men

Knitters

Middle & High School
Youth Groups

Parent Share

Quilters

Sunday Morning
with Coffee

Monthly Groups:

Drawing from the Well

Grief Support Group

OWLs
(Older, Wiser Lutherans)

Deborah Circle

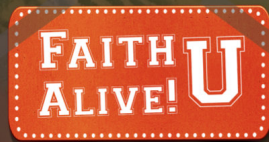
Dorcas Circle

Elizabeth Circle

Friday, Nov 1 (All Saints Day)	Luke 6:20-31
Sunday, Nov 3	Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday, Nov 6	1 Kings 18:[17-19] 20-39
Sunday, Nov 10	Luke 20:27-38
Wednesday, Nov 13	Hosea 11:1-9
Sunday, Nov 17	Luke 21:5-19
Wednesday, Nov 20	Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5
Sunday, Nov 24	Luke 23:33-43
Wednesday, Nov 27	2 Kings 22:1-10 [11-20]; 23:1-3

Above are the tentative readings scheduled for November. Readings used during worship are determined by the pastors on a weekly basis, and therefore are subject to change.

You can also view this list online and subscribe to receive them as an email at 1stlu.org/readings.



POTLUCK

Before the
Faith Alive! U presentation
join us for a meal
starting at 5:30pm

Sign-up
to help with the potluck at
1stlu.org/potluck

FAITH
ALIVE! U

First offers courses for all ages to explore, question and learn about your faith. Presented in the sanctuary.

Imprisoning a Generation

Pastor Kent Johnson
Sunday, Nov. 10, 6pm

This documentary film follows the stories of four young Palestinians who have been detained and imprisoned under the Israeli military system. Their perspectives and the voices of their families combine to form a lens into the entangled structures of oppression that extend well beyond the prison walls. We will view the documentary together and Pr. Johnson will lead a discussion.

CAP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

PLEGGED DOLLARS:

\$1,058,518

GIFTS RECEIVED:

\$693,508

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

HVAC CONTROLS

ED BUILDING ROOF

PARKING LOT REPAIRS

TREES REMOVED

WIFI UPGRADE

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

3 AC UNITS REPLACED

COMING SOON:

EXTERNAL SIGNAGE



AS MEMBERS OF First Lutheran Church and through our financial gifts, we commit to bringing people into a relationship with Jesus Christ. Through our unique place in our community and the size of our congregation, we are able to Change the Lives of people of all ages and make more disciples of Christ. Our worship time is central to Changing Lives. Your presence in worship is so important to us as together we seek a closer relationship to each other, to our community and to God. It is a continuing prayer that through worship together, your life is changed to experience peace and a new joy. Our worship is made meaningful by our pastor, choir, organist, musicians, ushers, readers,

communion servers and janitorial staff. Your financial contributions make all this possible. Thank you for your support.

Through September, we have received 69% of the budgeted general fund income. Thank you to everyone for your continued generosity. During October you received an RSVP Card for you to indicate your increased contribution for 2020 to Change Lives. Thank you to everyone who returned your RSVP card. If you have not done so, please return the card during worship or mail it to the church office. It is also a great time to consider using Simply Giving, which is a big reason for our success Changing Lives. Many families use this convenient way to ensure their support of God's work through First Lutheran is carried out as

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intended. Thank you to everyone enrolled. Our enrollment grows monthly. If you have not enrolled in this easy and convenient way to grow our outreach and change more lives, you can do so on the website at 1stlu.org/giving or stop by the church office.

Capital Campaign update: The planning is now underway for replacement of the sanctuary roof. It is great to report we have received over 65% of the pledged income for the capital campaign. Thank you for continuing to meet your pledge. Full financial details are available by request in the church office. We welcome everyone to attend a finance committee meeting. We meet every month, on the second Wednesday at noon. The coffee is free, but bring your own lunch. The Stewardship Committee meets once a month and is looking for members. For meeting times, contact Pastor Stanton.

