



FIRST LUTHERAN

GOOD NEWS!

AUGUST 2022

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STANTON



YOU'RE LUCKY. LET me tell you a story about why.

The text for Sunday, July 24, was Luke 11:1-13. It was VERY familiar to most of us who attended worship at 8:00 (indoors) and 10:00 (outside on a perfect, beautiful day). Within this text is the story of Jesus sharing the Lord's Prayer with his disciples. And to further explain this prayer, Jesus says these famous words, "Ask and it will be given you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you."

Tens of thousands of churches across the United States and the world used this gospel text, and I feel certain that many preachers saw this text and served up a terrible-no-good-very-bad sermon that said something like, "See! If you pray *right*—you'll get what you ASK for. If you seek God in the *proper* places, times and ways... if you 'seek' correctly, you will find! If you knock hard enough, persistent enough and in the right ways, God will open doors for you."

That sermon is garbage.

Coming to worship only to hear that 1) I need to figure out how to get God to give me things I want, 2) It's on me to search in the right and proper ways in order to find truth and meaning and that 3) I am responsible for knocking on God's door in such a way that pleases God—or at least doesn't anger God—so that God opens the door to me... that worship service would leave me feeling weighted down and worse off than when I arrived. Bad preaching pushes people away from the living, loving God.

But First Lutheran is lucky. When you attend worship, you hear preaching that takes the Bible seriously. Your pastors study hard, pray often and invest a lot of our imagination into providing faithful messages about a God of grace. Pastor Karyn's sermon on this July 24 text took a deep dive into prayer and the text itself. And she

found a really important jewel: that when it says, "Ask and *it* will be given," it is essential to remember what Jesus is referring to with "IT." "IT" is the Holy Spirit! "IT" is not "whatever I asked for." Jesus is not saying, "Ask for an ice cream cone, and an ice cream cone will be given you." "IT" is the Holy Spirit. Jesus' point is, any time we *ask* for the presence of God to show up in our lives, the Holy Spirit will be given to us. Any time of life, any place, any way we '*search*' for God... will lead to finding that the Holy Spirit is there! *Knock* for God, and God will open the door! The whole text is not about me or you and how much we have to do right in order to manipulate God. It's about how available God is through prayer. And Pastor Karyn's sermon "*NAILED IT.*"

You are lucky to have a church that knows: good preaching changes lives. I celebrate this with my newsletter this month, because one thing I learned (again) on sabbatical is that there is a LOT of bad, sometimes lazy, preaching that comes more from one guy's opinion than from the text. "Where's that in the text, preacher?" was something my preaching prof regularly asked seminarians. We bring no outside 'agenda' and are even open to seeing that the way we've understood things in the past—as faithful as our efforts may have been then—were possibly in need of more prayer, more study, more thoughtfulness.

Sabbatical reminded me (again) that I am lucky to serve a faithful, energized congregation in a beautiful, mostly safe part of the world. I love First Lutheran! And upon my return, hearing Pastor Karyn preach, I was reminded we are lucky to have the staff, musicians and ministries we do. For good church-ing, thanks be to God!

Pastor Jason Stanton
jason@firstlu.org

12TH ANNUAL
**FIRST
FEST**
★
**SUNDAY
SEPT 11**

11:30am-1pm
Food, fun, music
and fellowship!
FREE AND
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
(So invite your friends!)

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KARYN

THE YEAR OF WELCOME



AS I CONSIDER the upcoming program year being a "Year of Welcome", I have been tasked with considering how this theme (and core value) can be carried out in worship and in our Caring Ministries.

Part of being a place where We Welcome All, is making sure we care for those who are here, all the time, engaging in the ministry of this place. Welcome doesn't end with the first visit but seeks to create space where all feel seen and cared for. Welcome is a well thought out, detail oriented understanding of community. I am excited to implement a revised plan for our Caring Ministry this fall that will help us live into this core value of welcoming all.

I am also a little nervous. In a congregation like First Lutheran, this requires more than the pastors and staff working on it. As we launch a new Caring Ministry we will build on our current ongoing ministries, and we will seek to incorporate new ways of connecting, welcoming and caring for each other. We will need your help! This plan will require at least 100 of our members dedicating themselves to caring for our members. I have briefly outlined to the right the different ways you can help. If something sparks in you and you want to know more information, **come to an information/orientation meeting on September 25 at 11:30am.** Lunch will be provided. *You can RSVP here: 1stlu.org/caring.*

I look forward to doing caring ministry with you this coming year and creating a place that Welcomes All with the love of Jesus.

