

READINGS

For Sunday, Dec. 23

Luke 1:39-55, Mary Visits Elizabeth
Pew Bible: 831 Spark Bible: 1128

For Wednesday, Dec. 26

Matthew 1:18-25, Jesus as Immanuel
Pew Bible: 783 Spark Bible: 1058

PRAYERS & CARE

Hospital: John Every, Gary Skoy

Please contact the office if you have any prayers to be lifted up: office@firstlu.org or 608.783.2236

NURSERY AVAILABLE

Members and visitors: our nursery is available for children newborn through age 4. The nursery is staffed Sunday mornings during and between services, and on Wednesday evenings during service and programming. ***Please bring your diaper bag.*** It will also be staffed during some church events and will be advertised as such when available. We hope you take advantage of our services while here at First.

Sunday attendant: Suzanne Alberts

HOSPITAL REMINDERS

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

For Mayo/Franciscan Healthcare: it is important that you or a family member contact us directly at the church office: 608.783.2236. Mayo no longer gives out information regarding who is hospitalized.

Please make every effort to keep food and beverages in the narthex. Thanks!

SERVING:

Pastor Jason Stanton, Pastor Karyn Bodenschatz;
Organist: Gabe Hicks; Bread Baker: Bev Larson

SUNDAY, DEC. 23, 8:00AM

Communion Servers: Diane Shuda, Randy Nedrelo; Reader: Karen Meier

SUNDAY, DEC. 23, 10:30AM

Communion Servers: Stephanie Dabrowski, Katy Wood;
Reader: Taylor Hanson; Projection Leader: Ronn Thies

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26, 6:15PM

Communion Server: Todd Lofald; Reader: Bob Hayter

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUN., DEC. 23 & WED., DEC. 26

WELCOME GUESTS!

The 1,800 baptized members of First Lutheran hold hospitality to visitors among our greatest priorities. We understand that visiting a church can feel overwhelming. **Please know that ALL are welcome to worship, commune and participate in all church activities, programs and events.**

We hope you can make time to stop at the Welcome Center in the front entry where we have a gift for you. It's also a great place to ask questions, gather information and share ways that we may keep in touch with you. **We're glad you're here!**

WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

Jenn Wiesjahn, Larry Schreiner,
Teesha Willinger

CONNECTION CARDS

Connection Cards help the staff keep in touch with the needs of members and visitors alike. **Please fill out a Connection Card each week**, complete with prayer concerns and anything else you'd like the Pastors to know. Hand it to an usher on your way forward for communion, or place it in the offering plate. Thanks!

HOSPITALITY ACTION TEAMS

Coffee Servers: Deb Koenig, Todd Lofald,
Chad & Melinda Schultz; Treat Providers:
Brenda Mackeben, Jennifer Johnson,
Bethany Girtler, Melinda Schultz



24 CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP TIMES:

2:00pm, 4:00pm,
6:00pm & 11:00pm.
All will be candlelight
and all will be with
Holy Communion.
No Sunday School
nor confirmation
classes.

25 CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP TIME:

10am, with Holy
Communion.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please take time before worship
and go to the narthex to write
down any prayers you want to
lift up, so we can be certain to
include them in worship today!

Sunday School

Sundays, Dec. 23 & 30

- 9:15am No Sunday School; classes resume on Sunday, Jan. 6
- New registrations welcome any time of the year. Contact Sunday School superintendent Beth Miller at sundayschool@firstlu.org or stop in the Sunday School office in room 206.

CONFIRMATION

Sundays, December 23 & 30

- No Gr 6 & 7 confirmation classes; classes resume on Sunday, Jan. 6
- Wednesday, December 26**
- No Gr 8 & 9 small groups; small groups resume Wednesday, Jan. 2

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY

It's a relaxing way to volunteer! **Friday, Dec. 28, at 9am**, to assemble the January newsletter. See you there!



On **Friday, Jan. 4** the OWLs, a group for those 55+, will fly to the movies, leaving from church at 3pm to attend an afternoon matinee of the Disney hit "Mary Poppins Returns." Dinner at a local restaurant afterwards. Cost: \$6, with dinner on your own. Seats must be reserved ahead of time: RSVP to Brian (owls@firstlu.org or 630.816.5917) by Wednesday, Jan. 2.