Faithfully submitted,

The Finance and Stewardship Committees

TED
Talk

SCREENING &
DISCUSSION
SERIES

Aaron Huey:

**America's native
prisoners of war**



WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6, AT 7PM
Holmen Lutheran Church



FINDING HOPE IN A DIVIDED AMERICA

Wed, Nov. 13, 6pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, La Crosse

Surprise. Warning. Opportunity. Hope.

Author, journalist and Lutheran pastor, Rev. Angela Denker shares what she learned while researching her book, "Red State Christians." Stories that surprised her, that gave her pause, but also showed a faith-filled path forward together.

Public Welcome!

Coulee Region

VOICES OF MEN

Join Us!



Working to Engage Men of All
Ages to Be Active Partners in
Creating a Community Free of
Domestic and Sexual Violence

November 12 • 2019

UW-La Crosse Student Union • Bluffs Ballroom
521 East Avenue N • La Crosse, Wisconsin

Breakfast served at 7:15 am

Program from 8:00 am - 9:30 am

Cost for the event is \$25

Free parking available on Level 3 of the Parking Ramp

Guest Speakers:



Chelsea Bongert
Wife, Mother, Teacher and
Rape Survivor



Kyle Tran Myhre
Two-time National Slam
Poetry Champion and
Onalaska High Graduate

For more information
and to register.



Scan QR code or visit

<https://www.facebook.com/CouleeRegionVOM/>

Be Part of the Solution!



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Lutheran World Relief School Kits. We collected school supplies and assembled 408 kits at First Fest. The school kits and quilts went on the train car Oct. 12 and shipped to the Minneapolis LWR warehouse, where they are distributed as needed. A great big thank you to the Knight family, Rachel, Derrick, Sophia and Jillian for being our coordinators; providing weekly counts, organizing the assembly of the kits, and packing them in boxes for shipping. Thanks once again to everyone for your contribution.



The first Coulee Region Hunger Walk/Run was a big success! Thank you to everyone who participated! The event raised \$14,641, with \$5,340 going to both the Hunger Task Force, and Wafer Food Pantry. The balance went to 25+ other non-profit food relief organizations as designated by the donors.

Christmas Giving Tree

Tags available Nov. 17

Return gifts by Dec. 8

Make certain tags are attached to outside of the wrapped gift. If you purchase gift cards, please wrap them in a box.

Call the office at 608.783.2236 if you'd like to know what else may be on a person's wish list

HUB OF HOSPITALITY



LAST MONTH, WE were invited to change lives through the many ministries we do here at First Lutheran. The ministries highlighted are so very important to those in our congregation and in the world. I would also like to invite you to change lives in simple ways within our narthex. Our narthex during the program year is abuzz with activity and people of all ages. The energy in our narthex amazes me. We have so many people coming and going, making connection with one another, but there are even more who are not and feeling a bit lost within the hub of activity in our narthex.

I would love to have our narthex become a hub of hospitality, where people are helping each other connect with one another and those feeling a bit overwhelmed are helped. It would be great to have people in the narthex before and after worship to help people connect with each other. They would help connect parents of young children with other parents of young children. We could connect our retired or almost retired people with those who participate in the OWLS, our older wiser Lutherans. We could invite a visitor to have coffee with us. If someone needed help getting their winter coat on, we would be there to assist or help a parent with their children's coats. If someone looked lost, we would offer help. These are only a few examples of how we can be a hub of hospitality in our narthex.

To make this happen, we need a few people between worship services to mill around the narthex and mingle with people while watching to see if they can be of assistance to those

around them. Our minglers could take people to the welcome center to introduce them to the people who who could answer almost any question they would have. Our minglers could also bring visitors to the welcome center to receive a welcome packet and then invite them to have coffee. We are all called to welcome those God has sent to us, those we know and those we don't know yet. As Romans 15:7 says, "Welcome one another, therefore just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." If every single one of us welcomed one another and someone we don't know, we would create a hub of hospitality that would glorify God with the love we would show for each other.