Pastor Karyn Bodenschatz
karyn@firstlu.org

**Some different ways
you can help with
Caring Ministries...**

**Confirmation
mentor**

**New Member
friend**

Caring Phone Calls

Stephen Minister

**Companion
Minister
(communion)**

Caring Visits

**Caring Card
Connections**

Prayer Team

**Neighbor
to Neighbor
connector**

**Attendance
Tracking/
Admin Work**

**Signup at
1stlu.org/caring.**

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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**

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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

Quilters

Knitters

Bi-weekly Groups:

Dorcas Circle

Monthly Groups:

Drawing from the Well

OWLs

(Older, Wiser Lutherans)

Elizabeth Circle

READINGS FOR AUGUST

Sunday, Aug. 7: Luke 12:32-40 (song: Oceans)

Sunday, Aug. 14: Luke 12:49-56 (song: Canticle of the Turning)

Sunday, Aug. 21: Luke 13:10-17 (song: Lord of All Hopefulness)

Sunday, Aug. 28: Luke 14:1,7-14 (song: Great Are You Lord)

Above are the tentative readings scheduled for August. 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.

FIRST LUTHERAN

Dinner Theater

FIRST FEST EDITION!

Join us on **Saturday, Sept. 10, at 5pm** as we return to the golden age of the 1940s and the famous jazz club "Chez Mort." On this particular night, the club was the scene of a strange accident. Or was it an accident?

As newspapers of the day reported:

"Ingenué 'Sweet Sue' Blutowsky was mysteriously and fatally cut short during her debut singing performance. Inspector Constantine was quick on the scene to investigate the strange circumstances surrounding the shocking events."

COST: \$10 per person, kids 5 and under are free.

Proceeds will go toward the refurbishment of the church office in anticipation of a third ministry team member.

***Space is limited, so sign up today at
1stlu.org/dintheater***

The Franciscan Spirituality Center offers the following opportunities for grief support. *Online reg: www.FSCenter.org*

FIVE-WEEK SERIES:

GRIEF CIRCLE (IN-PERSON)

Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Oct. 4
Tuesdays, 10am-noon
Facilitator: Karna Marks, trained spiritual director
Investment: \$25 for series
Enter code GRIEF60 for discount on online reg. This group is for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. It is a welcoming place to share your thoughts, feelings and concerns, where you can talk about your loss with other people who understand, because they are also grieving. Sometimes friends and family, although well-intentioned, may not understand the meaning of your loss and the depth of your pain. The support of others on the same journey can provide a great deal of comfort and healing.

LISTENING TOGETHER: A MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP (IN-PERSON)

First session is Sept. 12
Mondays, 5:30-6:30pm
Facilitator: Laurie Swan
Investment: Free
Advance registration appreciated; drop-ins welcome. This group meets the second Monday of every month and provides a safe place for those who are experiencing grief and the loss of a loved one to share their stories.





CULTIVATING LIFE-GIVING RELATIONSHIPS ROOTED IN GOD'S LOVE

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP

The 2022 Synod Assembly was an amazing and uplifting event! My first Synod Assembly as your Bishop was the boost of energy and enthusiasm that I needed! It was wonderful to witness the impactful ministry of our church being done here in the driftless area and around the world. I am proud of who we are and anticipate only growing in this sentiment. I must say a big "THANK YOU" to the many volunteers that made the event possible, the planning committee, our presenters, and our hosts at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, UW-L, and Riverside Park. My only regret is that I did not have the opportunity to learn from all of them and all of you.

The Theme of "Wild Lament ~ Whirling Dance" captured the wide array of feelings we experienced in our gathering and serves as a call to action as we leap into another year of ministry together. In our communal acts of Wild Lament, we subversively call out sin at work in the world, wrestle with doubt, and participate in breaking down the oppressive powers of the world. We give name to the physical manifestations of sin in the world... global climate change, institutionalized and individual racism, indigenous erasure, gender and sexuality violence, and the many ways sin continues to lure us into fractured relationships.

In our Whirling Dance (if we can be so bold!) we have an opportunity to build up again. We can embrace radical optimism, we can create a new story and we can live into God's abundance. This is our opportunity to experience a foretaste of the feast to come. When we join the dance, we demonstrate to the world an alternate reality that it so desperately needs.

