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SUNDAY, SEPT. 12
WORSHIP @ 9:30AM
FUN, FOOD & MUSIC
@ 10:45AM

FIRST FEST

GOOD NEWS

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021



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FIRST LUTHERAN

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 8am & 10am
(10:30am starting Sept. 19)
Wednesdays 6:15pm
Live streaming at 1stlu.org/live



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 UPDATE

For the safety of ALL members, we ask EVERYONE to mask, covering both nose and mouth, while indoors. Masks are not required for outdoor worship. Small groups may gather in-person, using precautions as determined by the group. Contact bridget@firstlu.org for details.

BIBLE READINGS

Bible readings for Sept. and Oct. can be found online at 1stlu.org/readings.

QUILTERS RESUME

First Lutheran's quilters will resume meeting at the church on **Tuesday, Sept. 7**. They will meet every Tuesday at 9am in the Fireside Room. Although the quilters couldn't meet at church for the past year because of COVID restrictions, they continued their work, and the annual display of their quilts in the sanctuary will be on Sunday, Sept. 26. Most of the quilts go to Lutheran World Relief.

SUNDAY WORSHIP CHANGING BACK

There will be only one worship service on First Fest Sunday, Sept. 12, and it will be an outdoor service (weather permitting) at 9:30am. **Starting Sunday, Sept. 19**, worship times will be as follows: first service at 8am, and second service at 10:30am.

Also, starting Sept. 19 please join us between worship services for food and fellowship. We will have treats (some pre-packaged), coffee, tea, juice and a special treat each Sunday. Hope to see you then.

CORE VALUES CLASS

Why are core values important? What are First's core values? What are mine? Once I know what they are, what do I do with them? How can I use my core values to make decisions? Learn the answers to these questions and more with Pastor Karyn on Mondays at 7pm in October.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

The pastors are considering baptisms on an individual basis. The next baptism preparation session will be **Saturday, Oct. 2, at 10am**. To register or ask questions contact the church office at 608.783.3326 / office@firstlu.org.

NEW-MEMBER SOCIAL

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 Red Pines on **Thursday, Oct. 14, 6pm**, where you will get to know more about First and the staff in a relaxed atmosphere. To register your family or ask questions, call our church office at 608.783.2236 or email office@firstlu.org.

MONDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY MEALS

For many years, Trinity Lutheran Church on the northside of La Crosse has hosted a meal on Monday nights. First Lutheran has agreed to help with this important community ministry, by preparing a meal, serving the food, and cleaning up for three Mondays starting in August. We need people to plan and prepare the meal to feed 60-80 people, and folks to serve the meal (5-6pm) and help with cleanup. Meal prep can be done at your convenience. Many times people prepare the main course a week ahead and freeze it, and reheat it. Food for the meal can be gotten at no charge from the Hunger Task Force in La Crosse. **Our dates are Oct. 18 and Dec. 13**. You can sign up at 1stlu.org/monmeals, or contact bridget@firstlu.org

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF:

- Jean Allen

Worship

Sundays 8am & 10:30am starting Sept. 19
(8am & 10am thru Sunday, Sept. 5)
Wednesdays 6:15 PM (in-person starting Sept. 8)



Stewardship

First Teen Clothes Closet, Open for shopping, Mondays 4-6pm, at Trinity Lutheran, La Crosse. Contact bridget@firstlu.org to volunteer/donate
Blood Drive, Tuesday, Sept. 21, 12:30-5:30pm
Coulee Region Hunger Walk, Sunday, Oct. 10, 1:30pm
Warming Shelter, 1st & 2nd Fridays, Nov.-Apr.
Onalaska Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday, Nov. 25, 11am-2pm

Events

Sugar Creek 5K & Auction
Saturday, Sept. 11, 8am-1pm
Sugar Creek Bible Camp, Ferryville WI
First Fest
Sunday, Sept. 12, outdoor worship at 9:30am, games/inflatables/food immediately after
Play Days @ Sugar Creek
Friday, Sept. 17-Sunday, Sept. 19

First Day of Sunday School
Sunday, Sept. 26
New-Member Social
Thur., Oct. 14, 6pm, Red Pines
Faith Alive! U Courses
Sundays, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Noon
150th Anniversary Celebrations
History Day & Trunk-or-Treat, Oct. 30
Celebration Worship, Oct. 31

Music

Our music groups will start up again in Sept.; it's a perfect time to join!

