

READINGS
FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6
Pew Bible: p. 594, Spark Bible: p. 792
Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8
Pew Bible: p. 922, Spark Bible: p. 1255
Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20
Pew Bible: p. 798, Spark Bible: p. 1078

FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27
Zechariah 9:9-12
Pew Bible: p. 773, Spark Bible: p. 1045

PRAYERS & CARE

Hospital: Margo Schuppel
Home: John Every
Military: Craig Yonkovich
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: a nursery 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 room number to us when we call.
For Mayo/Franciscan Healthcare: it is important that you or a family member to contact us directly at the church office: 783-2236. Mayo no longer gives out that information.

SERVING:
Pastor Jason Stanton, Pastor Karyn Bodenschatz
Organist: Gabe Hicks; Nursery Attendant: Crystal Miller;
Bread Baker: Ann Nelson; Treat Providers: Amie & Nancy Holthaus, Ellis & Judy Stetzer, Al & Kay Palmer

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 8:00am
Greeters: Lloyd Hoff, Carol Pestel; Communion Servers: Bridget Crave; Reader: Nancy Beguin; Ushers: Larry & Marilyn Schreiner, Benjamin Young; Nursery: Grace Johnson; Projectionist: Randy Nedrelo

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 10:30am
Greeters: Doris & Adrian Hagen; Acolytes: Greta & Annika Moseng; Communion Servers: Paula Skoy, Travis Evenson; Reader: Peggy Delaki; Ushers: Linda Smith, Chris Sander; Nursery: Olivia Leppert, Pearl Lunney; Puppet Volunteers: Linda Green, Kristen Dall-Winther; Projectionist: John Peterson

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 6:30pm
Communion Server: Bev DiNicola; Reader: Bev DiNicola; Nursery Attendant: Crystal Miller; Projectionist: Brian Wittkop

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Sunday, August 24 & Wednesday, August 27
ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS!

We at First Lutheran are glad you have chosen to worship with us today! We understand that visiting a church can be overwhelming as everything is unfamiliar and unknown. All the baptized are welcome to fully participate in worship, including Holy Communion, and all are welcome to participate in church programs, activities and events. If this is your first time at First, we'd love to have you stop at the Connecting Point table in the narthex entry where you may ask questions, share your contact information and receive a gift from us. We hope worshiping with us today will bless you as much as your visit blesses us!

COMMUNION CARDS

Communion cards are not required to participate in Holy Communion, but they help us know who is worshiping with us. Please fill one out and hand it to an usher just before Communion, or place it in an offering plate. Thanks!

Baptismal blessings are extended to
Evan Charles Zach,
son of Brian & Karie Zach
and
Evan Christopher Schmid,
son of Christopher & Angie Schmid



Flowers in the sanctuary are in honor of
Lowell & Mary Meier's
57th wedding anniversary



WORSHIP TRAINING
FOR USHERS, COMMUNION
SERVERS, READERS,
AND PROJECTIONISTS

Everyone who has helped and everyone interested in helping in any if these areas are to attend the training. Pastor Karyn and Kathryn will provide the training and answer any questions.

August 24 between services...
• 9:30-9:45 am Ushers and Communion Servers
• 9:45-10:00 am Projection
• 10:00-10:15 am Readers
It is very important that all attend the training, no matter how long you have been helping or new to helping.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please take time before worship & 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!

ASSIST WITH WORSHIP!

It takes the church community to help with all the different aspects of worship—making certain worship is welcoming and runs smoothly. **TODAY is the best day** to sign up for September, so that we have time to prepare our worship calendar and create reminders. Adults and youth are welcome, and can serve in many ways:

- Bread bakers
- Coffee Servers
- Communion Servers
- Reader
- Ushers
- Puppet Volunteers
- Treat Providers

Sign up today at the Connecting Point and see Kathryn Pedretti, our Director of Servant Ministries, with any questions.

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY

It's a relaxing way to volunteer! **Friday, August 29, at 10am**, to assemble the September newsletter. See you there!