In and through Wild Lament and Whirling Dance I am challenging you to open yourselves up to the work of the Holy Spirit. May this year be an opportunity to cultivate life giving relationships rooted in God's love through the power of Wild Lament and Whirling dance!



Celebrating the Call to Ministry

At the start of Synod Assembly we recognized and celebrated milestones in the ministry lives of Rostered Leaders and congregations. On Sunday, we commissioned, blessed and sent out the Sugar Creek Summer Staff or their 2022 summer ministry. Thank you taking up the call!



Rostered Leaders Being Recognized for Years of Service

At this assembly, we walk alongside Living Hope Lutheran in Ettrick, WI as they celebrate 125 years of ministry, Mindoro Lutheran in Mindoro, WI as they celebrate 150 years of ministry and Fish Creek Lutheran in Rockland, WI as they also celebrate 150 years of ministry.

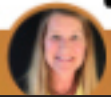


Sugar Creek Summer Staff at Riverside Park for Assembly Worship

First Lutheran Onalaska Blood Drive

Be a Beacon of Hope

Sept
20 TUES, 12:30–5:30pm
Walk-ins welcome,
appointments encouraged:
schedule at 1stlu.org/blooddrive
Remember to bring a mask & ID



Questions? Contact Diane Shuda: 608.386.4270



All-Church Picnic And Waterslide!

All are welcome to the closing celebration of VBS, starting at 5pm on Thursday, Aug. 4 at Van Riper Park.

We'll eat together outdoors (First will provide the main course; bring desserts/treats to share) and then close with water fun at the Onalaska Aquatic Center!

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

AUGUST BALL

Sat., Aug. 6, UW-L Student Union ballroom
Doors open at 5:30pm, begins at 6pm

This ball was celebrated in La Crosse on August 1, 1887. It was first called the Emancipation Ball, an annual celebration of the liberation of enslaved people in Haiti, then the U.S. This has since evolved into Juneteenth. Various groups in the La Crosse area are recognizing the history of this occasion by bringing back the August Ball which will be a formal affair, so dress up in your best formal attire!

See ticket info and flyer at 1stlu.org/augball.



The Mabel Anderson Scholarship is awarded by First Lutheran's Foundation Committee. The committee awarded seven scholarships to area high school seniors for the 2021-22 school year. These students from West Salem High School are Skylar Ferguson, McKenna Everson and Allison Harman. Onalaska High School recipients are Zoey Sander, Jasmine Odegard, Devyn Schmeling and Ashley Dahlke.

As part of the scholarship application, each student submits an essay sharing where they are planning to continue their education, what they plan to study, and how their involvement in the church has helped them prepare for their continued education.

Thank you to these students for your involvement with the church, we wish you the best!



THANK YOU FOR your continued financial support as we continue to bring focus on bringing people into a relationship with

Jesus Christ. This Changes Lives! We have now completed the first 6 months of 2022. Everyone's continued generosity is moving us toward our goal of funding 3 initiatives through increased giving. As a reminder, we have 3 big dreams for 2022.

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).

HOMELESS—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, Coulee cap, 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 also will 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.

General fund update: Giving for operations (not including the capital campaign and preschool) YTD as of the end of June was \$298,266. That means that through June, we are behind budget by \$7,733. 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 go to 1stlu.org/giving or call the church office.

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.

WELCOMING ALL



I LOVE MEETING with my friends, it's so much fun greeting one another and catching up with each other. Meeting someone new is still a little scary for

me. I'm not a natural at meeting new people, and yet God has placed me in the position to do this almost weekly. I have to remember to do things that make others feel welcome and remind myself of what I should say. If God has given me the courage to help make people feel welcome in our church, he can do the same for you.

Sometimes I need to remind myself to smile. It's such a simple thing to do to make people feel welcome, and yet I have to remember to do this—especially when things aren't going the way I expect them to go or when the cares of this life feel overwhelming. When I do smile, it helps to change my thoughts because I do have so much to be thankful for. A smile will help those new to our church feel the same way, thankful that someone has seen them and making them feel known and cared for. A smile goes a long way to make people feel welcomed and loved.

Greeting others after worship is over is often more important than greeting them before. After worship we have a chance to introduce ourselves and invite them to stay for a cup of coffee. We have an opportunity to take them to the welcome center to receive a welcome packet, to introduce them to those sitting at our table or to show them around our wonderful building. If each of us would take 2-3 minutes after each worship is over and greet someone we don't know, everyone would feel welcomed.

