



FIRST LUTHERAN

GOOD NEWS!

MAY 2022

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STANTON



I HOPE WHOEVER wrote, "April showers bring May flowers" knew what they were talking about. Of course, those of us who have lived in this part of the world know there is wisdom in the phrase. It helps us get through the rain and clouds of April when we remember that flowers are coming.

Every flower seems like a miracle after living through the barrenness, gray and brown of winter and early "spring". And the thing is: it is! The miraculousness of each green leaf, colored petal or growing sprig may wear off by July or August, but it is still true. That anything barren or dead once again lives and bears beauty is indeed worth celebrating.

At First Lutheran, we find ourselves in "May" both literally and figuratively.

The long dormant months of discerning how best to use masks, which gatherings to limit in number and how to remain physically distant while pursuing the work of 'being community' have given way to a time of growth. In April, nearly 50 new members joined our family of faith at a new member social. Young families, former members who have returned and retired couples new to town ate and shared stories together. It was pretty great. The last time we could celebrate quite like that?: Fall of 2019. Easter Sunday saw nearly 600 people worship in-person. That's still a far cry from our typical pre-Covid numbers that would approach 900 or more, but it's better than the last couple of years. Confirmands rave about small groups.

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KARYN



LIKE MANY PEOPLE did during the pandemic, I used this disruption in my life to reflect on what I discovered was important and then decided how I can keep those things going forward. Things like how much I enjoyed having dinner with my family each day, or working outdoors at home really was helpful for reading and creativity. One thing I realized I missed while we were all separated was teaching, so that became one of the three things I decided to focus on as we returned to in-person opportunities.

So often I hear from people that they feel like they have an inadequate knowledge of scripture that then prevents them from talking about their faith or why they believe what they believe about various things. I also know, that most people's education in

scripture and doctrine ended with Sunday School or Confirmation. That was true of me, for sure and for all the folks who made the comment above. So what to do about it? This is how Bible Matters, the Bible study I teach each Monday night, was born.

I was reflecting on all of these things this past week as my mind turns towards some other goals I have for the summer, and I found myself deeply grateful. Turns out in order to teach, I have to learn, and I have dug into scripture in ways I hadn't for a long time. I have been reminded that following Jesus, learning and growing in faith, are lifelong endeavors. We never actually arrive at some destination where we are done, but if we think we have, it is arbitrary and human made. These last eight months of renewed focus on scripture has led

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are popping up at
First Lutheran!**

**You are always
welcome.**

Our OWLs enjoy once-a-month potlucks. At the end of April, we are able to provide fellowship to multiple families as they gather for funeral luncheons. In-person connections are necessary to the work of the church. I do not regret the precautions we chose to share over the last few years, and I still respect those who are not yet ready to return to the fullness of what it means to be First Lutheran. But what I'm saying is, I see the May flowers starting to emerge. Our graduation milestone honored seniors in high school and their parents. It was so very significant! Our ParentShare and other small groups are meeting in-person and for some, it's what is keeping us sane. On the Saturday night before Easter, 75 people gathered for a dinner theater version of the Easter vigil. It was VERY good (to steal a line from

Genesis). God is re-creating First Lutheran, as God is always doing, around our efforts to worship together, learn together and serve together. If you haven't yet made the effort to return to old routines, I strongly encourage you to come back. Be a part of the May flowers that are popping up at First Lutheran! You are always welcome.

Pastor Jason Stanton
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are encouraged to put people in groups of us or them, when understanding and compassion have become signs of weakness instead of strength, scripture has recentered me on what is important: Jesus and the promises we hold and live out in light of the resurrection.

As we make our way into summer, I encourage you to find time to read and study scripture each week, to deepen your study just a little bit, change one small thing about how you engage scripture. We have many ways to do that here at First. Pastor Stanton has started a series on Exodus that is online, so you can start anytime and you can still access his study on Genesis, or the year long Bible Readers videos from last year. It can be as simple as reading the readings assigned for each Sunday and listening to the sermon. There are lots of reading plans you can follow, Bible studies you can join. Both the Bible Matters and Coffee with Pastor Karyn meet

throughout the year and welcome new folks at anytime. Devotionals like Christ in Our Home are great ways to be reading scripture and learning in small bites. Whatever your time availability, there is something for you! You will not regret digging a little deeper into scripture.

As you do, let me know what you are learning, what is challenging you, what is giving you life, what just confuses you, or how reading scripture is changing you. I would love to hear from you so that together we can grow in our faith and in our witness to the world.

Blessings on your reading!

