

## Worship

Sundays 8am & 10:30am starting Sept. 10  
(8am & 10am thru Sunday, Sept. 3)

FALL 2023

## Stewardship

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

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

**Coulee Region Hunger Walk**, Sunday, Oct. 8, 1:30pm

**Warming Shelter**, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays, Nov.–Apr.

## Events

### Sugar Creek Fall Festival

5K & Auction, Sat., Sept. 9, 8am–1pm  
Sugar Creek Bible Camp, Ferryville WI

### A Night with Rachel Kurtz!

Saturday, Sept. 9, 5pm

### First Day of Sunday School

Sunday, Sept. 10

### First Fest

Sunday, Sept. 10, games, inflatables, food, fellowship & fun!

## Confirmation

### Gr 8–10 First Day of Small Groups

Wed., Sept. 13, 7pm

### Gr 6–7 First Day of Classes

Sunday, Sept. 17, 9:15am

### Gr 10 Confirmation Rehearsal Dinner

Wed., October 25, 6pm

### Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)

Sunday, October 29, 1:30pm

### Entering Middle School Milestone

Sunday, Sept. 17, 11:30am

### Play Days @ Sugar Creek

Friday, Oct. 6–Sunday, Oct. 8

### New-Member Social

Thur., Oct. 19, 6pm, David Reay's

### Fall Festival & Trunk-or-Treat

Saturday, Oct. 28

## Music

*Our music groups will be starting up again in Sept.; it's a perfect time to join!*

### Bell Ringers: practice Tuesdays

at 5pm. Contact Jim Knutson,

[jim@firstlu.org](mailto:jim@firstlu.org)

### Praise Band: practice Sundays

at 9:15am. Contact Todd Saner,

[todd@firstlu.org](mailto:todd@firstlu.org)

### Senior Choir: practice Wednesdays

at 7pm as scheduled. Contact Todd

Saner, [todd@firstlu.org](mailto:todd@firstlu.org)



## A NIGHT WITH RACHEL KURTZ!

A fundraiser for the kids going to the youth gathering. WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 9.

### SCHEDULE

#### 5PM: Meet & Greet with Rachel Kurtz, and Meal

This is the fundraiser portion of the evening. Doors open at 5pm. This part of the evening includes:

- General tickets: \$30/person with \$90 cap/household. Includes...
- Meet and greet with Rachel Kurtz
- Meal
- 5 free tickets for 50/50 raffle
- Priority seating during concert
- Tickets for Rachel's table: \$50/person

**Tickets for the meet & greet and meal are on sale in the church office Mon–Fri, 8am–4pm and on Sunday mornings, through Sept. 5.** A full house can cover the full cost of the gathering for a youth, so get your tickets today!

#### 6:30PM: Concert!

- Free and open to the public!
- Concert
- Freewill offering
- 50/50 raffle
- Silent auction

## PLAY DAYS @ SUGAR CREEK

First Lutheran will have Sugar Creek Bible Camp all to ourselves the weekend of **Oct. 6–8!** All ages and stages are welcome to camp one or two nights, or just come for a day. Creek stomping, disc golf and horse rides by day... campfires, s'mores and more by night. The weekend concludes with an outdoor worship service on Sunday morning. Come for any or all!  
*Online reg at [1stlu.org/playdays](http://1stlu.org/playdays).*

## 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. 19, 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](mailto:office@firstlu.org).*

## SING FEST!

The first event our choir will rehearse for is First Fest. Practice begins **Wednesday, Sept. 6, 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](http://1stlu.org/choir).** For more info contact Todd Saner at [todd@firstlu.org](mailto:todd@firstlu.org).



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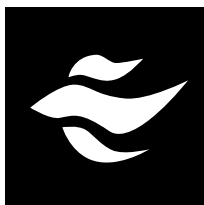


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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
Sundays 8am & 10am  
(10:30am starting Sept. 10)  
Wednesdays 6:15pm (starting Sept. 6)

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## GOOD NEWS

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A NIGHT WITH  
RACHEL KURTZ  
tickets on sale thru Sept 5

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FEST  
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SUN SEPT 10

PLAY DAYS @  
SUGAR CREEK

Fri Oct 6–Sun Oct 8  
[1stlu.org/playdays](http://1stlu.org/playdays)



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# SEPTEMBER AT FIRST LUTHERAN