There are so many ways to greet someone other than saying "hello". We

**Help me welcome everyone to our church:
A smile goes a long way to make others feel welcome.**

can say "welcome to church", "we are glad you are here", "it's good to see you today" or "welcome, we are happy you're here this morning". We can say these things to everyone we meet at church, and if you don't know their name, simply introduce yourself asking them who they are. Saying something like this: "Hello, I'm so glad you are here this morning, I'm Kathryn and you are?" Once they say their name, say in return "Their name, I'm so glad to meet you". Then you can invite them to stay for coffee, take them to the welcome center and even introduce them to those you know and the pastors. I know this is not easy to do for most of us, as I need to remind myself almost every Sunday to do these things.

Please help me in welcoming everyone to our church: Smile, it goes a long way to make others feel welcome, Greet someone new in the first 2-3 minutes after worship is over and say "welcome to church, I'm 'your name' and you are?." First Fest is coming up and it would be a wonderful time to put these actions into practice. I hope that you will join me in welcoming all.

Kathryn Pedretti
Director of Hospitality
kathryn@firstlu.org

GO AND DO
LIKEWISE LUKE 10:37

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY

It's a relaxing way to volunteer! **Monday, Aug. 29, at 10am**, to assemble the Sept./Oct. mini-newsletter. See you there!

SUNSHINE TEAM

The Sunshine Team meets at First Lutheran on the **first Thursday of the month at 9:30am** to help with various jobs. **NEXT MEETING:** Aug. 4. Help make First Lutheran look nice! Refreshments are supplied to replenish your reserves! Dues are free! *Questions? Contact Dan at dan@firstlu.org.*

stephen
MINISTRY®

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

Volunteers Needed for Meal Delivery

The Aging & Disability Resource Center is looking for volunteers to help deliver noon meals to their elderly participants in Holmen, Onalaska, Brice Prairie and La Crosse locations. Shifts are usually only 1 hour and start between 10:30am-11am.

For more info call the ADRC at 608-785-5700

LUMIN GEARING UP FOR FALL 2022

Pastor Ben Morris at LuMin (Lutheran Campus Ministry) would love to connect with any students attending UW-La Crosse, Viterbo or Western Technical College this fall! We're beginning to collect phone numbers and emails for our synod students to invite them to participate in campus ministry this fall. If you have student info to pass along, please email Jen at admin@luminlax.org and include the student's name, cell phone number, email address, and where they will attend school.

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 David Reay's on **Thursday, Oct. 20, 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.*

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

- **Spencer John Berg**
- **Violet Mae Molkenhine**
- **Eleanor Renee Molkenhine**
- **Etta Lynn Holthaus**
- **Baylor Joseph Bowman**

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF:

- **Eleanor Hougom Udulutch**

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

Thank you for the following memorials:

In memory of Marlene Emery

- Undesignated: Nancy Beguin, Marilyn Fox, Patty & Oren Hammes
- Helping Hands Fund: Nancy Thorson

In memory of Sue Hayter

- Undesignated: Elizabeth MacEwen
- Quilters: Nancy Holthaus

In memory of Mark Mattison

- Skogen Music Fund: Paula Skoy

In memory of Eleanor Udulutch

- First Lutheran Foundation: Gary Hougom

In memory of Sandy Carlson

- First Lutheran Foundation: Nancy Holthaus
- Undesignated: Bev Manske

In memory of Todd Lofald

- Undesignated: Randy & Lauri Berg, Terry & Dave Lee, Merrill & Judy Wachter, Tim & Karla Weihrouch

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.

LATEX- & NUT-FREE CAMPUS

A reminder to all members that First Lutheran is a latex- and 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!

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GO GREEN

We offer two e-mail lists for subscribing:

First Lutheran Publications:

which includes e-mail links to our e-newsletter, so if you request to stop receiving this paper in your hands, this will save natural resources, and helps First save money on supplies and postage.

First Lutheran Updates

& Publications: all of the above plus several updates from our website.

To subscribe to either one and to cancel the delivery of this paper copy, simply visit 1stlu.org/subscribe and fill out the online form, or contact the office at office@firstlu.org.

Make Waves

Vacation Bible School

**Sunday, Jul. 31 thru
Thursday, Aug. 4
5–8pm each day**

For 4K through Grade 5 in the fall (3 year olds are welcome to attend in the nursery).