Pastor Karyn Bodenschatz
karyn@firstlu.org

to a deeper understanding of who God is and who I am, an embracing of my humanness and God's divinity and the ways those two go together so beautifully. They have helped me make sense of the world or at least my place in it. In a time when we are told we must be right about all things, when we

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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.

2022 SMALL GROUPS

Weekly Groups:

Coffee with Pastor Karyn

Courageous Men

Parent Share

Peer Ministry

Quilters

Knitters

Bi-weekly Groups:

Dorcas Circle

Peer Min Alum

Monthly Groups:

Drawing from the Well

OWLs

(Older, Wiser Lutherans)

Elizabeth Circle

READINGS FOR MAY

Sunday, May 1: John 21:1-19

Wednesday, May 4: Acts 9:1-19a

Sunday, May 8: Revelation 7:9-17

Wednesday, May 11: Acts 16:16-34

Sunday, May 15: John 13:31-35

Wednesday, May 18: Acts 17:16-31

Sunday, May 22: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Wednesday, May 25: Philippians 1:1-18a

Sunday, May 29: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Above are the tentative readings scheduled for May. 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.

Walter Brueggemann
DELIVERED
out of
EMPIRE
Pivotal Moments in the Book of Exodus
PART ONE

**DEEP DIVE...
EXODUS
APR-MAY**

Pastor Stanton posts a study of Exodus every weekday morning, **Through May 20**

[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

OFFICIAL BALLOT

My favorite Praise Band song or hymn is...

SUMMER SONG SERIES

Nominate a favorite hymn or song to be highlighted this summer between Pentecost and First Fest! Just tear off this nomination card and place it in the offering plate as you leave the sanctuary.

The most popular and powerful songs will be at the heart of our worship all summer long!

Don't miss a week!

Need ideas or want to vote online? Head to 1stlu.org/summersongs

Springfest

Preschool Concert & Silent Auction

Sunday, May 1, 3pm

This a major fund-raiser for the preschool. After the concert given by the preschoolers, there will be an ice cream social and silent auction.



WITH A SUCCESSFUL 2021 plus an outstanding 2022 Stewardship campaign, we now bring total focus on bringing people into a relationship with Jesus Christ. This Changes Lives! The 2022 stewardship campaign resulting in receiving 197 intent cards with total intent surpassing \$500,000. This was a significant increase in number of cards and money over past years. A great thank you goes out to the Stewardship team for all the efforts put in to make the campaign a success. Organizations to focus on were researched, visited and selected. Videos, letters, fliers and postcards were created. Mailers were stuffed, sorted and rushed to the post office to make deadlines. Significant effort was made to make every member aware of the goals. Thank you to the team for all their work. Also, thank you to the congregation for your generous response to the campaign. General Fund Update: Giving for operations (not including the capital campaign and preschool) YTD as of the end of March was \$158,302. That means that through March, we are ahead of budget by \$5,302. Thank you

for your continued support. Please consider regular giving via Simply Giving to provide the resources to expand our ministry to Change Lives. If you are already participating in Simply Giving, thank you. To enroll sign up at 1stlu.org/giving or call the church office.

Capital Campaign update: Alleluia! The new bus has finally arrived, and it is great. The OWLs have already made two outings, and it is such a blessing to have a comfortable, easy-to-access vehicle. It is parked at the house behind the church if you would like to look at it.

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, contact Pastor Stanton.

Faithfully submitted,

The Finance and Stewardship Committees

FIRST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

NOW ENROLLING FOR FALL 2022



FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL OR EMAIL US AT
PRESCHOOL@FIRSTLU.ORG

MON/WED/FRI 8:30-11:00
TUE/THUR 8:30-11:00
4K 8:30-11:00

OPTIONAL LUNCH BUNCH 11:00-12:00

WORSHIP CHANGES

Some upcoming changes to worship this summer:

- **Wednesday worship will take a summer break; last service before break is June 1;** Wednesday worship will resume Sept. 7
- **Sunday, June 12:** Worship at 8am will be at First, and worship at 10am will be at Riverside Park with the synod (or at UWL Student Union if there is rain)
- **Starting June 19 thru the summer:** Sunday worship will be at 8am and 10am
- Outdoor worship at 10am three times this summer (weather permitting): **June 26, July 24 and August 28**

NEW VISION & LEADERSHIP MEMBERS

We say thank you to the outgoing members of the Visioning & Leadership Team—Jenn Wiesjahn and Diane Shuda—whose terms concluded on April 30.

