

READINGS

For Sunday, July 31

Job is Humbled & Satisfied, Job 38:25-27, 41:1-8;42:1-5
Pew Bible: 421, Spark Bible: 577

For Wednesday, Aug. 3

The Parable of the Rich Fool, Luke 12:13-21
Pew Bible: 847, Spark Bible: 1149

PRAYERS & CARE

For the 5 chaperons and 20 high school students who left Sunday morning to serve in Mingo County, West Virginia.
Military: 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.

SERVING:

Pastor Jason Stanton, Pastor Karyn Bodenschatz
Organist: Gabe Hicks; Nursery Attendant: Crystal Miller;
Bread Baker: Alex Franzini; Treat Providers: Lyn & Sara Larkin

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 8:00am

Communion Servers: Bridget Crave & Glen Vilim;
Reader: Bridget Crave; Usher: Katy Wood; Projection Leader: Rob Kranig

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 10:30am

Communion Server: Shaun Gibbs; Reader: Sharon Kjos; Projection Leader: Jerad McHenry

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3, 6:15pm

Ushers: Dorothy Every, Cali Oberweiser; Nursery Attendant: Deb Eckert

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
SUN., JULY 31 & WED., AUG. 3

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 COLLECTION
FOR WORLD HUNGER

There will be a special collection during worship on **Sunday, July 31**, and on **Wednesday, Aug. 3**, for ELCA World Hunger.



Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty worldwide.

Little LEAPs

This group is for children ages birth to 3 years old and their parents/guardians. **We meet the last Sunday of the month, 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 **today, July 31!**

BAPTISMAL
PREPARATION

A baptism preparation session will be **Saturday, August 6, at 10am** in the narthex for anyone who is considering or has scheduled a baptism. To register or ask questions, contact the church office: 608.783.2236 / office@firstlu.org.

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!

SUNSHINE BOYS

The Sunshine Boys serve at First on the first Thursday of each month; the next meeting will be **Thursday, August 4, at 9am**. The Sunshine Boys are an informal group that performs a variety of tasks around the church, such as grounds clean-up and minor repairs. Rolls and coffee are supplied, and there are no dues! Contact Mike, our custodian, with any questions: mike@firstlu.org.

NEEDED: COOKIES!

We need chocolate chip cookies and brownies (no nuts, please) for Vacation Bible School dinners next week. VBS runs from **Sunday, August 7, through Thursday, August 11**. Questions? Contact Mary Ann Redfearn at 608.386.1282 or the church office.

FAITH ALIVE CREATIVE CIRCLE

Exercising our creative muscles and gathering with other people have all sorts of health benefits and are good for individuals and communities, so we are bringing back the “sewing circle” — with a modern twist. The Faith Alive Creative Circle is an opportunity for people to work out using their creative muscles. Enjoy the fellowship of others while working on whatever project you choose to bring with you. From time to time, we will work on a shared project so that we can learn new things from each other. We meet the **3rd Monday of each month from 6-9pm** in the Fellowship Hall; join us on **August 15!**

SUGAR CREEK GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

Saturday, August 27, 1–6pm. Drugan’s Castle Mound Country Club in Holmen. For more info about this fundraiser contact Sugar Creek directly: 608.734.3113 / camp@sgrcreek.org.

THANK YOU, BLOOD DONORS

Thank you to the donors and volunteers who participated in the summer blood drive on July 12. There were 42 registered donors. The next blood drive will be **Tuesday, Nov. 8**. By participating, you truly do more good than you know.

CONFIRMATION GUIDES

We are on the search for faithful adults who are willing to spend an hour each week with our confirmation youth. You don’t need to know the Bible backwards and forwards, and you don’t need a seminary degree! All you need is a heart for the youth of our church! Please prayerfully consider this opportunity and contact Tina for more information! tina@firstlu.org

SERMON NOTES & AUDIO

Sermon notes are available from ushers during worship; they are also available online, along with the sermon audio, at 1stlu.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.

To learn more about these and other announcements, head to our website at www.FirstLutheranOnalaska.org

Share your Faith Alive! experience and tag your posts on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook with #faithaliveinOna.

PROVIDE A CHAIR AT THE TABLE

All year we have been talking about how God shows up when we *Come to the Table*. We installed a new floor in the Fellowship Hall, and we need new chairs to safely rest upon it. We have received \$4,000 and need \$2,300 to complete the order. Please consider making a special gift to the Fellowship Hall Fund; gifts of all amounts are welcome. Thank you for providing a “Chair at the Table.”

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 August, 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
- Ushers
- Treat providers

Sign up right now on your device at 1stlu.org/serve or use the tablet at the Welcome Center, and see Kathryn Pedretti, our Director of Servant Ministries, with any questions.

THIS WEEK: July 31–August 7

SUN 31	HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP DEPARTS FOR WEST VIRGINIA 8:00am Worship 9:15am Little Leaps - Rm 102 9:15am Parent Share - UR 9:15am VeggieTales - FS 10:30am Worship 11:45am Women of the House
MON 1	7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 2	9:30am Staff Mtg 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Mtg - MR
WED 3	6:00am Courageous Men’s Bible Study - House 6:30am Coffee with Pastor Karyn - Panera 8:30am First Teen Clothes Closet Mtg 6:15pm Worship
THUR 4	9:00am Sunshine Boys
FRI 5	7:00pm AA - FH
SAT 6	10:00am Baptismal Preparation - NX
SUN 7	8:00am Worship 9:15am Parent Share - UR 9:15am VeggieTales - FS 10:30am Worship 11:45am Women of the House 5:00pm Vacation Bible School

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

For more info, visit our website at www.FirstLutheranOnalaska.org



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OPENINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:
Acolytes, Coffee Servers, Communion Servers, Nursery Helpers, Puppet Volunteers & Ushers.

For the above opportunities & many others sign up at the Welcome Center or on your phone or computer at