2022 Schedule

Sun. Jul. 31–Wed. Aug. 3

- 5pm dinner in Fellowship Hall
- 6–8pm VBS program

Thurs., Aug. 4 only...

- 5pm all-church picnic at Van Riper Park
- ~6pm swimming at Onalaska Aquatic Center!

Registration

Register online at 1stlu.org/VBS or speak with a pastor. The cost per child for VBS is \$40, but First will be covering 50% of expenses. We ask families to cover \$20/child, with a cap at \$50/family. Thank you!

VBS Help

- Help in the VBS kitchen! Many hands will make light work. Claim ONE night between Sunday, Jul. 31–Thursday, Aug. 4 to prep, serve and clean up the meal all VBS families will enjoy together. Food will already be purchased. Menus are decided. We just need a couple hours of your time.
- Bake/make bars/cookies too! That's how dessert gets done.
- Email Pastor Stanton at jason@firstlu.org if you can take a kitchen shift or bake.

*Blessing of
Backpacks & Devices/Students & Staff*

**Sunday, Aug. 28
during worship**

*Have your
backpacks,
devices, laptops,
etc. on hand for
the blessing!*



Sunday School

FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL IS SEPT. 11!

Parents and students please meet in the Sanctuary at 9:15am.
Sunday School is from 9:15-10:15am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

TEACHER & VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Sunday, August 28, 5:30pm
Fellowship Hall

Questions? Contact Pastor Stanton:
jason@firstlu.org

CONFIRMATION GUIDES

You don't need to know the Bible backwards & forwards & you don't need a seminary degree. Just a heart for the youth of our church & an hour each week to spend with our confirmation youth. Parents, grandparents, godparents or any faith-mature adult is welcome to facilitate conversation and build relationships between our confirmands on Wednesday nights. Contact Pastor Stanton to nominate someone:
jason@firstlu.org
608.783.2236

CONFIRMATION

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

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

GRADE 6 & 7

Sun., Aug. 14, 9:15am
Fellowship Hall

GRADES 8, 9 & 10

Wed., Aug. 17, 5:30pm
Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING CONFIRMATION EVENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 7:00pm
First Day of Gr 8-10 Small Groups, Blessing Confirmation Guides in Worship

Sunday, Sept. 18, 9:15am
First Day of Gr 6 & 7 Confirmation Classes

Sunday, Sept. 18, 11:30am
Entering Middle School Milestone





OWLS

OLDER WISER LUTHERANS

The OWLs started off the summer with a couple of hoots. In June they celebrated their 10th anniversary with a potluck and photos from the last 10 years. That was followed by a great trip to Circus World in Baraboo. They saw a great big top show, rode the elephants, enjoyed the circus wagons and experienced a fabulous outdoor trapeze show. Much fun was had by all.

After taking July off the OWLs resume in August with a **potluck on Wednesday, Aug. 17 at noon in the fellowship hall.** For the program, Mary Narveson will provide a "clay experience." She is going to demonstrate how easy it is to make a simple sculpture in clay. The clay will be provided to everyone so they can experience making their own creation under Mary's guidance. Mary is an accomplished clay artist who also teaches

pottery locally. August is also Brian and Mary Narveson's 50th anniversary month. They will provide a special dessert to celebrate the momentous occasion with all of their OWL friends. Don't miss the great food, fun and fellowship.

While the weather is warm it is time to enjoy our beautiful Mississippi. On **Tuesday, Aug. 23**, we will enjoy the river close up on the Mighty Mississippi River Boat Tour in Winona, Minnesota. This is your chance to see up-close the beautiful Mississippi River and all it has to offer while on the cruise in Winona. The captains not only entertain, but also educate with awesome insights and stories about the famed waterway. It is very common to see many types of wildlife while out on the water. Eagles, deer, turtles, snakes and beaver are just a few of the animals that are often spotted as we cruise the Mississippi River. You also have a chance to see and learn about the navigational channel, lock and dam system and various types of commerce on the river. To begin this great adventure, we will meet at the church at 3:30pm on Tuesday, Aug. 23. We

will stop for an early supper before the cruise, which begins at 6pm. Cost of the cruise is \$19.95 and dinner is on your own. To join this delightful evening cruise on the river, please notify Brian Narveson (owls@firstlu.org or 630.816.5917) by Sunday evening, Aug. 21.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in August.

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!



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..

