

# READINGS

## For Sunday, Feb. 21

Bartimaeus Healed, Mark 10:32-52  
*Pew Bible: 823, Spark Bible: 1114*

## For Wednesday, Feb. 24

The Lord Shall Provide, Matthew 14:13-21  
*Pew Bible: 827 Spark Bible: 1120*

# PRAYERS & CARE

Global Missionary: Aliyah Richling, serving in Hungary  
Military: Jack Vilim, serving in Turkey  
*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: Alyssa Anderson; Treat Providers: Lori Lunney, Darylann Williams, Pam Key, Bethany & Ryan Girtler; Coffee Servers: Lowell & Mary Meier

### SUNDAY, FEB. 21, 8:00am

Communion Servers: Jennifer Wiesjahn, Glen Vilim;  
Reader: Mark Davidson; Ushers: Kathleen & Katie Olson, Harry & Vicky Helfrich; Puppet Volunteers: Becky Runde; Projectionist: Larry Schreiner

### SUNDAY, FEB. 21, 10:30am

Acolytes: Lexi & Kenzie Miller; Communion Server: Shaun Gibbs; Reader: Jill Hanson; Ushers: Suzanne & Nathan Alberts, Ken & Sue Brekke; Puppet Volunteers: Jerad McHenry; Projectionist: Doug Shupe

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24, 11:00am

Reader: Peggy Daleki

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24, 6:15pm

Reader: Beverly DiNicola; Ushers: Austin Larson, Nick Pica; Nursery Attendant: Deb Eckert

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUN., FEB. 21 & WED., FEB. 24

### 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!**

### 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.

## SERMON NOTES & AUDIO

Sermon notes are available from ushers during worship; they are also available online, along with the sermon audio, at firstlu.org/sermons. Sermon notes are meant to be used...

- During worship to write down things you hear that surprise, shock, or otherwise strike a chord with you.
- At home, to think about what you heard during the sermon and what it means to you, in your life, right now.
- In small groups, to share your thoughts and to listen to others talk about how they heard the sermon and were moved by it.

## SERVE @ 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 March, 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 helpers
- Puppet volunteers
- Ushers

**Sign up today at the Welcome Center** and see Kathryn Pedretti, our Director of Servant Ministries, with any 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!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

**Sunday, February 21**

- 4th Grd Faith Building Block: Apostle's Creed, lifted up in worship
- 9:15am Sunday School classes
- 3- & 4-year olds sing at 10:30am worship

**Sunday, February 28**

- 9:15am Sunday School classes

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.

# PRIVILEGE WHAT IS IT AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

**Thursday, February 25, 6–8:30pm at English Lutheran Church, 1509 King Street, La Crosse.** Join community activist and educator Sam Scinta for an interactive conversation about privilege, its historical basis and its presence in society today. Through this informative session, consciousness and awareness of the topic will be developed in a supportive and constructive environment. We will examine privilege in the context of race, as well as socio-economic differences and other factors. Please call 608.788.5000 or email the synod at [office@lacrosseareasynod.org](mailto:office@lacrosseareasynod.org) to let them know you plan to attend. Space is limited to 20 people at each session.

## NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY

It's a relaxing way to volunteer! **Friday, February 26, at 9am**, to assemble the March newsletter. See you there!



The OWLs, a group for those 55+, will fly to see "Singing in the Rain" at the UW-La Crosse theatre, leaving church at **4:30pm on Friday, February 26**. The evening will include dinner before the musical at the Waterfront. RSVP to Brian Narveson by Monday night, Feb. 22: [owls@firstlu.org](mailto:owls@firstlu.org) or 608.526.9700. Cost: \$16, dinner on your own.