PARENT SHARE

Join Carla Stanton, member of First, certified spiritual director and mom of three, in room 201 to pray and talk about raising our children faithfully. Childcare is available, too,

during either session: **every Sunday morning 9:15am-10:45am** starting Jan. 6 and **Tuesday mornings, 8:30-9:30am** starting Jan. 8.

CALLING ALL LEARNERS: SAVE THESE 2019 DATES

The Synod School of Theology's winter term is ready to go. **Jan. 10** at Galesville: Len Liptack leads an awesome Bible Introduction. **Jan. 17-Feb. 21 on Thursday evenings** at Our Savior's, West Salem: Libby Howe on Congregational Dynamics, Jake Sorenson on Intergenerational Ministries, and Ben Morris on Gender in Ministry. *Call the synod office to register for one or all, 608.788.5000. More info: 1stlu.org/theology.*

SUGAR CREEK WINTER FUN DAYS

Though First will not be going as a group this year, members are still invited to come to Sugar Creek for a wonderful family outing on these Sunday afternoons: **Jan. 13 and 27, Feb. 10 and March 25, from 1-5pm**. There'll be snow tubing, broom ball, snow shoeing, wagon rides, and more! Call or e-mail to register your family: 608.734.3113 or kati@sgrcreek.org. Cost (includes lunch): \$7/person or \$30/family.

FAITH ALIVE! U DISCERNMENT

A Faith Alive! U course presented by Pastor Ben Morris on **Sunday, Jan. 13, 6pm**. Upon graduation, should I go to the less expensive tech school far away, the medium-priced state school a couple of hours away or the pricey private school nearby? Should I pursue a different career? How can I know whether we're ready for retirement? Discernment at

EVERY age is challenging. Our local campus ministry Pastor Ben Morris will provide fun ways to consider how to discern the will of God amidst our many options.

BLESSING TECH WORKERS

We invite all technology workers to join us on **Sunday, Jan. 20**, for worship and a special blessing for all the tech support you provide to your co-workers, family and in-laws.



Sunday, Jan. 20. After second service we will have lunch together, load the van and go to Whitetail Ridge for some fun winter tubing! We will return before supper. Cost: \$10/person.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY!

Why? To thank everyone for being Christ's hands and feet! **Sunday, Jan. 27, 11:45-12:30pm in Fellowship Hall.** RSVP by Jan. 23 1stlu.org/vap or by calling the church at 608.783.2236 by Jan. 23.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

If you know of someone who needs a caregiver, please speak with Pastor Karyn, or call the church office.

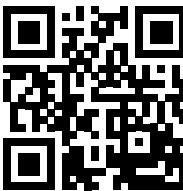
THIS WEEK: DEC. 23-30

SUN 23	NO SUN SCHOOL & GR 6 & 7 BIBLE CLASSES 8:00am Worship 9:15am Advent in Narnia Small Grp - MR 9:15am Parent Share - UR 9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee - MR 10:30am Worship 6:30pm Advent in Narnia Small Grp - UR
MON 24	CHRISTMAS EVE (OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON) 2:00pm Christmas Eve Worship 4:00pm Christmas Eve Worship 6:00pm Christmas Eve Worship 7:00pm AA - FS 11:00pm Christmas Eve Worship
TUES 25	CHRISTMAS DAY (OFFICE CLOSED) 10:00am Christmas Worship
WED 26	NO GR 8 & 9 CONFIRMATION SMALL GRPS 6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS 6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Panera 5:30pm Prayer Shawl Knitters - NX 6:15pm Worship
THUR 27	10:30am Small Grp w/ Laurie Berg - House 7:00pm Women of the House Small Grp
FRI 28	9:00am Newsletter Assembly - NX 7:00pm AA - FS
SUN 30	NO SUN SCHOOL & GR 6 & 7 BIBLE CLASSES 8:00am Worship 9:15am Parent Share - UR 9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee - MR 10:30am Worship

CALENDAR KEY:

CR = Choir Room	FBB = Faith Building Block	FH = Fellowship Hall
FS = Fireside Room	MR = Mary Room	NX = Narthex
SN = Sanctuary	TR = Thomas Room	UR = Upper Room

For more info, visit our website at www.FirstLutheranOnAlaska.org



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