<p><b>Worship Changes</b> Wednesdays starting Sept. 6, at 6:15pm Sundays, starting Sept. 10, at 8am &amp; 10:30am</p>	<p><b>SING!</b> First Lutheran choir rehearses <b>Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 7pm</b> All are welcome! Schedule &amp; Reg: <a href="mailto:1stlu.org/choir">1stlu.org/choir</a></p>	<p><b>RING!</b> Bell choir begins rehearsing <b>Tuesdays at 5pm, starting Sept. 12.</b> All skill levels welcome! More info: <a href="mailto:jim@firstlu.org">jim@firstlu.org</a></p>	<p><b>CALENDAR KEY</b> 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>7p AA - FH</p>	<p>1 2</p>
<p>3 <b>Pastor Karyn's First Day of Sabbatical</b> 8a Worship 10a Worship</p>	<p>4 <b>Labor Day (office closed)</b> 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>5 9a Quilters - FS 12:30p Blood Drive - NX 1:30p Staff Meeting 3:30p Knitters &amp; Crocheters - NX 5p Stephen Ministry Class - Gloria's <b>BLOOD DRIVE</b></p>	<p>6 6a Courageous Men - FS 6:30a Coffee With Pastor Karyn 10a Springbrook Worship 6:15p Worship 7p Choir Practice for First Fest - SN <b>SING!</b></p>	<p>7 9:30a Sunshine Team</p>	<p>8 7p AA - FS</p>	<p>9 8a Sugar Creek 5K Run/Walk 10a Sugar Creek Fall Festival 5p A Night with Rachel Kurtz! <b>A NIGHT WITH RACHEL KURTZ!</b> f.o.y.</p>
<p>10 <b>15th Annual First Fest!</b> <b>Blessing Sunday School Volunteers</b> 7:30a Choir Warm Up - CR 8a Worship 9:15a Sunday School First Day 10:30a Worship 11:30a First Fest! <b>FIRST FEST</b></p>	<p>7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>11 9a Quilters - FS 1p Dorcas Circle - UR 1:30p Staff Meeting 3:30p Knitters &amp; Crocheters - NX 5p Stephen Ministry Class - Gloria's 5p Bells Practice - CR 7p Foundation Meeting <b>RING!</b></p>	<p>12 <b>Blessing Confirmation Leaders &amp; Guides</b> 6a Courageous Men - FS 6:30a Coffee With Pastor Karyn 10a Ona Terrace Worship 12p Finance Team Mtg 5:30p FLY Flight Crew 5:30p Confirmation Dinner - FH 6:15p Worship 7p Gr 8-10 Confirmation Kick-off f.o.y.</p>	<p>13 7p Women of the House - UR</p>	<p>14 7p AA - FS</p>	<p>15 16</p>
<p>17 <b>Clothes Closet Anniversary of First Visit</b> 8a Worship 9:15a Gr 6 &amp; 7 Confirm Classes 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Outdoor Worship @ Sugar Creek 10:30a Worship 11:30a Entering Middle School Milestone <b>MIDDLE SCHOOL MILESTONE</b></p>	<p>18 1p Elizabeth Circle 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>19 9a Quilters - FS 1:30p Staff Meeting 3:30p Knitters &amp; Crocheters - NX 5p Stephen Ministry Class - Gloria's 5p Bells Practice - CR 5:15p Personnel Team Mtg 6:30p Property Management Team Mtg 7p Vision &amp; Leadership Team Mtg</p>	<p>20 6a Courageous Men - FS 6:30a Coffee With Pastor Karyn 10a Grief Support Group - UR 10a Ona Terrace Worship 12p OWLs Potluck - NX 5:30p Confirmation Dinner - FH 6:15p Worship 7p Gr 8 &amp; 9 Small Groups 7p Gr 10 Confirmation <b>OWLs</b></p>	<p>21 7p Women of the House - UR</p>	<p>22 4:45p Parent's Night Out - FH 7p AA - FS f.o.y.</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 8a Worship 9:15a Gr 6 &amp; 7 Confirm Classes 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship</p>	<p>7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>25 9a Quilters - FS 1:30p Staff Meeting 3:30p Knitters &amp; Crocheters - NX 5p Stephen Ministry Class - Gloria's 5p Bells Practice - CR</p>	<p>26 6a Courageous Men - FS 6:30a Coffee With Pastor Karyn 5:30p Confirmation Dinner - FH 6:15p Worship 7p Gr 8 &amp; 9 Small Groups 7p Gr 10 Confirmation</p>	<p>27 7p Women of the House - UR</p>	<p>28 7p AA - FS</p>	<p>29 30</p>