FIRST LUTHERAN PLAY DAYS

AT SUGAR CREEK, OCT. 7-9

First Lutheran will have Sugar Creek Bible Camp all to ourselves the weekend of Oct. 7-9! All ages and stages are welcome to camp one or two nights, or just come for a day. We'll use the same precautions that were used at camp all summer so that we can enjoy each other and a beautiful setting while feeling safe and having fun. Creek stomping, disc golf and horse rides by day... campfires, s'mores and more by night. The weekend concludes with a safe, outdoor worship service Sunday morning. Come for any or all!

Register online at 1stlu.org/playdays



SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP

2022 Upcoming Events

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| Aug. 7 & 11 | Family Camps |
| Aug. 22 | SCBC Annual Golf Tournament
Viroqua Hills Golf Course |
| Aug. 26 | Bus Trip to Nashville & Ark Encounter |
| Sept. 10 | Fall Festival, 5K, and Craft Fair |
| Nov. 16 | Fireside Dinner Theater: "White Christmas" |

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



GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

Monday, August 22

At Viroqua Hills Golf Course

\$75 for 18 holes

*Reg with Pastor Stanton's team
at office@firstlu.org*





FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, Sept. 10, 10am-1pm

The annual fund raiser at Sugar Creek
Bible Camp, Ferryville, WI:

lots of quilts, antiques and fun!

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

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<p>JULY</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>5p Vacation Bible School 7p AA - FS</p>	<p>5p Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>6:30a Coffee with Pastor Karyn - NX 10a Springbook Worship 5p Vacation Bible School</p>	<p>9:30a Sunshine Team 5p Vacation Bible School 5p All-Church Picnic! - Van Riper Park Shelter #1 7p Women of the House</p>	<p>7p AA - FH</p>	<p>10a Baptismal Preparation - NX</p>
<p>9a Bible Matters - NX 9a Coffee with Pastor Karyn - NX 9a Summer Fun!</p>	<p>7p AA - FS</p>	<p>1p Dorcas Circle - UR 4p Worship & Music Team - NX 7p Stephen Ministry - FS</p>	<p>10a Ona Terrace Worship  12p Finance Team Mtg 6:45p Peer Min Alum - House</p>	<p>7p Women of the House</p>	<p>7p AA - FS</p>	
<p>9a Bible Matters - NX 9a Coffee with Pastor Karyn - NX 9a Summer Fun! 9:15a Gr 6-7 Confirmation Orientation - FH 11a ELCA Youth Gathering & Mission Trip Info Mtg - NX [TNT]</p>	<p>Deadline for Sept/Oct Mini Newsletter 1p Elizabeth Circle 7p AA - FS</p>	<p>5:15p Personnel Team Mtg 7p Vision & Leadership Team Mtg</p>	<p>10a Ona Terrace Worship  12p OWLs Potluck - NX 5:30p Gr 8, 9 & 10 Confirmation Orientation - FH</p>	<p>7p Women of the House</p>	<p>7p AA - FS</p>	
<p>9a Summer Fun!</p>	<p>Sugar Creek Golf Tournament Fundraiser 7p AA - FS</p>	<p>3:30p OWLs Float on the Mississippi 7p Stephen Ministry - FS</p>		<p>11a Nosh with Pertzsch school 7p Women of the House</p>	<p>7p AA - FS</p>	
<p>Blessing Backpacks & Devices/Students... 9a Summer Fun! 5:30p Sunday School Teacher & Volunteer Orientation - FH</p>	<p>10a Assemble Mini-Newsletter - NX 7p AA - FS</p>			<p>9:30a Sunshine Team 7p Women of the House</p>	<p>7p AA - FH</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</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>

weekly events for
AUGUST
at First Lutheran

SUNDAYS

- 8:00am Worship
- 9:15am Parent Share - UR
- 9:15am Summer Fun
- 10:00am Worship

TUESDAYS

- 9:00am Quilters - FS
- 10:30am Staff Meeting
- 3:30pm Knitters & Crocheters - NX

WEDNESDAYS

- 6:00am Courageous Men - Zoom

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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*
Subscribe to our Google calendar at 1stlu.org/calsub

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Live streaming at 1stlu.org/live
Sundays 8am & 10:30am
Wednesday 6:15pm



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GOOD NEWS
AUGUST 2022

Make Waves
Vacation Bible School

Sunday, Jul. 31–Thursday, Aug. 4
5–8pm daily • reg at 1stlu.org/VBS

ALSO INSIDE
ALL-CHURCH PICNIC
CARING MINISTRIES
DINNER THEATER

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