Help me create this hub of hospitality and love by mingling with those coming and going in our narthex. Look around for people who may need assistance, greet someone you don't know and someone you do know. This might take some practice to look beyond ourselves and those we know to notice the people God brings into our church. All those who come into our church should feel the love of God before they leave.

Please help me make our narthex a hub of hospitality. Join the minglers team by emailing me at kathryn@firstlu.org. I would love to hear from you.

Kathryn Pedretti
Director of Servant Ministries
kathryn@firstlu.org

GO AND DO LIKEWISE LUKE 10:37

SUNSHINE BOYS & GIRLS

The Sunshine Boys meet at First Lutheran on the **second Thursday of the month at 9am** to help with outdoor or indoor projects. Rolls and coffee are supplied to replenish your reserves! Dues are free!

COME FOR SUPPER

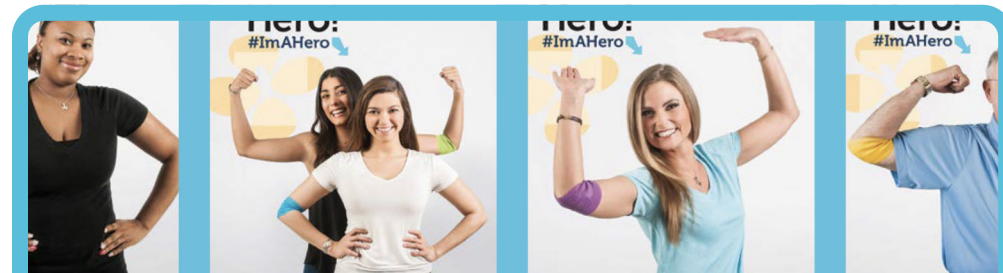
First Lutheran is assisting with Come for Supper on **Tuesday, Nov. 26**, at Our Savior's in La Crosse. First Lutheran will help with food donations and volunteering to serve and clean up. The sign-up sheets are at the Welcome Center. *Call Gloria Kubiak if you have questions, 608.498.2762.*

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY

It's a relaxing way to volunteer! **Wednesday Nov. 27, at 9am**, to assemble the December/January newsletter. See you there!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

This year's Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be on **Thursday, Nov. 28, from 11am–2pm at the Onalaska Armory**. The Onalaska Rotaries are organizing the event this year and are looking for volunteers and donations. To make a monetary donation, send checks (made out to OEF) to: Onalaska Enhancement Foundation, Thanksgiving dinner, 415 Main St., Onalaska, WI 54650.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to recent blood donors and volunteers from the Sept. 27 blood drive!

**NEXT DRIVE: Mon, Jan 20
12:30–5:30pm**



FALL BACK!

Daylight saving time ends at **2am, Sunday, Nov. 3**. Don't forget to change your clocks! (Otherwise you'll just be early to church!)

BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER

All order forms must be turned in, with the money, on or before **Sunday, Nov. 3**. Orders will be available for pick-up on Sunday, Nov. 17.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

A baptism preparation session will be **Saturday, Dec. 7, at 10am** in the narthex for anyone who is considering or has scheduled a baptism. *To register or ask questions call the church office at 608.783.3326 by Sunday, Dec. 1. Min. attendance required: 2 families.*

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

A little later than our usual worship on **Wednesday, Nov. 27**, members of First are invited to join in a special, ecumenical worship service that Thanksgiving Eve at 6:30pm, here at First, with our brothers and sisters in Christ from Onalaska United Methodist.

WE CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF HOLY BAPTISM

- Aspen Laurie Holthaus

WEDDINGS

God's blessings to...

