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GOOD NEWS!

FEBRUARY 2022

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Save the Date!

All members are invited to
First's Annual Meeting
Sun., Feb. 6, 11:45am

God is doing all kinds of things at First Lutheran, so our Annual Meeting will be a celebration of what has been and a look ahead to what will be. Save the date to be a part of the body of Christ at First!

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KARYN

**“God has told you,
O mortal, what is
good; and what
does the Lord
require of you but
to do justice,
to love kindness
and to
walk humbly
with your God?”**

Micah 6:8



This verse is on my mind this morning because last night a group of people from all over the country gathered virtually around a new little one and his parents to bless him and name him Micah Orion. Most of us didn't know each other all that well, if at all but all of us have loved this child since we found out his mom was pregnant, because we love his parents. There is something about a newborn that brings such hope to the world despite the incredible amount of change they bring to the lives of their parents and family (or village, in my case). All of us, gathered last night, blessed him with a name that calls each of us to live a life that will run counter to popular opinion and mores. To live a life that is known for kindness

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A Lenten Devotional

Full to the Brim

An expansive lent

Starting Mar. 2

The origins of Lent were that one was to leave their old life behind to fast and prepare to be baptized into a new way of living. In essence, this was a practice of stepping away from corrupt power, scarcity mentality, and empty rituals in order to live a more expansive and full life of faith. And so, our Lenten theme, *Full to the Brim*, is an invitation—into a radically different Lent, into a full life. Full to the Brim reminds us to live fully—as we pursue justice and hope, or express grief and gratitude. And so, this Lent, let us trust—fully—that we belong to God. Let us increase our capacity to receive and give grace. Let us discover the expansive life God dreams for us.

FROM PASTOR KARYN, CONT. FROM PAGE 1

and humility as we work toward a more just world.

Here at the beginning of a new year, it is good for us to be reflective about who we have been and who we want to be and then choose to make changes to move ourselves closer to the person we want to be. I don't think people of faith can do that without considering Micah 6:8 and the ways Jesus expounded on it. You all know by now that I have been spending a great deal of time in prayer and study and thinking about what it means for a community of faith to welcome all. It is a study in kindness and humility as I work for justice in our world. It is what the leaders of our congregation have tasked me and all of us to consider when they chose Welcome All, Be Community and Serve our Neighbor as our core values. I am thankful that I am part of a congregation that continues to push me to grow in my own faith as I lead them. It is exciting and life giving. I hope that as we make our way through whatever this year holds that you see these values for what they are: invitations to grow and deepen your faith as we are church together.

The coming months are full of opportunities to learn and grow and celebrate together. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have completed our 2022 stewardship campaign where we are challenged to increase our giving so that First Lutheran can change lives through hunger, homeless and faith formation ministries. In the next couple of weeks, we will be gathering intent of giving cards in the hopes of receiving 150 to meet JoAnn Whittchow's challenge which results in a gift of \$10,000.

This month, the Foundation will be launching its "Be a Mabel" campaign, by telling the story of Mabel Anderson and her generosity and hosting an estate planning event where all are welcome to participate and consider what their legacy will be. I have to admit, it never really occurred to me that I would leave anything that would

make a big difference, until I heard Mabel's story. I am sure you will find her story just as inspiring. The Foundation will be working this year to host several workshops to help us plan for the end of our lives, so keep a lookout for more information in the coming months.

Our Reconciling in Christ team continues to work and in February and March will put together a roadmap for our journey through this process. If you were not able to be a part of the January small group studies around Lutheran interpretation of Scripture, don't worry, they will come around again. There is a good chance you will get an invitation to a one-on-one conversation in the coming year. When you do, please say yes. Your voice is important as we move toward being a more inclusive community of faith.

Friends, there is much that God is calling us to and we are so blessed to have so many people with such generosity of spirit and gifts. Now is the time to consider how God is calling you to serve at First Lutheran. We have no idea what the future holds, but we do know who holds us and who lights our path. "God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8.



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

In-person, indoors & outdoors, and live streamed at 1stlu.org/live
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30AM
Wednesday 6:15 PM

SUBMITTING NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

NOMINATIONS FOR VISION & LEADERSHIP

Nominations needed! First Lutheran will elect two new members to the Vision & Leadership Team at the Annual Meeting on Feb. 6. Read the following 'job' description and consider who you could nominate for this ministry.
Send nominations to karyn@firstlu.org.