# OCTOBER AT FIRST LUTHERAN

<p>1 <b>Entering Middle School Milestone, Life...</b> 8a Worship 9:15a Gr 6 &amp; 7 Confirm Classes 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship</p>	<p>7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>3 9a Quilters - FS 1:30p Staff Meeting 3:30p Knitters &amp; Crocheters - NX 5p Stephen Ministry Class - Gloria's 5p Bells Practice - CR</p>	<p>4 6a Courageous Men - FS 6:30a Coffee With Pastor Karyn 10a Springbrook Worship 5:30p Confirmation Dinner - FH 6:15p Worship 7p Gr 8 &amp; 9 Small Groups 7p Gr 10 Confirmation</p>	<p>5 9:30a Sunshine Team 7p Women of the House - UR</p>	<p>6 7 <b>First Lutheran Play Days @ Sugar Creek</b> 7p AA - FH  10a Baptismal Preparation - NX Info &amp; Reg: <a href="http://1stlu.org/playdays">1stlu.org/playdays</a></p>	
<p>8 <b>First Lutheran Play Days @ Sugar Creek</b> <b>Butter Braid Fundraising Begins</b> 8a Worship 9:15a Gr 6 &amp; 7 Confirm Classes 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Outdoor Worship @ Sugar Creek 10:30a Worship 1:30p Coulee Region Hunger Walk/Run/Bike - Myrick Park <b>HUNGER WALK</b></p>	<p>7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>9 9a Quilters - FS 1p Dorcas Circle - UR 1:30p Staff Meeting 3:30p Knitters &amp; Crocheters - NX 5p Stephen Ministry Class - Gloria's 5p Bells Practice - CR</p>	<p>10 11 <b>Deadline for Gr 10 Faith Story Videos</b> 6a Courageous Men - FS 6:30a Coffee With Pastor Karyn 10a Ona Terrace Worship 12p Finance Team Mtg 5:30p FLY Flight Crew 5:30p Confirmation Dinner - FH 6:15p Worship 7p Gr 8 &amp; 9 Small Groups 7p Gr 10 Confirmation f.o.y.</p>	<p>12 7p Women of the House - UR</p>	<p>13 7p AA - FS</p>	<p>14 9:30a Drawing from the Well</p>
<p>15 <b>Deadline for Nov Newsletter</b> 8a Worship 9a 9:15 3-yr Old FBB (The Keys) 9:15a Gr 6 &amp; 7 Confirm Classes 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship</p>	<p>16 1p Elizabeth Circle 4p Monday Meals @ Trinity 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>17 9a Quilters - FS 1:30p Staff Meeting 3:30p Knitters &amp; Crocheters - NX 5p Stephen Ministry Class - Gloria's 5p Bells Practice - CR 5:15p Personnel Team Mtg 7p Vision &amp; Leadership Team Mtg</p>	<p>18 <b>Operation Christmas Child Confirmation...</b> 6a Courageous Men - FS 6:30a Coffee With Pastor Karyn 10a Grief Support Group - UR 10a Ona Terrace Worship 12p OWLs Potluck - NX 5:30p Confirmation Dinner - FH 6:15p Worship 7p Gr 8 &amp; 9 Small Groups 7p Gr 10 Confirmation <b>OWLs</b></p>	<p>19 6p New-Member Social - David Reay's 7p Women of the House - UR <b>NEW-MEMBER SOCIAL @ DAVID REAY'S</b></p>	<p>20 7p AA - FS</p>	<p>21</p>
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<p>29 <b>Butter Braid Order Deadline</b> <b>Confirmation Sunday</b> 8a Worship 9a 9:15 3-yr Old FBB (The Keys) 9:15a Gr 6 &amp; 7 Confirm Classes 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 1p Affirmation of Baptism / Confirmation Worship <b>CONFIRMATION</b></p>	<p>10a Assemble Full Newsletter - NX 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>30 31 9a Quilters - FS 1:30p Staff Meeting 3:30p Knitters &amp; Crocheters - NX 4p Trunk-or-Treat 5p Stephen Ministry Class - Gloria's 5p Bells Practice - CR</p>	<p>1 <b>All Saints' Day</b> 6a Courageous Men - FS 6:30a Coffee With Pastor Karyn 10a Springbrook Worship 5:30p Confirmation Dinner - FH 6:15p Worship 7p Choir Practice for All Saints - CR 7p Gr 8 &amp; 9 Small Groups</p>	<p>2 9:30a Sunshine Team 7p Women of the House - UR</p>	<p><b>AUGUST</b> 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><b>NOVEMBER</b> 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>