- Heather Bauer & Troy Traxler

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

Thank you for the following memorials:

In memory of Erling "Pete" Sherry

- Undesignated: Alice Schaff

In memory of Willard Halverson

- Skogen music fund: Bev Fuhrman
- Capital campaign: Dave & Barb Skogen
- Organ fund: Kay Risberg, Ellis & Judy Stetzer
- Church bus fund: Marilyn Fox
- First Lutheran Foundation: Donna Roe
- Lutheran World Relief: Gaylord & Esther Dolphin
- Undesignated: T.J. Barth, Bill Baum, Nancy Beguin, Dennis & Lynnette Borchert, Kurt & Angela Breiling, Keith & Jo Ann Briggs, Gary & Barbara Bronson, Dick & Peggy Daleki, Charles & Carmon Deeth, Darrell Dickinson, Cynthia Dietrich, Bob & Bev DiNicola, W. Peter & Linda Draeger, Jennifer Engstad-Heitz, Thomas Evert, Fred & Rosanne Fiberger, Conrad Garthus, Steve Gunderson, Diane Haga, Eric Hanson, Sigurd Hanson, Margaret & Curt Hickok, Lloyd Hoff, Arnold & Nancy Holthaus, Larry & Lori Hougom, Leroy & Wanda Hougom, Richard Hougom, Thomas & Roxann Jensen, Dick Johnson, Judy Johnson, Ronald & Debra Johnson, Carol Knudson, Mark & Deb Koenig,

Kelly Lawson, Elizabeth Mac Ewen, Sherman Mahlum, Orin Middlien, Pamela Nelson, Sandra Nelson, Daniel & Rita Netwal, Steve & Mary Jo Netwal, Le Roy & Neta Niedfelt, Mike & Mary Peper, Bruce & Lu Pertzsch, Stewart Peterson, Kay Risberg, Dave & Cherie Rohde, Corinne & Gary Rowan, Mark & Shirley Sacia, Larry & Marilyn Schreiner, Kathryn Schroeder, Annette Sherry, Gary Skogen, Ellis & Judy Stetzer, Mary Sween, Kay Taylor, Ardie Van Riper, Julie & David Warner, Katy Wood

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

We give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who made public affirmation of their baptism on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019.

- Kylee Bauer
- Max Breiling
- Will Chafoulias
- Ashley Dahlke
- McKenna Everson
- Skylar Ferguson
- Allison Harman
- Ayden Larson
- James Lee
- Jasmine Odegard
- Matthew Peterson
- Zoey Sander
- Meredith Saner
- Devyn Schmeling
- Chelsey Volden
- Kara West

NEW MEMBERS

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

We extend a warm welcome to our new members of First Lutheran, who were formally received on Sunday, Oct. 13.

- Scott & Sue Palmer
- Katie & Walfsty Pierre
- Jon Nowland
- JJ & Jocelyn Jansky
- Tom & Rene Welch
- Mike & Joan Mulrine
- Amanda & Matt Zieba
- Karen Seekamp

CANCELLATIONS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

If the weather ever makes you wonder whether your group is meeting for their ministry, check our website, Facebook page, or update the office with your cell # and provider so that we can text you. The staff and leadership of First intend to 'make the call' by 5pm at the latest so everyone knows what to expect. Be safe this winter!

SNOW BIRDS

Are you heading out? Please let us know if you'll be spending the winter somewhere else. If we know your seasonal address, we can keep in touch by sending you the monthly newsletter. *Call or email the office with your winter address: 608.783.2236, office@firstlu.org.*



FIRST LUTHERAN
PRESCHOOL

Preschool Update

October has been a busy month for us at the preschool. We went to Ferguson's Apple Orchard, Onalaska Fire Station and Trick-or-Treating to Onalaska City Hall for our Halloween Party. The children loved dressing up!



What parents are saying about First Lutheran Preschool...

We are very lucky that our child's first school experience was at First Lutheran Preschool. Over the course of the school year we have seen so much progress, both emotionally and socially from our child. We are extremely grateful to the dedicated teachers at FLP!

FIRST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

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Parent Date Night

NEXT: Friday, Nov. 22

Reg opens at 4:45pm, Dinner at 5:30pm,
games & activities until 8:30pm

Ages: birth to 12 are welcome

Event is open to the public

COST: Free will donation



Questions? Text Andrea: 608.790.5631

Advent Around the Table

We invite everyone to join us on

Sunday, Dec. 1 at 9:15am in

Fellowship Hall for this annual tradition.