POSITION SUMMARY: As a servant to the ministry of First Lutheran Church and working in conjunction with pastoral leadership, is responsible for development of the congregation's mission and vision. Develops short- and long-term strategies for ensuring the spiritual and physical health and wellness of the congregation. Provides support to staff and congregation members to equip each member with skills to grow in faith and their own personal ministry.

NEEDED: VOTING MEMBERS

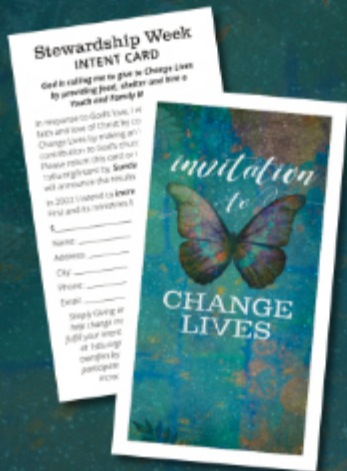
Participate in guiding the future of our synod! The 2022 La Crosse Area Synod Assembly is planned to be in-person June 10-12 (Friday evening through Sunday noon) at UWL, in La Crosse. An elected voting member will need to attend the assembly & various pre-meetings. If you are interested in serving our synod and congregation as one of First Lutheran's five voting members, contact Pastor Karyn (karyn@firstlu.org) or the church office (office@firstlu.org / 608.783.2236). It's a great opportunity to be the church!



The 2021 Annual Report is now available for download at 1stlu.org/report

Limited copies available at the Welcome Center in the church

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED!



Our sister in Christ, JoAnn Wittchow has graciously agreed to provide a Challenge Gift of \$10,000 when the Stewardship Team receives 150 intent cards

Let's meet the challenge together!

Turn in your intent card...
By mail • In-person • at 1stlu.org/intent

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

- Wednesday, Feb. 2: John 4:1-42
- Sunday, Feb. 6: Luke 5:1-11
- Wednesday, Feb. 9: John 4:46-54 [5:1-18]
- Sunday, Feb. 13: Luke 6:17-26
- Wednesday, Feb. 16: John 6:35-59
- Sunday, Feb. 20: Luke 6:27-38
- Wednesday, Feb. 23: John 7:37-52
- Sunday, Feb. 27: Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

Above are the tentative readings scheduled for February. 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.



THANK YOU FOR your generous support of First Lutheran. This is an update on how you Changed Lives in 2021, plus our dreams and plan to Change Lives in 2022.

We have great news! Your giving has allowed us to achieve our goal of Changing Lives with increased general fund giving of **\$60,000**. With that money we have achieved the following congregational successes outlined in the 2021 Stewardship Campaign.

1. This year we've been able to gift Sugar Creek Bible Camp with \$25,000 as a form of pandemic relief. (They had 625 summer campers, grew their retreat ministry by a lot and finished in the black).
2. We made Faith Events more accessible by using \$7,500 to assist participants in family camp, workshops, Vacation Bible School, small groups, OWLs and camp registrations.
3. We also grew our capacity by \$20K to add a full-time youth and family minister. There is an active search for this person in progress.

This was possible due to generous individuals and families like you! Thank you. We would like to present our dreams for 2022.

We have 3 big dreams for 2022.

We have heard members say they want our church to be more involved in local community support of issues like homelessness and hunger.



**HUNGER:
HAVING ENOUGH TO EAT
CHANGES LIVES!**

Our first dream is **Combating Hunger** in the Coulee Region by supporting the La Crosse Hunger Task Force with a donation of \$10K from increased giving. The Hunger Task Force supports 118 food programs in our 7-county area. In addition to food, they need funds to pay for vehicles, fuel, utilities and appliances (freezers and coolers).



**HOMELESSNESS:
HAVING SHELTER SECURITY
CHANGES LIVES!**

Our second dream is providing **Hope for the Homeless** in the Coulee Region by Supporting REACH Services and Resource Center, which is a collaboration of the YWCA of La

Crosse, Catholic Charities, Couleecap, Independent Living Resources and the Salvation Army with a donation of \$10K from increased giving. This will help REACH to connect homeless and about to be homeless people to programs such as: homelessness prevention, wellness services, nutritional assistance, addiction treatment, case management, shelter and runaway & homeless youth shelter and services.