- **Bell Ringers:** practice Tuesdays at 5:15pm. Contact Jim Knutson, jim@firstlu.org
- **Praise Band:** practice Sundays at 9:15am. Contact Todd Saner, todd@firstlu.org
- **Senior Choir:** practice Wednesdays at 7pm. Contact Todd Saner, todd@firstlu.org

Confirmation

Confirmation Orientation
Gr 6-7 Sunday, Sept. 12, 10:45am
Gr 8-10 First Day of Small Groups
Wed., Sept. 15, 7pm
Gr 6-7 First Day of Classes
Sunday, Sept. 26, 9:15am
Gr 10 Confirmation Rehearsal Dinner
Wed., October 20, 6pm
Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)
Sunday, October 24, 1:30pm



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Worship Changes</i></p> <p>Sundays, starting Sept. 19 8am & 10:30am</p> <p>Wednesdays In-Person starting Sept. 8, at 6:15pm</p>	<p>SING!</p> <p>First Lutheran senior choir begins rehearsing Wednesdays at 7pm, starting Sept. 1. All are welcome! <i>Schedule & Reg: 1stlu.org/choir</i></p>	<p>RING!</p> <p>Bell choir begins rehearsing Tuesdays at 5pm, starting Sept. 14. All skill levels welcome! <i>More info: jim@firstlu.org</i></p>	<p>1</p> <p>6a Courageous Men - FS 6:30a Coffee With Pastor Karyn 6:15p Worship Premieres Online 7p Choir Practice - SN</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30a Sunshine Team</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7p AA - FH</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>8a In-Person Worship </p> <p>10a In-Person Worship </p>	<p>6</p> <p>Labor Day (office closed)</p> <p>7p AA - FS</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9a Quilters - FS 10:30a Staff Meeting 5p Bells Practice - FH</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6a Courageous Men - FS 6:30a Coffee With Pastor Karyn 6:15p In-Person Worship </p> <p>7p Choir Practice - SN 7p Stephen Ministry - FS</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:30p Lauri Berg Small Grp - UR</p>	<p>10</p> <p>OWLs</p> <p>7p OWLs Fly to La Crosse Queen 7p AA - FS</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9a Sugar Creek 5K Run/Walk 9:30a Drawing from the Well 10a Sugar Creek Annual Quilt and Antique Auction</p>
<p>12</p> <p>First Fest</p> <p>9:30a Outdoor Worship 10:45a First Fest 10:45a Gr 6-7 Confirmation Orientation - FH</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7p AA - FS</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9a Quilters - FS 10:30a Staff Meeting 5p Bells Practice - FH</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6a Courageous Men - FS 6:30a Coffee With Pastor Karyn 12p OWLs Potluck - FH </p> <p>12p Finance Team Mtg 6:15p In-Person Worship </p> <p>7p Choir Practice - SN</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10a Grief Group - UR 1:30p Lauri Berg Small Grp - UR</p>	<p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>First Lutheran Play Days @ Sugar Creek</p> <p>Clothes Closet Anniversary</p> <p>7p AA - FS</p> <p>10:30a Bible Study @ SCBC 1p Acrylic Art Pour @ SCBC 4p Parent Share @ SCBC <i>Info & Reg: 1stlu.org/playdays</i></p>	
<p>19</p> <p>First Lutheran Play Days @ Sugar...</p> <p>8a In-Person Worship </p> <p>10:30a In-Person Worship </p> <p>10:30a Outdoor Worship @ Sugar Creek </p>	<p>20</p> <p>1p Elizabeth Circle 7p AA - FS</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9a Quilters - FS 10:30a Staff Meeting 12:30p Blood Drive - NX 5p Bells Practice - FH 6:30p Property Management Team Mtg - NX</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6a Courageous Men - FS 6:30a Coffee With Pastor Karyn 6:15p In-Person Worship </p> <p>7p Choir Practice - SN 7p Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups 7p Gr 10 Confirmation</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1:30p Lauri Berg Small Grp - UR</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4:45p Parent's Night Out [TNT] 7p AA - FS</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Blessing Sunday School Volunteers</p> <p>8a In-Person Worship </p> <p>9:15a Gr 3 FBB 9:15a Gr 6 & 7 Confirm Classes 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a In-Person Worship </p>	<p>27</p> <p>7p AA - FS</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9a Quilters - FS 10:30a Staff Meeting 5p Bells Practice - FH 5:15p Personnel Team Mtg 7p Vision & Leadership Team</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6a Courageous Men - FS 6:30a Coffee With Pastor Karyn 6:15p In-Person Worship </p> <p>7p Choir Practice - SN 7p Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups 7p Gr 10 Confirmation</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1:30p Lauri Berg Small Grp - UR</p>	<p>Save a life!</p> <p>BLOOD DRIVE Tuesday, Sept. 21 12:30-5:30pm</p> <p>Walk-ins welcome, registrations encouraged!</p> <p>Online reg: 1stlu.org/blooddrive</p>	
<p>FIRST FEST</p> <p>Sunday, Sept. 12 Worship @ 9:30am Fun, Food & Music @ 10:45am</p>						