And we welcome new V&L members Amanda Zieba and Phyllis Bey, who join the team on May 1. They were elected at the annual meeting in February and will serve three-year terms.

Other members of V&L are Larry Schreiner (president), Derrick Knight, Michelle Renkas, Jason Witt and Donna Bossman.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

The next baptism preparation session will be **Saturday, June 4, 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, May 29. Min. attendance required: 2 families.

OPENING: BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MANAGER

First Lutheran is looking for a Buildings and Grounds Manager to manage the maintenance of the church. Flexible hours are available. Pay is \$20/hr, 15-25 hours/week with limited benefits. Call 608.783.2236 or e-mail the church office at office@firstlu.org.

COVID VACCINATION & BOOSTER SHOTS

COVID-19 vaccination shots will be available at Trinity Lutheran (1010 Sill St, La Crosse) on **Monday nights from 3-7pm**. All shots are available, including the second booster.

DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE

You can designate gifts to Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service at 1stlu.org/give.

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.

WE CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF HOLY BAPTISM

- **Brooks Brian Tredinnick**
- **Leighton Grey Whaley**
- **Andrew Edward Cappello**

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF:

- **Joyce Olson**
- **Evelyn Pertzsch**
- **Frederic "Fritz" Zoerb**
- **Larry Elsen**
- **Marlene Emery**

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

Thank you for the following memorials:

In memory of John Netwal

- Undesignated: Friends and family of John Netwal

In memory of Pete Winkler

- Undesignated: Annette Holderness, LeRoy & Wanda Hougom

In memory of Todd Lofald

- Undesignated: Doug & Merri Shupe

In memory of Evelyn Pertzsch

- Undesignated: Bob & Bev DiNicola, Bruce & Lu Pertzsch, Connie Wooden, Louise Zoerb

In memory of Frederic "Fritz" Zoerb

- Undesignated: Karen Bateman, Nancy Beguin, Mary Bracken, Gary & Veronica Brauer, Mr. & Mrs. John Doerre, Gaylord & Esther Dolphin, Jane Fay, Mr. & Mrs. Duane Garbisch, Charlotte Hoffman, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis King, Gloria Kubiak, George Kuperschmidt, Sharon Miller, Rosanne & James Repinski, Bernard & Kay Sasse, Sharon Schafer, Mary Jane Schomburg, Frank Smith, Tim Stoll, Lorin Wuench, Mr. & Mrs. James Zoerb, John Zoerb, Richard & Margaret Zoerb, Bill & Elaine Zuerke

In memory of Joyce Olson

- Skogen Music Fund: Troy Arenz, L.K. & T.L. Bankston, Nancy Beguin, Gaylord & Esther Dolphin, Bev Fuhrman, Paul & Karen Hanson, Debra Harris, Judy Johnson, Stephen & Andrea Johnston, Carol Knudson, Dennis & Debra Lee, Clay & Ginnie Pollert, Shirley & Allan Rogge, Kathryn Schroeder, David & Barbara Skogen, Gary Skogen, Albert & Ann Tanko, Helen Ustby, Richard & Corrine Witte

THANK YOU

FROM GOBENA COFFEE

Thanks for your support! As we look back on 2021, it's hard to believe another year has come and gone. Our partnership with you has allowed us to make an impact in the lives of orphaned and vulnerable children around the world. We give 100% of our profit to Lifesong. It is a JOY to partner with Lifesong and we are confident that when we give our profit to Lifesong, that money goes directly to furthering God's Kingdom.

Through Govenas's profit donation, Lifesong was able to give 297 kids a quality education, 2 meals a day, and healthcare and dental care for 1 year.

We are humbled by your support of our business in 2021. Thanks for making a difference with the coffee you drink!

May God bless you in 2022,

The Gobena Team

First Lutheran purchases and serves Gobena coffee for fellowship time between services.



MONDAY MEALS @ TRINITY

The Monday Meals program is supported by several churches, including First Lutheran, working together to provide a free hot dinner for the north side community of La Crosse. Each church is responsible for a specific Monday, and determines their menu, procures groceries, prepares, serves, and cleans up after the 5-6pm meal.

First will help next on Monday, May 9.

You can help by preparing food, or serving and cleaning up. The Hunger Task Force can supply most of the food.

The event is held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1010 Sill Street, La Crosse. Enter through the north door on Charles Street, and go to the basement via elevator or stairs.

Contact bridget@firstlu.org with questions or to learn more.



CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS

Greetings from the First Teen Clothes Closet team! Thank you for always helping to fill the clothing needs of teens in the greater La Crosse area. We currently need the following new or gently used, teen-style items:

skirts

athletic shorts

(all sizes but especially 1X, 2X, 3X)

regular shorts *(in XL, 2X, 3X)*

sweat pants *(all sizes)*

hoodies

(all sizes, especially 1X, 2X, 3X, 4X)

dress belts

summer shoes

(sandals, flip flops)

Thank you very much for your generosity!



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!

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY

It's a relaxing way to volunteer!
Friday, May 27, at 10am, to assemble the June/July mini-newsletter. See you there!

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

People who help host funeral lunches at First Lutheran provide a much appreciated service to families. Funeral lunch volunteers prepare Fellowship Hall for the lunch, serve food and clean up. *If you are interested in helping with this unique and rewarding volunteering opportunity, please contact Carol Peterson at goinpeace@charter.net or 608.779.4649, or call the church office at 608.783.2236. Trust us, you'll love providing this service to families.*



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

**VOLUNTEER
Appreciation
PICNIC**

**Sun., July 17
11:45am–1:15pm
Rowe Park Shelter #1
RSVP at 1stlu.org/VAP**

Questions? Contact kathryn@firstlu.org

**First Lutheran
Onalaska Blood Drive**

Be a Beacon of Hope

September TUES, 12:30–5:30pm

20 **Walk-ins welcome,
appointments encouraged:
schedule at 1stlu.org/blooddrive
Remember to bring a mask & ID**

Questions? Contact Diane Shuda: 608.386.4270

BE A MABEL!



Thanks to all who joined us at our first planned giving event to learn about how to "Be a Mabel"! The First Lutheran Foundation Fund Committee is excited to invite you to our next upcoming events, one which will feature estate planning and other funeral planning. These are informative, casual gatherings and all are welcome, regardless of whether or not you came to the first one. Please join us!

REMINDER: Grant applications from worthy organizations wishing to request funds from the Foundation Fund are **due by June 1st!** More information about the Foundation Fund and the grant application, can be found on the First Lutheran website under the "Serve" tab, or at 1stlu.org/foundation.

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

Last day of classes: May 8

Wednesdays, 6:15pm

Elective Confirmation Classes - Fireside Rm

Last class: May 4

Wednesdays, 7pm

Gr 8-9 Small Groups

Last day of small groups: May 11

Wednesday, May 11, 5pm

Confirmation Celebration - Fellowship Hall



Sunday School

Last day of Sunday School:
May 8

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.

4K: The Keys

Sundays, May 1 & 8: parents/guardians with children
Sunday, May 15: Faith Building Block lifted up in worship

CONFIRMATION

CAMP AT SUGAR CREEK

GOING INTO GRADE 8 IN THE FALL

Sun, June 12-Fri, June 17



Questions? Contact karyn@firstlu.org



Parents' Night Out

Bring your children for an evening of fun with the middle and high school youth groups' fundraiser!

WHERE: at First Lutheran,
NEXT: Friday, May 27

FOR: Birth-12 are welcome (Birth-4 will be in the nursery, ages 5 and up in Fellowship Hall)

Registration from 4:45pm-5:30pm

Followed by dinner and activities til 8:30pm (parents can pick up early if needed)

COST: Monetary donations will assist the middle and high school students with 2022 Sugar Creek Bible Camp and mission trip.

RSVP your child or sign up to volunteer at 1stlu.org/nightout

Confirmation service opps.



Middle & High School mission trip to
Bayou Le Batre, AL
July 23-31



High School week at
Sugar Creek
July 24-29



RSVP & deposit to jason@firstlu.org

Drawing from the Well

For women of First and the greater La Crosse area seeking to support one another in their spiritual growth.

Meeting in the narthex.

NEXT: Saturday, May 14, 9:30am



Contact Bridget for info: bridget@firstlu.org

URGENT NEED: Support in Ukraine

Gifts to Eastern Europe Crisis Response will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the crisis in Ukraine and neighboring countries



Lutheran Disaster Response
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Give now: 1stlu.org/LDR



LA CROSSE ANNUAL
JUNE TEENTH
CELEBRATION



JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Riverside Park

Ukrainian Refugees need your help.



Donate to the
Lutheran Immigration
& Refugee Service at
1stlu.org/LIRS






OWLs

OLDER WISER LUTHERANS

The OWLs have been busy since the last newsletter. We have attended the Big Band Jazz Concert at UWL. Had a fun St. Patrick's Day party. Took the first trip in the new bus to a movie and in April a dinner and a play in Lanesboro. And the fun keeps on rolling.

