

READINGS

For Sunday, Dec. 13

Rebuilding the Temple, Ezra 1:1-4, 3:1-4, 10-13  
*Pew Bible: p. 366, Spark Bible: p. 504*

For Wednesday, Dec. 16

The Proclamation of John the Baptist, Luke 3:7-18  
*Pew Bible: p. 834, Spark Bible: p. 1132*

PRAYERS & CARE

Hospital: Merrill Herder  
Home: Don Hickok, Howard Anderson,  
Carolyn Skogen  
Sympathy to the family & friends of Elmer Kramer,  
husband of Alice Kramer  
Global Missionary: Aliyah Richling, serving in Hungary  
*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.

SERVING:

Pastor Jason Stanton, Pastor Karyn Bodenschatz  
Organist: Gabe Hicks; Nursery Attendant: Crystal Miller;  
Bread Baker: Lori Lunney; Treat Providers: Tim & Jan  
Wells, Bethany & Ryan Girtler, Kirk and Beth Moon,  
Nathan & Katie Olson; Coffee Servers: Donna Snider,  
Jessica Cowburn, Merrill & Judy Wachter

SUNDAY, DEC. 13, 8:00am

Acolyte: Gavin Southworth; Communion Servers: Tami  
Tookey, Larry Schreiner; Reader: Tami Tookey; Ushers:  
Kathleen & Jeffrey Monroe-Olson, Phyllis Bey, Dorothy  
Every; Puppet Volunteer: Nicole Garbers; Projectionist:  
Rob Kranig

SUNDAY, DEC. 13, 10:30am

Acolyte: Hanna O'Rourke; Communion Servers: Gloria  
Kubiak, Todd Lofald; Reader: Nancy Beguin; Ushers:  
Suzanne & Gene Alberts, Bob Dean, Gloria Kubiak;  
Nursery: Tori Schmidt; Puppet Volunteers: Mary Ann  
Redfeam, Sophia Stanton; Projectionist: Doug Shupe

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16, 6:15pm

Ushers: Alana Havenstrite, Natalie & Ally Ecklund,  
Sonja Kleven; Nursery Attendant: Madalyn Olson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR  
SUN., DEC. 13 & WED., DEC. 16

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.**

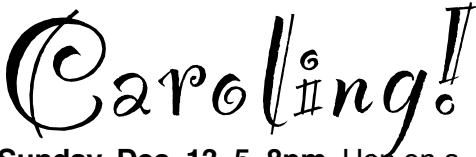
We hope you can make time to stop at the Connecting  
Point table in the front entry where we have a gift for  
you. It's also a great place to ask questions, gather  
information and share ways that we may keep in  
touch with you. **We're glad you're here!**

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.



**Sunday, Dec. 13, 5–8pm.** Hop on a  
bus and take a ride around Onalaska  
to visit and carol to those who need  
extra Christmas cheer! Join us after  
the singing for a potluck dinner back  
at the church. The bus leaves at 5pm  
sharp! Last minute carolers welcome!

CHRISTMAS GIVING  
TREE GIFTS DUE BACK  
**THIS SUNDAY, DEC. 13**

Please make certain to bring your wrapped  
gifts to the church **THIS Sun., Dec. 13.** If  
you purchase gift cards, please wrap them  
in a box. Contact Kathryn at 608.783.2236  
or kathryn@firstlu.org if have questions.

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!

*Baptismal blessings are extended to  
**Kaitlyn Sue Bell**  
daughter of Steven & Melissa Bell*



*Flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of  
**Doyle Lombard**  
from Carroll Lombard & family*



# SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

## Sunday, December 13: Rehearsal

- K–5th graders will have dress rehearsal in the sanctuary, there will be no class this day, so parents can drop off and pick up in the sanctuary.
- 3- & 4-year olds and kindergarteners will have opening in their usual location.

## Sunday, December 20

- Sunday school as usual. Opening, followed by class in usual rooms.

New registrations welcome any time of the year. Contact Sunday School superintendents Sheri Betz and Tawni O'Rourke at [sundayschool@firstlu.org](mailto:sundayschool@firstlu.org) or stop in the Sunday School office in room 206.

# HS GAME NIGHT!

Come join in a fun night of fellowship and games. This is a once a month get-together for those high school game nerds out there! Bring your own favorite games to share with the group! **Tuesday, December 15 @ 7–8:30**

# SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

It is a wonderful time of year and a great way for our kids to spread their Christmas joy! The Sunday School Christmas worship will take place **during the 6:15pm worship service, on Wednesday, December 16.** ALL kids should arrive by 6pm.

