

READINGS

For Sunday, Feb. 24
Luke 6:27-38, Love For Enemies
Pew Bible: 838 Spark Bible: 1137

For Wednesday, Feb. 27
Romans 5:6-11, Justified By His Blood
Pew Bible: 917 Spark Bible: 1248

PRAYERS & CARE

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.

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: Peggy Daleki
SUNDAY, FEB. 24, 8:00AM
Projection Leader: Randy Nedrelo
SUNDAY, FEB. 24, 10:30AM
Projection Leader: Doug Shupe
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27, 6:15PM
Members of a confirmation small group serve as worship assistants

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUN., FEB. 24 & WED., FEB. 27

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
Gloria Kubiak, 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 Dinger, Diane Engebrecht, Marie Tutlewski, Carroll Lombard; Treat Providers: Deb Dinger, Marie Tutlewski, Shari Hegland

CARING FOR SOULS CONCERT
On **Sunday, Feb 24, at 2pm**, Good Shepherd Lutheran (4141 Mormon Coulee Rd, La Crosse) presents its annual concert, with guest speaker Mark Hirsch and guest performances by: Karla Hughes, Gary Moss, the La Crosse Central robed & upper treble choirs, Fifth Chamber and other local musicians. Cost: Free, but donations will be gathered to benefit local flood relief. **CONFIRMANDS:** Attendance at this concert counts as one of your yearly 3 confirmation electives. Spaghetti dinner to follow at 4:30pm. Cost: \$8; purchase in advance by calling Bev at 608.792.3962. More info: 1stlu.org/caring.

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY
It's a relaxing way to volunteer!
Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 9am, to assemble the March newsletter. See you there!



RESCHEDULED: On **Friday, Mar. 1** the OWLs, a group for those 55+, will have their monthly potluck **at noon in the narthex**. The program will be a presentation by Skip Tempte about his around-the-world cruise. Questions? Contact Brian Narveson at owls@firstlu.org.

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

Sunday, Feb. 24

- Gr 4 FBB: Apostle's Creed, lifted up in worship
- 9:15am Kindergarten FBB: Lord's Prayer (2nd meeting, parents/guardians & child) - Fellowship Hall
- 9:15am Sunday School
 - Preschool & 4K, opening in 4K Rm
 - Gr K-5, opening in sanctuary
- 10:30am Gr K-5 Sing at 10:30am Worship

Sunday, Mar. 3

- 9:15am Sunday School
- 9:15am Kindergarten FBB: Lord's Prayer (3rd meeting, parents/guardians & child)

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

Sunday:

- 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes
- 2:00pm Caring for Souls Concert (elective opp.)- Good Shepherd

Wednesday:

- 7pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Our middle school youth group gathers **weekly on Sundays. Starting at 5:30pm** with a meal, and then breaking off for fun, fellowship & devos. *Questions? Contact Pastor Stanton, jason@firstlu.org.*

Ash Wed Worship

Join us for worship on **Ash Wednesday, March 6**, with services at 11am and 6:15pm. Light lunch in narthex at 11:45am.

BLESSING ACCOUNTANTS

"In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes..." (and God's love, of course)! So with all that in mind, we want to invite accountants, tax-preparers financial advisers and others in the financial industry to join us for worship on **Sunday, March 10**, to receive a special blessing during this busy time of year.

FAITH ALIVE! U DEATH CAFE

A Faith Alive! U course presented by Tara Shilts, **Sunday, March 10, 6pm**. What are your thoughts about death? What do you believe, fear, hope about death? Have you been told stories about death ... or have your own? Join Tara Shilts, certified chaplain at Gundersen, as she leads a discussion about our personal death awareness. How could acknowledging the fact that we will die affect our faith and lives?

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Take a tour at our open house on **Thursday, March 14, 4:30pm!** Call or email First Lutheran Preschool Director Melissa Rolbiecki with any questions: 608.779.4504 or preschool@firstlu.org. *Check us out on Facebook: facebook.com/flponalaska*

MABEL ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now available. Completed applications are due no later than **3pm on**

Monday, April 15. Students may apply if they will graduate from high school in the spring and have plans to pursue post-secondary education. The application includes writing an essay and completing a worksheet that reflects the student's involvement in church activities. Application forms are available at 1stlu.org/scholarship or in the church office during office hours, M-F 8am-4pm.

NEW-MEMBER SESSIONS

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 three-week introduction to the church, presented in a small-group setting. The group will meet in the evening on **Sunday, March 24 & 31, and Thursday, April 4**. To register your family or ask questions, call our church office at 608.783.2236 or email office@firstlu.org.

CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS:

Donations to the First Teen Clothes Closet have been steadily rolling in, but we have a few empty spaces on specific shelves. What we need (clean and gently-used, please!):

- Athletic shorts (guys and girls, especially larger sizes)
- Sweatshirts and hoodies (especially XXL)
- Men's jeans — size 38, 40 & 44 waist
- Guys athletic and lounge pants

THIS WEEK: FEB. 24-MAR 5

SUN 24	LENTEN SMALL GRPS START GR 4 FBB: APOSTLE'S CREED, LIFTED UP IN WORSHIP 8:00am Worship 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Confirm Clses - Rm 207 & FS 9:15am Parent Share - UR 9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee - MR 9:15am Kindergarten FBB: Lord's Prayer (2nd Mtg, parents/guardians & child) - FH 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Welcome Center Quarterly 10:30am Worship 10:30am Gr K-5 Sing at 10:30am Worship 2:00pm Caring for Souls Concert - Good Shepherd 5:30pm Middle School Youth Grp - FH & MR
MON 25	7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 26	8:30am Parent Share - UR 9:00am Quilters - FS 1:15pm Staff Mtg 5:15pm Bells Practice - Sacristy 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Mtg - MR
WED 27	LAST DAY OF PEER MINISTRY 6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS 6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Panera 9:00am Newsletter Assembly - NX 5:30pm Prayer Shawl Knitters - NX 6:15pm Worship 7:00pm Peer Ministry - House 7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Grps 7:00pm Choir Practice - SN
THUR 28	7:00pm Women of the House Small Grp
FRI 1	7:00pm AA - FH
SAT 2	9:30am Drawing from the Well Grp - House
SUN 3	8:00am Worship 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Confirm Clses - Rm 207 & FS 9:15am Parent Share - UR 9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee - MR 9:15am Kindergarten FBB: Lord's Prayer (3rd Mtg, parents/guardians & child) - FH 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 5:30pm Middle School Youth Grp - FH & MR
MON 4	6:30pm Hospitality Leadership Team - NX
TUES 5	7:00pm AA - FS TELL THE STORY ART GALA 8:30am Parent Share - UR 9:00am Quilters - FS 1:15pm Staff Mtg 5:15pm Bells Practice - Sacristy

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SN = Sanctuary TR = Thomas Room UR = Upper Room

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