**A YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTER
BUILDS FAITH THROUGH
RELATIONSHIPS.**

Our third dream is to Change Lives by raising \$20,000 of increased giving to support the salary and benefits of our future youth & family minister. By hiring a full time Youth & Family minister, we will address the faith formation of our youth and families, which at this time is our greatest need. Adding a third minister will also allow our current pastors to broaden their capacity for organizing relational ministries for college aged adults, parents of little ones, empty nesters, singles of all ages and OWLs.

These dreams help fulfill our congregational goals:

- Welcome All—
Youth and Family Ministry
- Be Community—
Combating Hunger
- Serve our Neighbor—
Hope for the Homeless

One last thing: You have received multiple communications over the last several weeks. One contained an **Intent Card** to be turned in by Sunday, Feb. 13. It is very important for you and the church to understand your intent to give in 2022. To incentivize us to turn them in, JoAnn Wittchow (a sister in Christ at First) is offering a challenge gift to our family of faith. **If 150 intent cards are returned**, she will give an additional **\$10,000** to First Lutheran's general fund.

If you have not done so already, please do one of the following:

- Drop the card in the offering plate or turn in at the office
- Mail the card to the church
- Email pastor Stanton your intent
- Go to this link to an e-card of intent. It's on our website: 1stlu.org/intent.

Thank you for your generous support. Please return your intent card to help raise that extra \$10K. Yearend financial results will be available at the annual meeting, Sunday, Feb. 6.

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 Stewardship Committee meets monthly and is looking for members. For meeting times and Zoom information, contact Pastor Stanton.

Faithfully submitted,

The Finance & Stewardship Committees



SUGAR CREEK SUMMER REG NOW OPEN!

With safe practices in a beautiful setting,
your children can have a fun and meaningful
faith-filled outdoor adventure this summer!

Reg online: SugarCreekBibleCamp.org

Volunteer APPRECIATION Party

A Warm Thank You!

NEW DATE!

February 13, 11:45am–1pm

Questions? Contact kathryn@firstlu.org



SERVE & GIVE

GO AND DO LIKEWISE LUKE 10:37

SUNSHINE TEAM

The Sunshine Team meets at First Lutheran on the **first Thursday of the month at 9:30am** to help with various jobs. Help make First Lutheran look nice! Refreshments are supplied to replenish your reserves! Dues are free! *Questions? Text/call Dave at 608.780.0135.*

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY

It's a relaxing way to volunteer!
Friday, Feb. 25, at 10am, to assemble the Mar./Apr. mini-newsletter.
See you there!

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If you know of someone who needs a caregiver, speak with Pastor Karyn (karyn@firstlu.org) or call the church office (608.783.2236).

WARMING CENTER

The La Crosse Warming Center is open **through April 30**. Individuals who are living in homelessness can sleep, shower, do laundry and get a meal at the Warming Center. This ministry succeeds thanks to volunteers who provide meals and/or take night shifts. To volunteer, contact jwadzinski@cclse.org.

SING!

The choir is starting a new "festival" rehearsal schedule. The next performance will be for Palm Sunday, and rehearsals start up fresh on **Wednesday, Mar. 23, 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.*

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: Mar. 14.** *You can sign up at 1stlu.org/monmeals, or contact bridget@firstlu.org*

SIGN UP FOR FLOWERS FOR 2022

The sign-up sheets for the 2022 flowers are on the bulletin board. If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one check the bulletin board and sign up for an open week of your choice. You can also contact the church office (office@firstlu.org / 608.783.2236) to inquire about openings.

CALLING ALL SNAPSHOTS FROM 2021!

#FAITHALIVE365

We're looking for photos & videos from 2021: weddings, baptisms, Christmas program and ALL OTHER special events and ministries. Help us to collect and remember all the events from this past year! Email them to andy@firstlu.org or post them to our Facebook page, Twitter or Instagram with hashtag #faithalive365. Thanks!