- 3 and 4 year olds should report to their normal opening room (105)
- K–5th should report to the choir room

Parents can pick all children up in their opening rooms after worship. There will be refreshments in the Narthex following worship.



On **Wed., Dec. 16**, the OWLs, a group for those 55+, will have their December Potluck **at noon in the narthex.** Questions? Contact Brian Narveson at [owls@firstlu.org](mailto:owls@firstlu.org).



# PIES FUNDRAISER

Perkins pies on sale now **until Wed., Dec. 16, at the scrip table!** Youth selling pies should pick up an order form from Tina, or stop in the office. Youth just take orders—no money is collected! Those who purchase pies pick up and pay for them at the Perkins in Onalaska.

# MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTIES!

Middle & high school youth: get your holiday festing started early! Classic holiday movies will play in the background, eat lots of holiday cookies & treats, and bring a white elephant gift that is under \$10 *and as unusual as possible!* The MS Christmas party is **Sat., Dec. 19**, and the HS Christmas party is **Sun., Dec. 20, both 5:30–8:30pm** in the fellowship hall. Bring your friends!

# BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS!

Everyone is invited to attend the Birthday Party for Jesus in the fellowship hall **from 9:15–10:15am on Sun., Dec. 27.** This event replaces “usual” Sunday school.

# FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

We all need a plan for our money. Dave Ramsey’s class will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! This is a nine week course that **starts Sunday, January 3, from 6-7:30pm!** A supervised nursery is available during class time for children age 4 and younger—you need to call the church office at 608.783.2236 to let us know how many children you plan to bring to the nursery. Thanks!

# NEEDED: GLIDER ROCKER

After long use, the glider rockers in our nursery are in need of replacement. We have already received one donation; we just need one more. Contact our custodian Mike Peper regarding the donation: [mike@firstlu.org](mailto:mike@firstlu.org)

# CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS

**Needs include: sweatshirts and hoodies, winter boots and toiletries.** Monetary donations to purchase undergarments, pajamas and healthy snacks to have available for our clients and their families are also welcome. **Volunteers are also needed to help host appointments with clients;** contact Bridget Crave: [bridget@firstlu.org](mailto:bridget@firstlu.org).

# THIS WEEK: Dec. 13–20

SUN 13	CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE GIFTS DUE <b>8:00am Worship</b> 9:15am Lord's Prayer Confirmation Cls - TR 9:15am Holy Communion Instruction - FH 9:15am Parent Share - Upper Rm 9:15am The Story Small Group - Mary Rm 9:15am Sun School & 6/7th Gr Confirmation <b>10:30am Worship</b> 11:45am Youth Praise Band Rehearsal - SN 5:00pm Caroling
MON 14	1:00pm Elizabeth Circle - Bev Fuhrman's home 6:00pm Faith & Movies Confirmation Cls - FH 7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 15	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 9:00am Quilters - FS 9:00am Naomi's Circle 9:30am Staff Mtg 5:15pm Personnel Team Mtg 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Mtg - Mary Rm 6:30pm Vision & Leadership Team Mtg - FS 7:00pm HS Game Night - House
WED 16	NO CONFIRMATION SMALL GROUPS 6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - House 6:30am Coffee with Pastor Karyn - Panera 12:00pm OWLs Potluck - NX 5:15pm Knitters - NX <b>6:15pm Worship &amp; Christmas Program</b> 7:00pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - SN
THUR 17	10:00am Deborah's Circle - NX 6:15pm Brene Brown Small Grp - FH 6:15pm NarAnon - FS
FRI 18	7:00pm AA - FS
SAT 19	5:30pm Middle School Christmas Party - FH
SUN 20	<b>8:00am Worship</b> 9:15am Lord's Prayer A - TR 9:15am Parent Share - Upper Rm 9:15am The Story Small Group - Mary Rm 9:15am Sun School & 6/7th Gr Confirmation <b>10:30am Worship</b> 11:45am Youth Praise Band Rehearsal - SN 5:30pm High School Christmas Party - FH

## ROOM KEY:

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

For more info, visit our website at [www.FirstLutheranOnalaska.org](http://www.FirstLutheranOnalaska.org)