

Stewardship

First Teen Clothes Closet, Open for shopping, Mondays 4–6pm, at Trinity Lutheran, La Crosse. Contact bridget@firstlu.org to volunteer/donate

Blood Drive, Tuesday, Sept. 20, 12:30–5:30pm

Coulee Region Hunger Walk, Sunday, Oct. 9, 1:30pm

Warming Shelter, 1st & 2nd Fridays, Nov.–Apr.

Onalaska Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday, Nov. 24, 11am–2pm



Events

Sugar Creek Fall Festival

5K & Auction, Sat., Sept. 10, 8am–1pm
Sugar Creek Bible Camp, Ferryville WI

Mystery Dinner Theater

Saturday, Sept. 10, 5:30pm

First Day of Sunday School

Sunday, Sept. 11

First Fest

Sunday, Sept. 11, games, inflatables, food, fellowship & fun!

Entering Middle School Milestone

Sunday, Sept. 18, 11:30am

Play Days @ Sugar Creek

Friday, Oct. 7–Sunday, Oct. 9

New-Member Social

Thur., Oct. 20, 6pm, David Reay's

PRECAUTION UPDATE

The worship, service and fellowship life of First Lutheran has changed a number of times since March, 2020, to serve the needs of the most vulnerable while providing the best opportunities for Faith Alive! to thrive. We have arrived at yet another important moment in our navigation of the pandemic. As we approach the fall, everyone six months and older can be vaccinated, while the medical community has gained a deeper understanding of how to treat COVID-19. Schools will no longer require close contact absences. Quarantine times for those who are infected have been cut in half. The vast majority of music festivals, theaters and stores are open without restrictions.

With all these signs of progress in mind, **beginning Sept. 11, First Lutheran will no longer 'suggest', 'expect', 'require' or 'recommend' the use of masks during worship.** The Welcome Center will display the latest County Health Department risk level along with KN95 masks for anyone who would like to wear one. Masks will remain welcome. First Lutheran will continue to balance the needs of the vulnerable with the realities of our community. Contact Pastor Stanton with any questions or concerns regarding our next steps as a church: jason@firstlu.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SING FEST!

First Lutheran is once again excited to offer the "festival choir" format! The first event the choir will rehearse for is First Fest. Practice begins **Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 7pm** in the Sanctuary. All are welcome... 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*.

Dinner Theater

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? COST: \$10/person, kids 5 and younger free. Space is limited, so sign up today at 1stlu.org/dintheater! (Registration closes on Sunday, Sept. 4)

FIRST LUTHERAN PLAY DAYS

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 stumping, 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! *Online reg at 1stlu.org/playdays coming soon!*

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.

SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR

The First Lutheran Teen Clothes Closet (FTTC) is looking for a high school teen to regularly post and engage with teens about the FTTC on relevant social media. A \$100/ month stipend is available. Interested? Connect with *Bridget Crave: bridget@firstlu.org*.

ONLINE MEMBER DATABASE

We will be giving all MEMBERS the ability to view and edit their profile in our online member database. This requires each member to have an account to log into. Login information will be sent out via email in early Sept. Members will have the ability to:

- View/update your contact info
- Mark any part of your contact info as public (viewable by other members) or private
- View your giving and print your contribution statements
- View the online church directory and communicate with other members

Questions can be directed to andy@firstlu.org.

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Wednesdays 6:15pm (starting Sept. 7)

(10:30am starting Sept. 11)

Sundays 8am & 10am

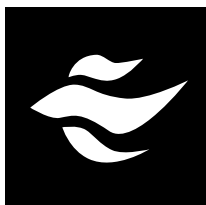
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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GOOD NEWS
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12TH ANNUAL FIRST FEST
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SUN SEPT 11
11:30AM
FOOD, FUN, MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP!
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
(So invite your friends!)