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

A baptism preparation session will be **Saturday, Apr. 2, 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, Mar. 27. Min. attendance required: 2 families.*

WE CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF HOLY BAPTISM

- **Lincoln Matthias David Raupp**
- **Trey Richard Baumgart**
- **Sullivan Joe Pfaff**
- **Arlo Gregory Payne**

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF:

- **Don Mullikin**
- **Russ Christianson**
- **Sue Hayter**
- **Arnie Holthaus**
- **Todd Lofald**
- **John Netwal**
- **Erik Nedrelo**

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

Thank you for the following memorials:

In memory of Elaine Nelson

- First Helping Hands Fund: Karen Meier

In memory of Vivian Mullikin

- Illuminate the sanctuary stained glass window: Rhonda Lawrence, Becker Tax & Bookkeeping

In memory of Kyle Sacia

- Undesignated: Bob & Bev DiNicola

In memory of Todd Lofald

- Undesignated: Bob & Bev DiNicola, Sheila Guilfoyle

In memory of Rinold Zielke

- Undesignated: Bob & Bev DiNicola, Dennis & Mary Every

In memory of John Netwal

- Undesignated: Bob & Bev DiNicola

In memory of Sue Hayter

- Illuminate the sanctuary stained glass window: Bob & Bev DiNicola
- First Lutheran Foundation: Arnie & Nancy Holthaus, Robert & Jo Ann

Kranig, Dave & Barb Skogen, family & friends of Sue Hayter

In memory of Arnie Holthaus

- Prayer Shawl Knitters: Clay & Ginny Pollert
- Lutheran World Relief: Gaylord & Esther Dolphin
- Skogen Music Fund: Noreen Johnson, Marian Bertleson, Elaine Welhite, Beverly Fuhrman, Ellis & Judy Stetzer
- Undesignated: Steve Netwal, Bev & Bob DiNicola, Steve & Kareen Schmidtknecht, Jo Ann Sprehn, Jim & Sandy Carlson, Beverly Manske, Ardith Van Riper, Larry Hougom, Annette Holderness, Randy Eddy Jr., Marilyn Fox, Randy & Judy Eddy Sr., Adrian & Doris Hagen, Kent & Mary Seveen, Nancy Beguin, Geoff & Diane Klos, Lloyd Hoff & Carol Pestel, Mark & Shirley Sacia, Art & Sandy Melby, Mike & Mary Peper, Mark & Deb Koenig, Marilyn Rudser, Jon & Kristin Sprehn, Leroy & Wanda Hougom, Olin & Arlette Knudsen, David & Sheilah Hougom, Gary & Dawn Hougom, Bonnie Smith, Betty Mac Ewen

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, **Carole and Doug Myhre.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

If you have received a birthday postcard from First in the last several months and still have it, bring it into church Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm and pick up a small gift.

HOSPITAL REMINDERS

For Gundersen: be sure to alert the hospital of your church affiliation when they ask, and they will release your name to us when we call.

For Mayo/Franciscan Healthcare: it is important that you or a family member contact us at the church office: 608.783.2236. Mayo no longer lets churches know who is a patient at their hospital.

THANK YOU

TO: First Lutheran Church
RE: Donation of 16 Movies

To whom it may concern:
Hello, we at the Wyoming Medium Correctional Institution would like to express our thanks for your generosity and kindness. We can always use movie materials, and we will make sure that they are put to good use. During these hard and uncertain times, acts of kindness go a long ways to lifting ones spirits. So thank you for everything that you have done for the institution.

Peace and God bless!

*Mr. Jackson
Wyoming Medium Correctional
Institution, Religious Coordinator
Torrington, Wyoming*



FIRST LUTHERAN
PRESCHOOL

Preschool Update

save THE DATE!

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Join us for our Open House on
Thursday, March 17, from 4:30-5:30pm.
Come meet the teachers, tour the
classrooms and get registration information.



What parents are
saying about
First Lutheran
Preschool...

First Lutheran
Preschool has been such a
positive first school experience for our
whole family! The caring staff made the
transition to school easy for our kids and
it helped us as parents knowing we
were leaving them in such
capable hands.

FIRST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

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preschool@firstlu.org
Preschool Director: Melissa Rolbiecki
4K Teacher: Beth Miller
Preschool Assistant Teachers:
Marci Leppert, Tracy Stoll

CONFIRMATION

Teen-relevant, age-appropriate, active, modern, and theologically sound
Events subject to change; up-to-date info at 1stlu.org/confirmation

UPCOMING CONFIRMATION EVENTS

Sundays, 9:15am

Gr 6 & 7 Confirmation Classes - Fireside Rm

Wednesdays, 6:15pm

Elective Confirmation Classes - Fireside Rm

Wednesdays, 7pm

Gr 8-9 Small Groups



Sunday School

FAITH BUILDING BLOCKS

Throughout the year each age group has a special "Faith Building Block" session in which parents or special adults are asked to attend class with their child. Most sessions last for four weeks. The first class consists of parents/guardians connecting with a pastor. Classes two and three are for the child and their parents/guardians to attend together, sharing in conversation and growing together in faith. The fourth and final week, the Faith Building Block is lifted up in worship in celebration of what the students and families have learned about.