We will gather to create advent crafts for
our homes, and costumes for the

Christmas Program. Along the way we will

learn more about this particular season,

have great fellowship and grow in our

faith as we kick off the Advent season.

Sunday School

Faith Building Blocks

Grade 1: 10 Commandments, in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Oct. 27: parents/guardians only

Sundays, Nov. 3 & 10: parents/guardians with children

Sunday, Nov. 17: Faith Building Block lifted up in worship



4K: The Keys, in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Nov. 17: parents/guardians only

Sundays, Nov. 24: parents/guardians with children

Sunday, Dec. 1: Faith Building Block lifted up in worship



Throughout the year each age group will have a special "Faith Building Block" session in which parents or special adults are asked to attend class with their child. Most sessions lasts for a total of four weeks; the first class consists of parents/guardians connecting with a pastor and other parents in the fellowship hall; the children at this time will be meeting with the other pastor, learning how to worship assist. (This is for grades 1-5, preschool, 4K and kindergarten will attend Sunday school on the first meeting). Weeks two and three classes are for the child and their parents/guardians to attend together, sharing in conversation and growing together in faith. The fourth and final week, children will have a presence in worship in celebration of the Faith Building Block they have learned about and participate in worship by assisting.

New registrations welcome any time of the year!

*Questions? Contact Sunday School Superintendent Beth Miller at
sundayschool@firstlu.org
or stop in the Sunday School office in room 206.*



Peer Ministry is an amazing opportunity for our young adults here at First Lutheran. It trains and equips them to have the skills to deal with the tough situations that confront our youth in today's world.

They learn how to welcome those who are hurting, listen with empathy, and communicate in clear ways. Peer Ministry grows leaders who can continue to help and serve in their everyday life.

Meeting most Wednesdays, November–May

More info: 1stlu.org/peermin

Questions?

Contact jason@firstlu.org.

CONFIRMATION

Events subject to change; up-to-date info at 1stlu.org/confirmation

Teen-relevant, age-appropriate, active, modern, and theologically sound

UPCOMING CONFIRMATION EVENTS

Sundays, 9:15am
Gr 6 & 7 Confirmation Classes

Wednesdays, 7:00pm, *except not on Nov. 27*
Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups

Wednesday, November 6, 7:00pm
Class: Doubt—Destructive or Constructive?

Sunday, November 10, 6:00pm
Faith Alive! U: Imprisoning a Generation

Wednesday, November 13, 7:00pm
Confirmation Cls: Being a Public Church



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All order forms must be turned in, with the money, on or before Sunday, Nov. 3. Orders will be available for pick-up on Sunday, Nov. 17.

SUGAR CREEK HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

7pm, Friday, Nov. 8 – 1pm, Sunday, Nov. 10

Come spend a weekend in the beautiful valley of Sugar Creek Bible Camp. This retreat will be full of outdoor activities, learning together, good food, campfires, night games and more! Cost is \$85. Register thru Sugar Creek at 1stlu.org/scbchs. Need help? Contact Andrea: 608.790.5631

MISSION TRIP INFO MEETING FOR 2020 TRIP TO NIAGARA FALLS

Sunday Nov. 10, 9am in the Mary Room

Trip Dates: Jul. 25–Aug. 2

Deadline for registration: Feb. 2, 2020

Students may reserve their spot for the mission trip by paying a \$100 deposit to Tamara in the church office.

Spots are limited and filling fast!

Questions about the mission trip? Contact Karissa: 608.790.2590

Parent Date Night

Friday, Nov 22

Time: Registration will be from 4:45–5:30pm, followed by dinner and activities till 8:30pm (parents can pick up early if needed)
Bring your children for an evening of fun with the middle and high school youth groups' Date Night Fundraiser!
Ages: birth to 12 are welcome — event is open to the public
Cost: Free will donations to assist the middle and high school students with their mission trip in 2020

Sunday, Nov. 3: no youth groups
Sunday, Nov. 10: youth groups will attend Faith Alive U (watching the documentary Imprisoning a Generation)
Sundays, Nov. 17 & 24: youth groups will meet at 5pm as usual

Middle School



High School

YOUTH GROUPS



Questions? Contact volunteer Youth Ministry Administrator, Andrea Dombroski: 608.790.5631 MHyouth@firstlu.org.