We will start May with our first daytime road trip since before COVID. On **Friday, May 13, at 9am** we will meet at the church and fire up the bus for a trip to Lansing, Iowa, to visit the almost world famous Driftless Area Education and Visitor Centers. The cultural, recreational, natural and historical significance of the Driftless Area is the primary focus of the interpretive exhibits at the Driftless Area Education and Visitor Center. Featuring three levels and 10,000

sq. ft., the building is nestled beneath limestone bluffs with scenic river views. Explore the history of our area, from wildlife and nature exhibits to displays about steamboats, cutting ice on the river and early inhabitants. The center has an elevator for easy access to all three levels. Following our visit, we will have lunch at a local establishment with great food and lots of character. The visitors center is free, and lunch is on you own. If you would like to join this great adventure, please call or email Brian Narveson (630.816.5917 or owls@firstlu.org) by Wednesday, May 12.

The fun continues with the May potluck on **Wednesday, May 18, at noon in the Fellowship Hall**. Come join the fellowship and outstanding food. For our program Laura Liudahl will give a baking demonstration. Remember the great cocoa bombs she taught us during COVID? She has come up with some other delectable delights to show us in May. You don't want to miss this one.



If you would like to start receiving the regular OWLs emails, just contact Brian Narveson at owls@firstlu.org or scan this QR code. We are a social group for everyone 55+ and we know how to have fun..

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!



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



BUS TOURS

MAY 7-10:
Holland Michigan Tulip Festival

AUGUST 26-SEPTEMBER 1:
Ark Encounter and Nashville

NOVEMBER 16:
Fireside Dinner Theater, "White Christmas"

Contact camp for more info & reg:
www.sgrcreek.org • 608.734.3113



SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP

2022 Upcoming Events

SUGAR CREEK WORK WEEKEND

We have a wide variety of projects for any skill set and level of ability. Come with your family or by yourself and enjoy the blessing of serving others by making Sugar Creek Bible Camp ready for summer camp season! Help play a part in building, cleaning, arranging and preparing the camp's buildings, trails, and equipment for a safe and busy season ahead. Paint, garden, stain, clean cabins, do trail work, wood chip, build fences, split and stack firewood, move sheds, lay shingles, and more. Many hands make light work! Enjoy Sugar Creek hospitality and hearty meals all day Saturday, May 7—or you can stay over Friday night and be ready to go bright and early Saturday morning. Friday night lodging and Saturday meals are FREE for volunteers at this event! RSVP: office@sgrcreek.org or call 608.734.3113. Let us know how many people are coming and whether or not you need housing for Friday night what meals you will attend on Saturday. Lodging reservations are on a first come, first served basis. We are so grateful for the many hands and hearts who volunteer in myriad ways for the ministry and missions of Sugar Creek Bible Camp! Work will start around 9am Saturday morning and go into the evening. You are welcome to come for some or come for all!

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS...

May 6-9 - Holland, MI Tulip Festival bus trip

July 5-8 - Family Camp-Session 1

August 22 - Golf outing at Viroqua Hills

August 26-September 1 - Nashville and Ark Encounter bus trip

September 10 - Quilt Auction and Fall Fest

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

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

1 9:15a 4K FBB: The Keys (2nd meeting, parents/guardians & child) 9:15a Gr 6 & 7 Confirmation Classes - FS 9:15a Sunday School 3p Springfest - SN & NX 7p Peer Ministry - MR	2 7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX	3	4 6:15p Confirmation Class - FS	5 9:30a Sunshine Team 7p Women of the House	6 7p AA - FH	7																																																																																
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weekly events for

MAY

at First Lutheran

SUNDAYS

8:00am Worship

9:15am Parent Share - UR

10:30am Worship

TUESDAYS

9:00am Quilters - FS

10:30am Staff Meeting

3:30pm Knitters & Crocheters - NX

WEDNESDAYS

6:00am Courageous Men - Zoom

6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Zoom

6:15pm Worship

7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Confirmation Small Groups; thru May 11

WEBSITE & ONLINE CHANGES

The First Lutheran website is due for an upgrade. We've been using our current template since 2014, and it is time to migrate to a new one that will allow access to new features. Migration will begin in May and will take place throughout the summer, with plans to be completely migrated by late August.

In addition to the website upgrade, we plan to improve access to other online applications during the summer. Look for improvements to online giving, as well as improved access to our online member database. Again, our goal is to have all of the updates in place and implemented by late August.

If you have any questions during or after these changes, don't hesitate to reach out to Andy, our Director of Communications and Marketing, at andy@firstlu.org.

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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