Dinner Theater
FIRST FEST EDITION
SEPT. 10, 1STLU.ORG/DINTHEATER

PLAY DAYS @ SUGAR CREEK
OCT. 7–9, 1STLU.ORG/PLAYDAYS

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SEPTEMBER AT FIRST LUTHERAN

<p><i>Worship Changes</i> Wednesdays starting Sept. 7, at 6:15pm Sundays, starting Sept. 11, at 8am & 10:30am</p>	<p>SING! First Lutheran choir rehearses Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 7pm All are welcome! <i>Schedule & Reg: 1stlu.org/choir</i></p>	<p>RING! Bell choir begins rehearsing Tuesdays at 5pm, starting Sept. 13. All skill levels welcome! <i>More info: jim@firstlu.org</i></p>	<p>BLOOD DRIVE Tues., Sept. 20 12:30-5:30pm Walk-ins welcome, registration encouraged: 1stlu.org/blooddrive</p>	<p>9:30a Sunshine Team 7p Women of the House</p>	<p>7p AA - FH</p>	
<p>9a Summer Fun! 10a In-Person Worship</p>	<p>Labor Day (office closed)</p>		<p>10a Springbrook Worship 6:15p In-Person Worship Resumes 7p Choir Practice for First Fest - SN</p> <p>SING!</p>	<p>7p Women of the House</p>	<p>7p AA - FS</p>	<p>8a Sugar Creek 5K Run/Walk 9:30a Drawing from the Well - UR 10a Sugar Creek Fall Festival 5p Mystery Dinner Theatre: First Fest Edition!</p> <p>Dinner Theater First Fest Edition!</p>
<p>Blessing Sunday School Volunteers First Fest 7:30a Choir Warm Up - CR 9:45a Sunday School, First Day! 10:30a In-Person Worship 11:30a First Fest!</p> <p>FIRST FEST</p>	<p>7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>1p Dorcas Circle - UR 5p Bells Practice - CR 7p Stephen Ministry - FS</p> <p>RING!</p>	<p>Blessing Confirmation Leaders & Guides Gr 8, 9 & 10 Small Groups First Day 10a Ona Terrace Worship 12p Finance Team Mtg 7p Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups 7p Gr 10 Confirmation</p>	<p>7p Women of the House</p>	<p>7p AA - FS</p>	<p>Clothes Closet Anniversary of First Visit (...)</p>
<p>Gr 6 & 7 Confirmation Classes First Day 9:15a Gr 3 FBB: Bibles (parents/guardians only) - SN 9:15a Gr 6 & 7 Confirmation Classes - FS 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a In-Person Worship 11:30a Entering Middle School Milestone</p>	<p>1p Elizabeth Circle 7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>12:30p Blood Drive - NX 5p Bells Practice - CR 5:15p Personnel Team Mtg 6:30p Property Management Team Mtg - NX 7p Vision & Leadership Team Mtg</p> <p>Blood Drive</p>	<p>10a Ona Terrace Worship 12p OWLs Potluck - Narveson's Home 7p Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups 7p Gr 10 Confirmation</p> <p>OWLs</p>	<p>7p Women of the House</p>	<p>7p AA - FS</p>	
<p>9:15a Gr 3 FBB: Bibles (parents/guardians & child) - SN 10:30a Outdoor Worship</p>	<p>7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>5p Bells Practice - CR 7p Stephen Ministry - FS</p>	<p>7p Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups 7p Gr 10 Confirmation</p>	<p>7p Women of the House</p>	<p>7p AA - FS</p>	<p>Dinner Theater Saturday, Sept. 10, 5pm Return to the golden age of the 1940s at the famous jazz club "Chez Mort" COST: \$10, kids 5 & younger free. Reg at 1stlu.org/dintheater (reg closes Sunday, Sept. 4)</p>

OCTOBER AT FIRST LUTHERAN

<p><i>Sunday Reoccurring Events</i> 8a & 10:30a Worship 9:15a Gr 6 & 7 Confirmation 9:15a Sunday School</p>	<p>HUNGER WALK Sunday, Oct. 9, 1:30pm Info & Reg: 1stlu.org/hungerwalk</p>	<p><i>Tuesday Reoccurring Events</i> 9a Quilters 10:30a Staff Meeting 3:30p Knitters & Crocheters 5p Bell Practice</p>	<p><i>Wednesday Reoccurring Events</i> 6a Courageous Men - FS 6:30a Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn 6:15p In-Person Worship 7p Confirmation Small Groups</p>	<p>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</p>		<p>10a Baptismal Preparation - NX</p>
<p>Entering Gr 6 Milestone, Lifted Up in Wo... 9:15a Gr 3 FBB: Bibles (parents/guardians & child) - SN</p>	<p>7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>5p Bells Practice - CR</p>	<p>10a Springbrook Worship 7p Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups 7p Gr 10 Confirmation</p>	<p>9:30a Sunshine Team 7p Women of the House</p>	<p>First Lutheran Play Days @ Sugar Creek 7p AA - FH</p> <p>PLAY DAYS! Info & Reg: 1stlu.org/playdays</p>	
<p>First Lutheran Play Days @ Sugar Creek 10:30a Outdoor Worship @ Sugar Creek 1:30p Coulee Region Hunger Walk/Run/Bike - Myrick Park</p> <p>HUNGER WALK</p>	<p>Butter Braid Fundraising Begins 7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>1p Dorcas Circle - UR 5p Bells Practice - CR 7p Stephen Ministry - FS</p>	<p>10a Ona Terrace Worship 12p Finance Team Mtg 7p Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups 7p Gr 10 Confirmation</p>	<p>7p Women of the House</p>	<p>7p AA - FS</p>	<p>Deadline for Nov Newsletter</p>
<p>Gr 3 FBB: Bibles, lifted up in worship 9:15a Preschool FBB: Praying Together (parents/guardians only) - FH</p>	<p>1p Elizabeth Circle 7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>5p Bells Practice - CR 5:15p Personnel Team Mtg 7p Vision & Leadership Team Mtg</p>	<p>10a Ona Terrace Worship 12p OWLs Potluck - NX 7p Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups 7p Gr 10 Confirmation</p> <p>OWLs</p>	<p>6p New-Member Social - David Reay's 7p Women of the House</p> <p>New-Member Social @ David Reay's</p>	<p>7p AA - FS</p>	
<p>9:15a Preschool FBB: Praying Together (parents/guardians & child) - FH</p>	<p>7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>5p Bells Practice - CR 7p Stephen Ministry - FS</p>	<p>6p Gr 10 Confirmation Rehearsal Dinner - FH 7p Choir Practice for All Saints - SN 7p Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups</p>	<p>7p Women of the House</p>	<p>10a Assemble Full Newsletter - NX 7p AA - FS</p>	
<p>Confirmation Sunday 9:15a Preschool FBB: Praying Together (parents/guardians & child) - FH 1:30p Affirmation of Baptism / Confirmation Worship</p> <p>CONFIRMATION</p>	<p>Butter Braid Order Deadline 4:30p Trunk-or-Treat [TNT] 7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>All Saints' Day 12p All Saints' Worship 5p Bells Practice - CR</p>	<p>10a Springbrook Worship 7p Peer Ministry Kick-off - House 7p Choir Practice for All Saints - SN 7p Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups</p>	<p>9:30a Sunshine Team 7p Women of the House</p>	<p>AUGUST 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 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>