

READINGS

For Sunday, Sept. 27

Jacob Wrestles with God, Genesis 32:22-30
Pew Bible: p. 26, Spark Bible: p. 37

For Wednesday, Sept. 30

Another Exorcist, Mark 9:38-50
Pew Bible: p. 821, Spark Bible: p. 1112

PRAYERS & CARE

Hospital: Joan Nedrelo
Home: Betty MacEwen, Howard Anderson,
Don Hickok
Sympathy to the family & friends of Alice Dempsey
*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; Nursery Attendant: Crystal Miller;
Bread Baker: Jamie Hanson; Treat Providers: Rob Kranig, Lowell & Mary Meier, Kristen Dall-Winther, Carley and Jared Schaffner; Coffee Server: Mary Uchytel

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27, 8:00am

Acolytes: Hunter & Brenden Robison; Communion Servers: Katy Wood, Peggy Daleki; Reader: Mary Every; Ushers: Mike & Jody Olson; Puppet Volunteers: Nicole Garbers, Becky Runde; Projectionist: Andrew Stutesman

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27, 10:30am

Acolytes: McKenna & Cole Everson; Communion Server: Aaron McDonald; Reader: Sue Thinnies; Usher: Gloria Kubiak; Puppet Volunteer: Kellie Reitzel ; Projectionist: Renee Thies

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30, 6:15pm

Communion Server: Beverly DiNicola; Reader: Beverly DiNicola; Usher: Joshua Beach, Joshua Peyer; Nursery Attendant: Madalyn Olson; Projectionist: Brian Wittkop

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
SUN., SEPT. 27 & WED., SEPT. 30

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 Connecting Point table 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!**

COMMUNION CARDS

"Holy Communion" cards help the staff keep in touch with the needs of members and visitors alike. **Please fill out a communion 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!

PREPARING OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Please consider using your time in the sanctuary before worship as a time of personal preparation for an encounter with God. Our musicians seek to create a prayerful time and space meant to assist in your preparation. Conversation is, of course, an essential part of our fellowship that deserves its own time and space. Our entry area (narthex) is perfect for those conversations before and after worship services.

NEW-MEMBER
SESSIONS

First Lutheran welcomes all people to participate in Christ's mission through our ministries, worship and programs, whether you are a member or not. Membership does, however, benefit our congregation. If you're a member, we know your contact information, can more easily provide you with ministry opportunities and invite you to offer your gifts to the rest of this family of faith. The next new member session will be **11:45am THIS Sunday, Sept. 27,** with new member Sunday on Oct. 4. Children are welcome to be present. If you are interested in attending the session, simply speak with a pastor after worship.

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!

Flowers in the sanctuary are in honor of
Gaylord Dolphin's 80th birthday,
from his family



Wedding blessings are extended to
**Samantha Thoma &
Alex McCullough**



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 October, so that we have time to prepare our worship calendar and create reminders. Adults and youth are welcome and can serve in many ways:

- Acolytes
- Coffee servers
- Communion servers
- Nursery attendants
- Puppet volunteers
- Ushers
- Treat providers

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

Little LEAPs

This group is for parents/guardians and their children ages birth to 3 years old, **and meets the last Sunday, at 9:15am in room 102.** We sing, dance, play, and pray together to learn ways to raise our little Christians in the home. We have time with the kids and time with just the adults. During the adult time, we have volunteers come in and play with our children as we talk. We welcome newcomers all the time—join us! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer who helps our children during adult time, please contact Carla Stanton, carla@firstlu.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Sunday, September 27

- 9:15am: Sunday School classes
- 9:15am: 3rd Grade Faith Building Block: Bibles, in sanctuary (3rd meeting, child with parents/guardians)

Sunday, October 4

- 9:15am: Sunday School classes

USHER TRAINING

Usher training sessions will be offered four times in the coming months; pick a Sunday to learn more about how you, and even your entire family, can serve in this way! **Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11 all from 9:30–10am, in the sacristy (the room behind the fellowship hall).** Sign up online or at the Connecting Point table, or just attend today's session! Walk-ins welcome!