Grade 4: Apostles' Creed

Sundays, Feb. 13 & 27: parents/guardians with children

Sunday, Mar. 6: Faith Building Block lifted up in worship

Kindergarten: Lord's Prayer

Sunday, Mar. 6: parents only

Sundays, Mar. 13 & 20: parents/guardians with children

Sunday, Mar. 27: Faith Building Block lifted up in worship

Grade 5: Communion

Sunday, Mar. 27: parents only

Sunday, Apr. 3: parents/guardians with children

Wednesday, Apr. 13: child only, bread baking

Maundy Thursday, Apr. 14: Faith Building Block lifted up in worship



OWLs OLDER WISER LUTHERANS

The OWLs are having a great winter. In December we had a wonderful Christmas Party and a very entertaining outing to Piggy's and the Pump House to see the String Ties. In January we had a delicious potluck with a very informative program by Pastor Karyn plus a hilarious evening watching *Looney Lutherans* at the Heider Center. We are all looking forward to February to continue the fellowship and fun. If you are 55+ and want to join the fun, you can start receiving regular emails about the

activities, email Brian Narveson at owls@firstlu.org.

The OWLs will kick off February with a fabulous potluck on **Wednesday, Feb. 16, in the narthex**. We are recruiting a speaker from either YWCA or the REACH collaborative to present all the work they are doing in the community to help the homeless and prevent homelessness. This is one of the stewardship goals the church will focus on in 2022. You don't want to miss this one.

Our February outing will be to UWL to enjoy the incredible "BIG BAND CABARET". The music will be from the Big Band era and performed by the UWL Jazz Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble. Join the UWL Big Bands and guest musicians as they recreate the sounds of the Big Band era! Seating is cabaret style complete with beverage service and a

spacious dance floor. This fantastic event is **Friday, Feb. 25**. We will meet at the church at 4:30pm to car pool to a local restaurant for dinner before the concert. Cost of the concert will be around \$20 (they have not posted exact cost). Dinner will be on your own. So we can buy tickets ahead of time and make reservations for the restaurant, please email or call Brian Narveson at owls@firstlu.org or 630.816.5917 if you plan to attend. It will be an evening to remember.

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/oils/extracts of any kind onto the church campus. This is for the safety of all of our members. Thanks!

EVENTS

Sign up for most events happening at First Lutheran on our website at 1stlu.org/signup

DRAWING FROM THE WELL

Next gathering: **Saturday, Feb. 8, 9:30–11am, in the Upper Room.**

This group is for women of First and the greater La Crosse area seeking to support one another in their spiritual growth. We gather together once a month on Saturday mornings to be with each other, enjoy a breakfast, and develop a deeper relationship with one another. Come and get to know other women of the church, or renew friendships. *RSVP to bridget@firstlu.org*

“COURAGE CONVERSATIONS”

VIA WAKING UP WHITE SYNOD READ DURING LENT

Sundays: March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 6–7pm, via Zoom. Did you miss First's study of Waking Up White, or want to revisit it? The Waking Up White synod read invites you to engage in conversations about the dynamics of race in your own life, congregations and community. Members of the Synod Church and Society Committee will lead these Zoom-based conversations on Sunday evenings during Lent. There is no fee to participate. *Register by e-mail (melanie@lacrosseareasynod.org) or by calling the synod office (608.788.5000).* *More info: 1stlu.org/wakingup.*

WAKING UP WHITE



COURAGE CONVERSATIONS

Waking Up White Synod Read during Lent

Sundays:

**Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Apr. 3
6–7pm, via Zoom**

More info: 1stlu.org/wakingup

RSVP to office@lacrosseareasynod.org



The Mountaintop

At La Crosse
Community Theatre

Jan. 28–Feb. 6

A gripping re-imagination
of events the night before
the assassination of
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Info & tix at 1stlu.org/mtop