OWLs OLDER WISER LUTHERANS

The OWLs welcomed fall with our usual spirit of fun and adventure. We began the month with a well-attended potluck featuring our own Halloween stories. Many laughs and a great time was had by all. We completed the month with a visit to discover our local "Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine".

We will begin November with a special treat. **Our outing will take us to the Maywood Mansion in Rochester on Wednesday, Nov. 6**, when we can view the

mansion decorated for Christmas. After the tour, we will have lunch at a local establishment. We will leave the church at 9:30am. The Christmas tours sell out fast. Please contact Brian Narveson (owls@firstlu.org, 630-816-5917) if you would like to see this fabulous house in her Christmas finest. Cost of the tour is \$25, lunch will be on your own. We already have over 20 people signed up; if you are able to drive please let Brian know.

The November potluck will be Wednesday, Nov. 20 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. It will probably be cold by then, so please bring your favorite cold weather comfort food for the potluck. Our speaker will be Kelsey Flock, a dementia

care specialist with La Crosse County. She will speak about the Memory Café and other services available for dementia patients and care-givers in the county. We look forward to seeing everyone in November.

The OWLs are a group at First that welcomes anyone, First Lutheran members or not, who are 55+. For information or to ask questions, contact Brian Narveson at owls@firstlu.org. A reminder for all potlucks that First Lutheran is a nut-free campus. Please do not bring food containing nuts or nut butters of any kind onto the church campus. This is for the safety of all of our members. Thanks!

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Members are invited to a special ecumenical worship service
at First Lutheran
on Wed., Thanksgiving Eve, at 6:30pm,
with our brothers and sisters in Christ
from Onalaska United Method Church.

Drawing from the Well

For women of First and the greater La Crosse area seeking to support one another in their spiritual growth.
Meeting for food, fellowship & study.
NEXT: Saturday, Nov. 9, 9:30am
in the Upper Room



Contact Bridget for info: bridget@firstlu.org

9TH ANNUAL Onalaska & Holmen Community Thanksgiving Dinner



Onalaska Community Thanksgiving Dinner
November 28, from 11–2pm
at the Onalaska Armory
FREE and open to the public
Donations needed: www.octd.org



Sugar Creek Bible Camp 2019 Upcoming Events

Nov 8-10	<u>High School Retreat</u>
Nov 14	Fireside Dinner Theatre Bus Trip – <i>A Christmas Story-The Musical</i>
Nov 19	<i>Pioneer and Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon</i>
Dec 2-8	NASHVILLE CHRISTMAS Bus Tour
Nov 21-24	<u>CRAFT RETREAT</u> (for women)
Dec 9	<i>Yesterday's Youth (Senior Day Event)</i>