OCTOBER AT FIRST LUTHERAN

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<p><i>Sunday Worship</i></p> <p>8am & 10:30am</p>	<p>HUNGER WALK</p> <p>Sunday, Oct. 10, 1:30pm <i>Info & Reg: 1stlu.org/hungerwalk</i></p>	<p><i>New Small Group</i></p> <p>Thursdays at 1:30pm starting Sept. 9 All are welcome! <i>RSVP to bridget@firstlu.org</i></p>	<p><i>Wednesday Reoccurring Events</i></p> <p>6a Courageous Men - FS 6:30a Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn 6:15p In-Person Worship 7p Choir Practice - SN 7p Confirmation Small Groups</p>	<p>Farewell for Pr. Libby Howe Thursday, Oct. 7 at First Lutheran An evening to share our appreciation for Pr. Libby & all the ministry she has done in our synod over the past 13+ years & to wish her the very best in her next call.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7p AA - FH</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10a Baptismal Preparation - NX</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Entering Gr 6 Milestone, Lifted U...</p> <p>9:15a Gr 3 FBB 9:15a Gr 6 & 7 Confirm Classes 9:15a Sunday School </p> <p>12p Faith Alive! U - SN</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7p AA - FS</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9a Quilters - FS 10:30a Staff Meeting 5p Bells Practice - FH</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pastor Libby's Farewell Gathering</p> <p>9:30a Sunshine Team 1:30p Lauri Berg Small Grp - UR</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7p AA - FS</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30a Drawing from the Well</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Butter Braid Fundraising Begins</p> <p>9:15a Gr 3 FBB 9:15a Gr 6 & 7 Confirm Classes 9:15a Sunday School 1:30p Hunger Walk</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Office Closed (Columbus Day)</p> <p>7p AA - FS</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9a Quilters - FS 10:30a Staff Meeting 4p Worship & Music Team - NX 5p Bells Practice - FH</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7p Stephen Ministry - FS</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1:30p Lauri Berg Small Grp - UR 6p New-Member Social - Red Pines [TENTATIVE]</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Deadline for Nov Newsletter</p> <p>7p AA - FS</p>	<p>16</p>
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<p>31</p> <p>150th Anniversary Celebration</p> <p>No Confirmation Classes</p> <p>9:15a Gr 1-3 Class w/ Karyn 9:15a Preschool FBB 9:15a Sunday School</p>	<p>150TH CELEBRATION</p> <p>SATURDAY, OCT. 30 10am-3pm: Celebrating the history of First with food, videos & a history walk. 3-5pm: Fall Festival with games, food, Trunk-or-Treat, & costumes.</p>		<p>CALENDAR KEY</p> <p>CR = Choir Room FBB = Faith Building Block FH = Fellowship Hall FS = Fireside Room LG = Lounge</p> <p>MR = Mary Room NX = Narthex SN = Sanctuary TR = Thomas Room UR = Upper Room</p>	<p>AUGUST</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	