## HS MOVIE NIGHT

Are you a movie buff? High schoolers, come teach Tina your ways! We will get together once a month to watch a movie and discuss after. Bring popcorn to share! **Saturday, February 27, 6–8pm, at the house.**

## SUGAR CREEK WINTER FUN DAY!

This is a middle school, high school and Young Youth family event!! On **Sunday, February 28** at Sugar Creek. We will leave after church (second service) and return around 6pm. Come for an afternoon of snow tubing, broom ball, snow shoeing, wagon rides and more!! They have tubes, snow shoes, broom ball equipment, warm drinks, good food (dinner is included) and a toasty fire ready for you! Bring your cross country skis and/or ice skates. Cost is \$5/person. Young Youth RSVP to [katie@firstlu.org](mailto:katie@firstlu.org). Middle and high school RSVP to [tina@firstlu.org](mailto:tina@firstlu.org).

## DRIVERS NEEDED

The Senior Dining Site in Onalaska, a program of the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Western Wisconsin, needs volunteer drivers to deliver noon-time meals to homebound people who are 60 and older. Deliveries are made on weekdays. Each route takes about 2 1/2 hours. Volunteers do not have to drive every day. If you can help, call Jeanine at 608.789.7829 between 8am and noon, Monday–Friday.

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**March 6, 9:30–11am**, at English Lutheran, 1509 King St., La Crosse. \$5 brunch. RSVP to Kathy by Feb. 29: 608.787.0456.

## BLOOD DRIVE

**Tuesday, March 8, 12:30-5:30pm**, in the fellowship hall. Every day ordinary people are saved by some pretty extraordinary people. People who give blood. Your donation could be the most valuable gift you ever give. Just ask anyone who's ever received. To schedule your appointment go to [www.bcw.edu/](http://www.bcw.edu/) firstluthona. Please bring a photo ID.

## PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Join us for our open house on **Thursday, March 10, from 4:30-5:30pm**. Meet the teachers and check out the classrooms!

## THIS WEEK: Feb. 21–28

SUN 21	3- & 4-year olds sing at 10:30am worship 4th Grd Faith Building Block: Apostle's Creed, lifted up in worship <b>8:00am Worship</b> 9:15am Social Media & Faith - FH 9:15am Lent Small Group - Rm 205 w/ Beth Miller 9:15am Parent Share - UR 9:15am The Story Small Group - MR 9:15am Sun School & 6/7th Gr Confirmation <b>10:30am Worship</b> 11:30am Parent Info Mtg: Puerto Rico Mission Trip - FH 11:45am Lent Small Group - UR w/ Shaz Kjos 12:00pm MLK Legacy Confirmation Cls - FS 6:00pm Financial Peace - FH 6:30pm High School Youth Group - MR
MON 22	Confirmation Chicago Trip 7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 23	9:00am Quilters - FS 9:30am Staff Mtg 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
WED 24	6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - House 6:30am Coffee with Pastor Karyn - Panera <b>11:00am Worship</b> 11:45am Light Lent Lunch - NX 5:00pm Apostle's Creed B - FS 5:00pm Women of the Bible - Rm 207 5:00pm Lent Supper - FH 5:15pm Knitters - Upper Rm <b>6:15pm Worship</b> 7:00pm 8th & 9th Gr Small Groups 7:00pm Lent Small Group - UR w/ Bev DiNicola 7:00pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - SN
THUR 25	9:30am Lent Small Group - Julie Moseng home 6:00pm Privilege: What is it and Why does it Matter? - English Lutheran 6:00pm Gifts of Imperfection Small Grp - FH
FRI 26	9:00am Newsletter Assembly - NX 4:30pm OWLs fly to see "Singing in the Rain" 7:00pm AA - FS
SAT 27	9:00am Wedding Workshop 6:00pm High School Movie Night - House
SUN 28	<b>8:00am Worship</b> 9:15am Lent Small Group - Rm 205 w/ Beth Miller 9:15am Little Leaps - Rm 102 9:15am Parent Share - UR 9:15am The Story Small Group - MR 9:15am Sun School & 6/7th Gr Confirmation <b>10:30am Worship</b> 11:45am Sugar Creek Winter Fun Day 11:45am Lent Small Group - UR w/ Shaz Kjos 6:00pm Financial Peace - FH 6:30pm First High School Youth Group - MR

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

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