



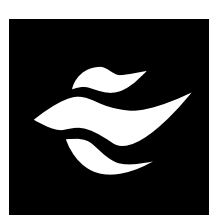
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GOOD NEWS

DECEMBER/JANUARY 2021



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**FAITH ALIVE! U:
LA CROSSE JAIL MINISTRY
& RECONCILING IN CHRIST**

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**WHITE PRIVILEGE
SYMPOSIUM**

Dec. 3-4

First reimbursing
50% of reg cost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Knitters

Prayer shawl knitters have changed their gathering time and now meet **every Tuesday at 3:30pm** in the narthex. Open to all!



Stephen Ministers are specially trained people, who LISTEN to people as they make their way through times of crisis. Stephen Ministers are companions along the way who, with God's help, assist people in finding a way forward. If you want to know more about Stephen Ministry or how to become a Stephen Minister, join us at one of our informational meetings on **Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 7pm or Sunday, Dec. 5, at 9:30am**. A new class to train Stephen Ministers will begin in January.

WHITE PRIVILEGE SYMPOSIUM

As a partner of the symposium, First Lutheran invites all members to the White Privilege Symposium on **Dec. 3 and 4**, at the La Crosse Center. Registration is NOW OPEN at laxwakingupwhite.com. A full list of workshops/presenters is available at the site. Cost: Adult \$100 (Virtual or In Person), Students \$75 (Virtual or In Person)... BUT contact office@1stlu.org to have First reimburse half the costs! Debby Irving's keynote (author of *Waking Up White*) is on Friday evening, and is free as an online presentation, but registration is required.

SUGAR CREEK DRIVE-THRU: THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

On **Saturday, Dec. 4, 2-6:30pm**, head to Sugar Creek for a drive-thru Advent experience! Journey through the Advent story visiting live action worship stations offering carols, scripture, prayer, and the chance to visit real nativity animals. COVID safety precautions in place. This is an all-outdoor event, so dress appropriately for the weather, and please bring a mask for carols. Start your journey any time from 2-6:30pm. Free will offering for the ministry of Sugar Creek, as well as non-perishable item donations welcome to benefit local food pantries. *Please call 608.734.3113 by to let them know you're coming.*

SING!

The choir is starting a new "festival" rehearsal schedule. The next performance will be for Christmas Eve services, and rehearsals start up fresh on **Wednesday, Dec. 8, 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@1stlu.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. **NEXT DATE: Dec. 13.** *You can sign up at 1stlu.org/monmeals, or contact bridget@1stlu.org*

Christmas Giving Tree

Help make Christmas special for area kids and families by buying NEW items for them. We are again partnering with La Crosse County Human Services, and have a list of people and items they or their social worker have requested. Make certain tags are attached to the outside of the wrapped gift. If you purchase gift cards, please wrap them in a box. **Gifts should all be turned in to First Lutheran by Sunday, Dec. 12.** *Questions? Email bridget@1stlu.org.*

HELP ONA FOOD BASKET AT ROTARY LIGHTS

First Lutheran members have been invited by the Onalaska Regional Food Basket to sign up for "Rotary Lights 2021." They are looking for volunteers to help collect food down at Riverside Park. *Sign up to help this local food ministry at 1stlu.org/rotary.*

BIBLE READINGS

Bible readings for Dec. and Jan. can be found online at 1stlu.org/readings.

MEAL TRAIN FOR LOFALD FAMILY

Members of First Lutheran have started a Meal Train page for the Lofald family. Help the Lofalds by giving them one less thing to think about, and sign up for a date to make a meal at mealtrain.com/go91wm.

WARMING CENTER

The La Crosse Warming Center will be open **now through April 30**. Individuals who are living in homelessness can sleep, shower, do laundry and get a meal at the Warming Center. As was done last year, the first two Fridays of each month are "Lutheran Night." A number of local ELCA churches are working together to staff those two Friday nights and provide food for dinner. Orientation and training is provided. Click here for more information. Questions? Contact bridget@1stlu.org.

OFFICE CLOSURES


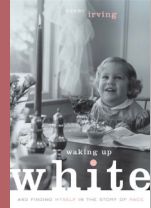





The office will be closed on these days in December and January:

- Friday, Dec. 24 at noon
- Monday, Dec. 27 (Christmas observed)
- Friday, Dec. 31 at noon
- Monday, Jan. 3 (New Year's Day, observed)

YAGM'S ARE BACK

ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) will be back in the world, in 9 foreign countries in 2022-23! YAGMs are young adults aged 21-29 and this is the time to reach out to new candidates. **Application deadline: Feb. 1, 2022** (priority deadline Jan. 15.) *Learn more at elca.org/yagm.*

DECEMBER AT FIRST LUTHERAN

<p><i>Sunday Worship</i> 8am & 10:30am (except Dec. 26)</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">SING!</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">First Lutheran senior choir begins rehearsing for Christmas Eve Wednesdays at 7pm, starting Dec. 8. All are welcome! <i>Schedule & Reg: 1stlu.org/choir</i></p>		<p>7p Stephen Ministry Info Mtg</p> 	<p>9:30a Sunshine Team (decorating for Christmas) 7p Women of the House</p>	<p>7p AA - FH</p>	<p>10a Baptismal Preparation - NX 2p Road to Bethlehem - Sugar Creek</p> <div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">WHITE PRIVILEGE SYMPOSIUM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fri., Dec. 3-Sat., Dec. 4 Keynote by Debby Irving More info: 1stlu.org/symposium</p> </div> 
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<p>26 No Gr 6 & 7 Confirmation Classes No Sunday School 9:30a In-Person Worship</p>	<p>27 Office Closed (Christmas Observed) 7p AA - FS</p>	<p>28 9a Quilters - FS 10:30a Staff Meeting 3:30p Knitters & Crocheters - NX 5p Bells Practice - Sacristy 5:15p Personnel Team Mtg 7p Stephen Ministry - FS</p>	<p>29 No Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups</p>	<p>30 7p Women of the House</p>	<p>31 Office Closes at Noon 7p AA - FS</p>	<p>Christmas Program & Worship Wed., Dec. 15, 6:15pm</p> 

JANUARY AT FIRST LUTHERAN

<p><i>Sunday Recurring Events</i> 8a In-Person Worship 9:15a Gr 6 & 7 Confirm Cls 9:15a Parent Share 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a In-Person Worship</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Discussion regarding Reconciling in Christ will continue in January, starting with Faith Alive! U on Jan. 2 at noon, and continuing in small groups throughout January. The small groups will view a video from the pastors and use a booklet, <i>Reconciling Scripture for Lutherans: Sexuality & Gender Identity</i>, for discussion each week.</p> </div>		<p><i>Wednesday Recurring Events</i> 6a Courageous Men - FS 6:30a Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn 6:15p In-Person Worship 7p Choir Practice - SN 7p Confirmation Small Groups</p>	<div style="background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 10px;">  <p>If you want to know more about Stephen Ministry or how to become a Stephen Minister, join us at one of our informational meetings on Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 7pm or Sunday, Dec. 5, at 9:30am. A new class to train Stephen Ministers will begin in January.</p> </div>		<p>1 New Years Day</p>																																																												
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