

READINGS

For Sunday, Mar. 6

Great Commandment, Mark 12:28-44  
Pew Bible: 825, Spark Bible: 1117

For Wednesday, Mar. 9

Blest Be the Tie that Binds! Acts 2: 37-42, 46  
Pew Bible: 886, Spark Bible: 1205

PRAYERS & CARE

Home: Gary Green, Jerry Amundson,  
Wanda Hougom  
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: Darylann Williams; Treat Providers: Ellis  
& Judy Stetzer, Shirley Sacia, Cathy & Jim Berge,  
Maureen Smith; Coffee Servers: the Shupe family

SUNDAY, MAR. 6, 8:00am

Communion Servers: Jennifer Wiesjahn; Reader: Karen  
Meier; Ushers: Phyllis Bey, Patty Shepard; Projectionist:  
Larry Schreiner

SUNDAY, MAR. 6, 10:30am

Acolytes: McKenna & Cole Everson; Communion  
Servers: Tami Tooke, Todd Lofald; Reader: Sharon  
Kjos; Ushers: Eileen Upton, Greta Moseng; Puppet  
Volunteers: Julie & Randy Moseng

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 9, 11:00am

Reader: Sharon Kjos

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 9, 6:15pm

Reader: Judy Johnson; Usher: Austin Larson, Nick Pica;  
Nursery Attendant: Deb Eckert

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR  
SUN., MAR. 6 & WED., MAR. 9

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!**

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!

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.

SPECIAL GUEST:  
DAVID LARSEN

This Sunday we extend a warm welcome  
to the Rev. David Larsen, President & CEO  
of Lutheran Social Services; he will be  
joining the pastors in worship today and  
delivering today's message about the work  
being done by Lutheran Social Services.

MISSION TRIP MEETINGS

Cortez, CO mission trip meeting  
for parents and kids, **Sunday, March  
6, 11:45am**, following second service

Quad Cities mission trip meeting  
for parents and kids, **Sunday, March  
13, 11:45am**, following second service

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  
**Max Daniel Stevens & Ava Lee Stevens,**  
son & daughter of Chuck & Nicole Stevens



# SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

## Sunday, March 6

- 9:15am Sunday School classes
- 9:15am 5th Grd Faith Building Block: Communion (NOTE: 1st meeting is parents/guardians WITH child; this has changed since last week's mailing)

## Sunday, March 13

- 9:15am Sunday School classes
- 9:15am 5th Grd Faith Building Block: Communion (2nd meeting, child with parents/guardians)

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

# 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/firstluthona](http://www.bcw.edu/firstluthona). Please bring a photo ID.



The OWLs, a group for those 55+, fly to Wabasha on **Wednesday, March 9**, to see Lark Toys, the National Eagle Center, and enjoy lunch at Stacy's Kitchen. **Meet at the church at 9am.** RSVP to Brian by Tuesday, March 8: [owls@firstlu.org](mailto:owls@firstlu.org) or 608.526.9700. The OWLs' next potluck will be **Wednesday, March 16, at noon in the narthex.** We will again provide lunch for mid-day Lenten worshippers, so bring extra to share.

# PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION

Join us for our open house on **Thursday, March 10, from 4:30-5:30pm.** Meet the teachers and check out the classrooms! Preschool registration is **March 14 from 9:30-noon** for church members and 10:30am-noon for the community.

# PEER MINISTRY LOCK-IN

**Friday, March 11, 9pm through Saturday morning, 7:30am**

# DRAWING FROM THE WELL

First Lutheran invites all women to participate in this discipline, where we will explore the idea of wellness, exploring an aspect of the ELCA's wellness wheel at each meeting. They meet on the second Saturday of the month, **from 8:30am-1:30pm.** Next retreat: **Sat., March 12;** the focus will be on vocational wellness. Contact Pastor Karyn for more info: [karyn@firstlu.org](mailto:karyn@firstlu.org).

# CANDY SALE

First Lutheran Women will sell the last of the nuts and candies in the narthex on **Sunday, March 13.** Buy a sweet treat for Easter and help fund new flooring in Fellowship Hall.

# MISSION INTERPRETER WORKSHOP/TRAINING DAY

**Sat, March 19, 9am-1pm**, at the synod office, 2301 South Ave, La Crosse. To register or ask questions contact Cindy Berg: [billandcindyb@gmail.com](mailto:billandcindyb@gmail.com) / 608.788.7645.

# TEEN CLOTHES CLOSET AND PROM

With prom season quickly approaching, First Lutheran's Teen Clothes Closet is accepting

donations of prom dresses. If you do not want to drop them off in the entry donation basket, please contact Lori Lunney at 608.769.6790 or Bridget Crave at 608.790.7432 to arrange to drop dresses off with them. Also, please let girls or families who know who may be unable to afford a prom dress any other way about the Clothes Closet. Appointments can be made by calling the church office at 608.783.2236.

Other current needs at the closet include boys' jeans in all sizes, but especially 32x34 and 32x36; girls' leggings; jewelry and purses.

# PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

**March 20, 9-10:30am.** Anyone going on a trip/camp this summer can help work to raise money. Sign up to work & donate food at the Welcome Center and at [firstlu.org/palmsun](http://firstlu.org/palmsun).

# COME FOR SUPPER

First Lutheran is assisting with Come for Supper on **Tuesday, March 22**, at Our Savior's in La Crosse. First Lutheran will help with food donations and volunteering to serve and clean up. The sign-up sheets are at the Welcome Center. Call Gloria Kubiak if you have questions, 608.498.2762.

# MABEL ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP

Application forms are available at [firstlu.org/scholarship](http://firstlu.org/scholarship), and at the Welcome Center in the narthex.

# THIS WEEK: Mar. 6-13

SUN 6	<b>8:00am Worship</b> 9:15am Lent Small Group - Rm 205 w/ Beth Miller 9:15am Parent Share - UR 9:15am The Story Small Group - MR 9:15am 5th Grd Faith Building Block: Communion (NOTE: 1st Mtg, child WITH parents/guardians) 9:15am Sun School & 6/7th Gr Confirmation <b>10:30am Worship</b> 11:45am Lent Small Group - UR w/ Shaz Kjos 11:45am Cortez, CO Mission Trip Mtg - FH 3:00pm Walk for Water Mtg - FH 6:00pm Financial Peace - FH 6:30pm First HS Youth Group - MR 7:00pm Holy Week Creative Team - FH 7:00pm AA - FS
MON 7	9:00am Quilters - FS 9:30am Staff Mtg 12:30pm Blood Drive - FH 1:00pm Dorcas Circle - UR 3:30pm Worship & Music Team - NX 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm Community Dinner at United Methodist Church
TUES 8	6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - House 6:30am Coffee with Pastor Karyn - Panera 9:00am OWLs Fly to Wabasha <b>11:00am Worship</b> 11:45am Light Lent Lunch - NX 12:00pm Finance Team Mtg 5:00pm Apostle's Creed B - FS 5:00pm Lent Supper - FH 5:15pm Knitters - UR <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 8:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal
THUR 10	9:30am Lent Small Group - Julie Moseng home 4:30pm Preschool Open House 6:00pm Gifts of Imperfection Small Grp - FH
FRI 11	7:00pm AA - FS 9:00pm Peer Ministry Lock-in
SAT 12	8:30am Drawing from the Well Group - FS
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CR = Choir Room      FH = Fellowship Hall      FS = Fireside Room  
MR = Mary Room      NX = Narthex      SN = Sanctuary  
TR = Thomas Room      UR = Upper Room