YOUTH PRAISE BAND

Rehearsing **Sundays in the sanctuary at 11:45am.** All young people who want to play or sing in a praise band are encouraged to attend!

CLOTHES CLOSET SEASONAL SWITCHEROO

Later this month, youth and adult volunteers will be needed to assist in switching inventory from summer to winter clothing. Both youth and adults are need; shifts are **after the 10:30 service on Sept. 27, Oct. 4 or Oct. 11.** Pizza will be provided for those who help.

URGENT NEEDS FOR CLOTHES CLOSET

The First Teen Clothes Closet is changing seasons and growing. We are seeking sturdy, retail-strength clothing racks, plastic clothes hangers, peg board and hooks to be used in reorganizing for fall season. If you have any of these items you could donate, contact Sara

Larkin at [608.781.0745](tel:608.781.0745) / closet@firstlu.org. Also needed ASAP are homecoming dresses in all sizes. These can be dropped off in the entryway donation cart. Thank you for helping support area teens!

SUNSHINE BOYS

The Sunshine Boys serve at First on the first Thursday of each month; the next meeting will be **Thur., October 1, at 9am.** The Sunshine Boys are an informal group that performs a variety of necessary tasks around the church; such as grounds clean-up, minor repairs, and other small jobs. Rolls and coffee are supplied to replenish your reserves! Dues are free! Contact Mike, our custodian, with any questions: mike@firstlu.org.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

A baptism preparation session will be held **Saturday, Oct. 3, at 10am** in the narthex for anyone who is considering or has scheduled a baptism. To register or ask any questions, please contact the church office: [608.783.2236](tel:608.783.2236) / office@firstlu.org.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: WEEK OF OCT. 4

There will be a special congregational meeting the **week of October 4** immediately following each Sunday & Wednesday worship service. The single agenda item will be the election of new Vision & Leadership Team members. Please attend this brief, but important meeting.

THIS WEEK: Sept. 27–Oct. 4

SUN 27

8:00am Worship

9:15am 6th & 7th Gr Confirmation Bible Class
9:15am Entering Middle School Milestone - FH
9:15am HS Between Services - House
9:15am Little Leaps - Rm 102
9:15am Parent Share - Upper Rm
9:15am 3rd Grd Faith Building Block: Bibles
9:15am Sunday School
9:30am Usher Training - Sacristy

10:30am Worship

11:30am Clothes Closet Seasonal Switcheroo
11:45am New Members Session
11:45am Youth Praise Band Rehearsal - SN
11:45am Projection Leaders Training - SN
6:30pm High School Youth Grp - FH

MON 28

6:30pm Photography Class - FH
7:00pm High School Movie Night - House
7:00pm AA - FS

TUES 29

7:30am Women's Small Group - House
9:00am Quilters - FS
9:00am Newsletter Assembly - NX
9:30am Staff Mtg
5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

WED 30

6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - House
6:30am Coffee with Pastor Karyn - Panera
5:00pm The Trinity (Confirmation Class) - FS
5:15pm Knitters - NX

6:15pm Worship

7:00pm 8th & 9th Gr Small Groups
7:00pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - SN
9:00am Sunshine Boys
6:00pm Stephen Ministry Cls - Mary Rm
6:15pm Brene Brown Small Grp - FH
6:15pm NarAnon - FS

FRI 2

SAT 3

SUN 4

7:00pm AA - FH
10:00am Baptismal Preparation - NX

8:00am Worship

9:15am 6th & 7th Gr Confirmation Bible Class
9:15am HS Between Services - House
9:15am Parent Share - Upper Rm
9:15am The Story Small Group - Mary Rm
9:15am Sunday School
9:30am Projection Leaders Training - SN
9:30am Usher Training - Sacristy
10:30am Worship
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6:30pm High School Youth Grp - FH

ROOM KEY:

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