

READINGS

For Sunday, May 1

Faith, Hope & Love, 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13
Pew Bible: 934, Spark Bible: 1271

For Wednesday, May 4

The Promise of the Holy Spirit, John 14: 23-29
or John 5: 1-9
Pew Bible: 877 or 866, Spark Bible: 1192 or 1176

PRAYERS & CARE

Global Missionary: Aliyah Richling, serving in Hungary
Military: Jack Vilim, serving in Turkey; Matthew & Kellie Schreiner, serving in Japan

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: Ava Wickstrom; Treat Providers: Kristen Dall-Winther

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 8:00am

Acolytes: Gavin Southworth; Communion Servers: Bridget Crave, Glen Vilim; Reader: Bridget Crave; Ushers: Alyssa Anderson; Projection Leader: Steve Klingemann

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 10:30am

Acolytes: Alex & Kasey Gibbs; Communion Servers: Laura Munson, Todd Lofald; Reader: Lori Lunney; Ushers: Ed & Barb Burrell; Puppet Volunteers: Jerad McHenry; Projection Leader: Renee Thies

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 6:15pm

Communion Server: Glen Vilim; Reader: Sandi Thompson-Melby; Usher: McKenzie Marcon, Tommy Duren; Nursery Attendant: Deb Eckert; Projection Leader: Brian Wittkop

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
SUN., MAY 1 & WED., MAY 4

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.

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. **The next new-member session is Sunday, May 1, with new-member Sunday on May 8.** The session begins at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Prayer Walk Week

The week of May 1–7 families, friends, small groups, confirmation small groups and Sunday school classes have the opportunity to pray for neighborhoods, schools, playgrounds, businesses and our whole community. Make this a special time with family and friends. We encourage you to join us in our prayer walk and watch the power of God work in our community. Sign up at 1stlu.org/prayerwalk.

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!

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

- Sunday, May 1**
- 9:15am 4 Yr Old Faith Building Block: The Keys (2nd meeting, parents and children)
 - 9:15am Sunday School
- Sunday, May 8**
- 9:15am 4 Yr Old Faith Building Block: The Keys (3rd meeting, parents and children)
 - 9:15am Sunday School

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.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED:
MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY**

May 6, 9:30–11am, at First Congregational Church, 2503 Main St, Onalaska.
\$5 brunch. RSVP to Mary by May 2: 608.782.7013. Least coin offering.

**PROVIDE A CHAIR
AT THE TABLE!**

All year we have been talking about how God shows up when we *Come to the Table*. As we renovate the Fellowship Hall, where milestones, meals and more happen, we

need new chairs to safely rest upon our new floor. Please consider making a special gift to the Fellowship Hall Fund. A quality banquet chair costs about \$75, but gifts of all sizes are, of course, welcome. Thank you for providing a “Chair at the Table.”

NURSERY ATTENDANT

First Lutheran Church, Onalaska, is seeking a part-time nursery attendant for kids younger than 5. Times might include Sunday mornings, but would mostly be for occasional evenings. Call 608.783.2236 for more information.

LWR THANKS!

Together during Lent we collected enough towels, combs, toothbrushes and more to create 400 health kits! A big thanks to Merrill & Judy Wachter for delivering the boxes of kits to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in the Twin Cities!

CLOTHES CLOSET

With the changing seasons, the First Teen Clothes Closet is getting ready for summer. We welcome donations of shorts, short-sleeved shirts, sandals, and swimwear; there is also still a need for boys’ jeans, particularly in the 32x34 and 32x36 sizes, and for girls’ leggings. **Please hold on to your winter items until the fall,** as we have limited space for storing out of season clothing. Watch for new social media accounts specifically for the Clothes Closet, then share them with your network!

WELCOME BASKETS

The Welcome Basket Team is looking for your help. We would like to include in our baskets items from our congregation. We would also like to include area business coupons, business cards or other small promotional items. If you have a business you would like

to promote in our Welcome Basket or an item you would like to donate, please let Kathryn know. For more information, all 608.783.2236 or e-mail at kathryn@firstlu.org.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

Volunteers play an important role in making the annual Synod Assembly go smoothly. This year, Synod Assembly is June 10-12 at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Needed volunteers include people who play trumpet and trombone to assist with worship. Volunteers get free room and board. For more information, contact Betty Sacia at 608-526-3506 or brsacia@yahoo.com

**YOUNG YOUTH TRIP TO
WISCONSIN DELLS**

On **Tuesday, June 14, 9am–7pm,** the Young Youth will go to Noah’s Ark in Wisconsin Dells. Though this is a youth event, it will be more like a family outing. If you’re coming, RSVP to katie@firstlu.org. Youths who want to come but don’t have an adult family member to accompany them may contact katie@firstlu.org.

YY EXPLORER DAY

On **Tuesday, July 12,** the Young Youth will go to Sugar Creek for a one-day adventure. There will be games, nature time, crafts, swimming, a pony ride, Bible study and singing. The cost of \$20 per camper includes lunch and a snack. We will meet at the church at 7:40am and return between 4:30pm and 5pm. RSVP to katie@firstlu.org.

THIS WEEK: May 1–8		
SUN 1	PRAYER WALK WEEK BEGINS 8:00am Worship 9:15am Commandments B - TR 9:15am Parent Share - UR 9:15am The Story Small Group - MR 9:15am 4 Yr Old Faith Building Block: The Keys (2nd Mtg, child w/ parents/guardians) 9:15am Sun School & 6/7th Gr Confirmation 10:30am Worship 11:45am New-Member Session 11:45am Women of the House 3:00pm Preschool Springfest - SN & NX 6:00pm Overcoming Obstacles - FS or NX 6:30pm First High School Youth Group - MR 6:30pm Knowing Me, Knowing Them Small Grp - FH	
MON 2	7:00pm AA - FS	
TUES 3	9:00am Quilters - FS 1:30pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Mtg - MR	
WED 4	6:00am Courageous Men’s Bible Study - House 6:30am Coffee with Pastor Karyn - Panera 8:30am First Teen Clothes Closet Mtg 5:00pm Lord’s Prayer B - FS 5:15pm Knitters - UR 6:15pm Worship 6:30pm Peer Ministry - MR & House 7:00pm 8th & 9th Gr Small Groups 7:00pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - SN 8:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	
THUR 5	9:00am Sunshine Boys	
FRI 6	7:00pm AA - FH	
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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