We will depart the church at **4pm on Thursday, August 28th** for our annual trip to Lanesboro to take in a rousing performance of *Around the World in 80 Days* at the Commonweal Theatre. Before the play we'll have dinner out. Please let Brian Narveson (owls@firstlu.org or 608-526-9700) know by **Mon., Aug. 25** if you plan to attend.

Little LEAPs

Little LEAPs will meet only once in August. The group — for children from birth to 3 years old and their parents/guardians — will meet this month at **9:15 a.m.**

Aug. 31 in room 102 for an end-of-year celebration. We welcome newcomers all the time — join us! For more information, contact Carla Stanton, carla@firstlu.org.

JONATHAN RUNDMAN IN CONCERT!

Minneapolis-based folk/pop songwriter Jonathan Rundman will be performing a free, outdoor concert at First Lutheran on **Saturday, September 6th**. First Lutheran's Praise Band opens at 5:30pm and Jonathan Rundman and Band take the stage at 6pm. Free and open to the public, all ages welcome! Save the date and invite EVERYONE!

SUGAR CREEK QUILT AUCTION

Come on out to Sugar Creek Bible Camp for the camps annual quilt/antique auction on **Sept 6, starting at 10 am**. We are also hosting a new craft fair **starting at 9 am** and are looking for exhibitors/booths. Additionally, we are hosting a 5K Trail Run and a Fun Walk **starting at 8 am**. There will also be lots of good food including BBQ pork and lots of pies! Bring your youth groups, women's and men's groups as well to kick off our new trail run and fun walk. It will be a fun day. Please see the camp website at sugarcreekbiblecamp.org for information and registration forms.

COLOR RUN!

Run with First's team named "Light Up the World" on **Saturday, September 13!** Anyone who wants to join this team can go to the website and register! This run is being promoted by First's Drawing from the Well group, and this event will be part of the group's September 13th gathering. But you do not need to be a member of the Drawing from the Well group to be a part of the team! Save \$5 with promo code LACROSSE14.

PRAISEHYMN NEEDS YOUTH!

PraiseHymn needs young singers and musicians of all types, ages 12–18! The group performs contemporary Christian music and Christian rock once per month as part of our contemporary worship service. Learn more at an organizational meeting here at First on **Sunday, September 21 at 4pm**. For more info contact Dick Daleki at 608.783.1576 or email: dick@firstlu.org.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING 2015!

On **Wed. September 24th at 7:15pm** in the Fellowship Hall there will be a meeting for all high school youth who are interested in attending the National Youth Gathering in Detroit, **July 15–19, 2015**.

THIS WEEK: August 24–31

- SUN 24: **8:00 am Worship**
9:15–10:15 am Children's Choir
9:15–10:15 am Parent Share - Upper Room
9:30–10:15 am Bible Bits
9:30–10:15 am Worship Training for Ushers, Communion Servers, Readers, & Projectionists
10:30 am Worship
12:00 pm Confirmation Students & Parents Orientation - SN
- MON 25: 7:00 pm AA/Al-Anon-FS
- TUES 26: 9:30 am Staff Meeting
- WED 27: 6:00 am Men's Bible Study - House
6:30 am Coffee with Pastor Karyn - Ona Perkins
6:30 pm Worship
7:15 pm Meet in the Middle Dessert
- THU 28: 4:00 pm OWL's Trip to Lanesboro, MN
6:15 pm NarAnon-FS
- FRI 29: 10:00 am Newsletter Assembly - NX
7:00 pm AA - FS
- SUN 31: **8:00 am Worship**
9:15–10:15 am Children's Choir
9:15–10:15 am Little LEAPs(birth-3) - Rm 102
9:15–10:15 am Parent Share - Upper Room
9:30–10:15 am Bible Bits
10:30 am Worship

ROOM KEY:

CR = Choir Room FS = Fireside Room FH = Fellowship Hall
NX = Narthex SN = Sanctuary TR = Thomas Room

For more information, visit our website at www.FirstLutheranOnalaska.org



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Serve in many ways!... Communion Servers, Reader, Ushers, and Projectionist.

For the above opportunities & many others sign up at the Connecting Point table or on your phone or computer at <http://2.firstlu.org/volunteer>