SUGAR CREEK
BIBLE CAMP




SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP

2022 Upcoming Events

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|------------|---------------------------|
| Feb. 12 | Winter Fun Day |
| Feb. 17–20 | Craft Retreat |
| Feb. 20 | Annual Meeting 2pm |
| Feb. 25–27 | High School Youth Retreat |

*Contact camp for more info and to RSVP for all events:
camp@sgrcreek.org • 608.734.3113*

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

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<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>11:45a First's Annual Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>7p Stephen Ministry - FS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>10a Ona Terrace Worship  12p Finance Team Mtg 6:15p Confirmation Class - FS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>7p Women of the House</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>7p AA - FS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>Pastor Stanton, Sabbatical Part 1, Last Day 9:30a Drawing from the Well - NX</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>Intent Card Deadline 9:15a Gr 4 FBB: Apostle's Creed (1st meeting, parents/guardians only) - FH 11:45a Volunteer Appreciation Party</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>Deadline for Mar/Apr Mini Newsletter 5:15p Personnel Team Mtg 7p Vision & Leadership Team Mtg</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>10a Ona Terrace Worship  12p OWLs Potluck - NX 6:15p Confirmation Class - FS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>7p Women of the House</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>7p AA - FS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>9:15a Gr 4 FBB: Apostle's Creed (2nd meeting, parents/guardians & child) - FH</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>Officed Closed (Presidents' Day) 1p Elizabeth Circle 7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>7p Stephen Ministry - FS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>6:15p Confirmation Class - FS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>7p Women of the House</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>10a Assemble Mini-Newsletter - NX 4:30p OWLs Fly to UWL Big Band Cabaret 4:45p Parent's Night Out [TNT] - FH 7p AA - FS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>9:15a Gr 4 FBB: Apostle's Creed (3rd meeting, parents/guardians & child) - FH</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>1:30p Staff Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Gr 8 & 9 Ash Wed, No Small Groups 12:15p Ash Wed Worship </p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>9:30a Sunshine Team 7p Women of the House</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>7p AA - FH</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p>

weekly events for

FEBRUARY

at First Lutheran

SUNDAYS

8:00am Worship

9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Confirmation Classes - FS

9:15am Parent Share - UR

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Worship

TUESDAYS

9:00am Quilters - FS

10:30am Staff Meeting

3:30pm Knitters & Crocheters - NX

5:00pm Bells Practice - Sacristy

WEDNESDAYS

6:00am Courageous Men - Zoom

6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Zoom

6:15pm Worship

7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Confirmation Small Groups

2022

SMALL GROUPS

Weekly Groups:

Coffee with Pastor Karyn

Courageous Men

Parent Share

Quilters

Knitters

Bi-weekly Groups:

Dorcas Circle

Monthly Groups:

Drawing from the Well

OWLs

(Older, Wiser Lutherans)

Elizabeth Circle

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

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GOOD NEWS

FEBRUARY 2022

In the midst of challenges presented by an ongoing pandemic, First Lutheran continues to thrive! 51 young people confirmed their baptisms in two separate classes; one in the spring and one in the fall. In September, we celebrated our 150th anniversary with our second annual "Play Days at Sugar Creek" and Sunday School re-launched in-person.

The Vision & Leadership Team, our COVID Advisory Panel, the Finance Team, Personnel Team, Stewardship Team and Property Team all deserve a LOT of credit for pulling our church through a tough 2020 apart and an ever changing 2021 together.

Highlights from 2021 at 1stlu.org

- Summer: 51 young people confirmed their baptisms in two separate classes; one in the spring and one in the fall.
- Mar: Sun., Mar. 14. First holds its first in-person worship with COVID precautions almost exactly one year from the last time we moved to live stream-only worship.
- Members create Illustrated Mini Good News holy week pageant, which premieres online on Palm Sunday.
- May: The confirmands of 2020 finally receive their baptism in in-person worship!
- Jun: First Lutheran hosts the synod's 100th annual assembly, which is held online via Zoom.
- Aug: Vacation Bible School gets to "Preach the Gospel" over 47 children participating.
- Oct: The final episode of our On This Day series are published online, totaling 18 episodes celebrating the history of First Lutheran.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, Feb. 6

11:45am

150 Intent Cards
by Sunday, Feb. 13
to reach \$10,000
challenge goal!

Over 890 attend Christmas service and over 60 view online
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