NOVEMBER AT FIRST LUTHERAN *see also weekly events list on back*

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<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>Butter Braid Order Deadline</p> <p>9:15 AM Gr 1 FBB: 10 Commandments</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>7 PM AA - FS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Invitation Wednesday</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>7 PM Women of the House Sml Grp - UR</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>11 AM All Saints Worship </p> <p>7 PM AA - FH</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>Daylight Savings Ends Tonight! </p>
<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>9 AM Mission Trip Info Meeting - MR 9:15 AM Gr 1 FBB: 10 Commandments 9:30 AM Parking Lot Meeting 5:30 PM Faith Alive! U Potluck - FH 6 PM Faith Alive! U: Imprisoning a Generation - SN</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>7 PM AA - FS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>1 PM Dorcas Circle - NX 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Mtg - MR</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>10 AM Ona Terrace Worship </p> <p>12 PM Finance Team Mtg 7 PM Confirmation Cls: Being a Public Church 7 PM Hospitality Leadership Team - NX</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>9 AM Sunshine Boys & Girls 7 PM Women of the House Sml Grp - UR</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>Deadline for Newsletter</p> <p>7 PM AA - FS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>9:30 AM Drawing from the Well Group - UR</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>Butter Braid Orders Available for Pickup</p> <p>Gr 1 FBB: 10 Commandments, lifted...</p> <p>9:15 AM 4K FBB: The Keys - FH 5 PM Middle & High School Youth Groups</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>1 PM Elizabeth Circle 2:30 PM Springbrook Worship </p> <p>7 PM AA - FS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>9 AM Naomi's Circle 5:15 PM Personnel Team Mtg 6:30 PM Vision & Leadership Team Mtg</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>10 AM Ona Terrace Worship </p> <p>12 PM OWLs Potluck - FH</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>10 AM Deborah's Circle - NX 1 PM Grief Support Group - UR 7 PM Women of the House Sml Grp - UR</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>4:45 PM Parent Date Night - FH 7 PM AA - FS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>1 PM Ordination of Tara Shilts</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>9:15 AM 4K FBB: The Keys - FH 5 PM Middle & High School Youth Groups</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>7 PM AA - FS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>4 PM Come for Supper at OSLC 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Mtg - FS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>9 AM Newsletter Assembly - NX 6:30 PM Ecumenical Worship </p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>Thanksgiving (office closed) </p> <p>11 AM Onalaska Community Thanksgiving Dinner - Armory 7 PM Women of the House Sml Grp - UR</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>7 PM AA - FS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>

weekly events for

NOVEMBER

at First Lutheran

SUNDAYS

- 8:00am Worship
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Confirmation Classes
- 9:15am Prayer Shawl Knitters - NX
- 9:15am Sunday Mornings with Coffee - MR
- 9:15am Parent Share - UR
- 10:30am Worship

TUESDAYS

- 9:00am Quilters - FS
- 1:15pm Staff Meeting
- 5:15pm Bell Practice - Sacristy

WEDNESDAYS

- 6:00am Courageous Men - House
- 6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Panera, Onalaska
- 5:15pm Prayer Shawl Knitters - NX
- 6:15pm Worship, *except 6:30pm on Wed., Nov. 27*
- 7:00pm Choir Practice - SN
- 7:00pm Gr 8-9 Small Groups, *except not on Wed., Nov. 27*
- 7:00pm Peer Ministry, *except not on Wed., Nov. 27*



2020 Mission Trip
Info Mtg
Sun, Nov 10
9am



Faith Alive! U:
Imprisoning a Generation
Sun, Nov 10
6pm



Parent Date Night
Fri, Nov 22
4:45pm-8:30pm



Thanksgiving Eve
Worship at First
Wed, Nov 27
6:30pm



Onalaska Community
Thanksgiving Dinner
Thur, Nov 28
11am-2pm



Advent
Around the Table
Sun, Dec 1
9:15-10:15am

CALENDAR KEY

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

Events subject to change; up-to-date information at 1stlu.org/cal

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BLESSING VETERANS

Sunday, Nov. 10



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REVELATIONS

The end of the newsletter is near, so here's a few things we find revealing..

THE REVELATIONS OF TAMARA



SMILING ABOUT:

The Postal Service's very cool Halloween stamps..

MUNCHING:

Apples, apples, apples. And parsnips.

READING:

So You've Been Publicly Shamed

By Jon Ronson. Remember when law-breakers were put in stocks in the center of town so that everyone would know their shame? Jon Ronson writes about whether there's a resurgence of public shaming. And in this day and age, because of social media, the shaming can go global and white-hot in minutes.

THE REVELATIONS OF BETH



WATCHING:

A Million Little Things *This Is Us*

THINKING ABOUT:

How to get outside for some fresh air when it's so cold out!



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Wednesday 6:15 PM



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