

READINGS

For Sunday, September 4

The Lord’s Prayer, Luke 11:2-4

*Pew Bible: 845, Spark Bible: 1146*

For Wednesday, September 7

The Cost of Discipleship, Luke 14:25-33

*Pew Bible: 850, Spark Bible: 1153*

PRAYERS & CARE

Celebrations: Greg & Sarah Payne, on the birth of daughter Ava

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.

Please make every effort to keep food and beverages in the narthex. Thanks!

SERVING:

Pastor Jason Stanton, Organist: Gabe Hicks; Nursery Attendant: Crystal Miller; Bread Baker: Peggy Daleki; Treat Providers: Paula Skoy & Travis Evenson, Michelle Bauer

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 8:00am

Communion Servers: Tami Tooke, Tina Buchal; Reader: Olivia Konrardy-Buchal; Ushers: Carol Peterson, Dorothy Every; Projection Leader: Steve Klingemann

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 10:30am

Acolytes: Jonah Lerberg; Communion Servers: Kristen Dall-Winther, Todd Lofald; Reader: Isabel Lerberg; Projection Leader: Renee Thies

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 6:15pm

Communion Server: Bev DiNicola; Reader: Andrea Dombroski; Usher: Tommy Duren, Brandon Lun; Nursery Attendant: Deb Eckert; Projection Leader: Brian Wittkop

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR  
SUN., SEPT 4 & WED., SEPT 7

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.

PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer is one of the most universal expressions of our faith, of the faith of many people. As we begin to build an intentional prayer ministry here at First, we will create a visual representation of our prayers in the sanctuary. You are encouraged to fill out one of the prayer request slips you were handed as you came in and place them in the offering plate. A small team of people will be praying through our requests, and in a few weeks, we will see these different requests together in a chain, a visible sign of our needs, our trust and our community.

RALLY SUNDAY

Sunday School at First Lutheran kicks off with registration on **Sunday, September 11, from 9:15-10:15am** in the sanctuary. Parents and students need to register and will meet the teachers, receive information, and get the ball rolling for an awesome Sunday School year.

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!

Flowers in the sanctuary are in honor of  
**Helen Halverson’s**  
95th birthday



# BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Youths and adults: Bring your backpacks, briefcases, messenger bags, purses, etc. to church on **Sunday, September 11**, so that we may bless the start of your new school year!

# HIGH SCHOOL PRAISE BAND

Informational meeting for those interested in joining a modern, upbeat, Christian music band: **Sunday, Sept. 11, 5pm, in the sanctuary.**

# CONFIRMATION KICK-OFF FOR GRADES 8-10

**Wednesday, September 14, 5:30pm.** Let's start the confirmation year off in style! Come for food and fellowship, and learn what this confirmation year has in store for your kids. We will walk through the program year together, and you will get a chance to meet your kid's small-group guides. For 8th-, 9th- and 10th-grade students and parents.



The OWLs, a group for people 55+, are flying to see "Pride's Crossing" at the Commonweal Theatre in Lanesboro, MN. It's a thoughtful and enticing play about the life of the first woman to swim the English Channel. The NY Post declared it "a play you will remember and cherish forever." Leaving church at **4pm**

on **Thursday, September 15.** Cost: \$35, dinner on your own. RSVP to [owls@firstlu.org](mailto:owls@firstlu.org) by Tuesday, September 13. The OWLs' next potluck will be on **Wednesday, September 21, at noon** in the fellowship hall.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL MILESTONE

At First Lutheran we are deeply committed to bringing the presence of God into the lives of children everywhere they go. This life milestone is for sixth-graders and their parents/guardians as they transition from elementary to middle school, and celebrates that each child is made in the image of God. We spend our time in four weeks talking about being created in the image of God, how God is in the midst of change and ways that we can feel connected with God through spiritual practices. Week one starts **Sunday, Sept. 18, 9:15am** in the fellowship hall.

# FIRST FEST!

On **Sunday, September 18, 11:30am-1:30pm** we invite you to join us and relax, catch up with friends, introduce yourself to visitors or even members you've yet to meet, listen to some great music, have lunch, and have some fun!

# 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. We welcome newcomers all the time — join us next on **Sunday, September 25!**

# COME FOR SUPPER

First Lutheran is assisting with Come for Supper on **Tuesday, Sept. 27**, 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.

# PEER MINISTRY REGROUP

**Wednesday, September 28, 6pm.** This is a chance for our previous Peer Ministers to get together, talk about their highs and lows and refresh the skills they learned!

# BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

A baptism preparation session will be **Saturday, Oct. 8, 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](mailto:office@firstlu.org).

# WE'RE HIRING!

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

First Lutheran is searching for an **assistant custodian**; approximately 8 hrs/wk. Under the direction and supervision of our lead custodian, this person is generally responsible for regular light cleaning, but could also assist with maintenance and grounds work as necessary. A full job description is available in the church office.

# THIS WEEK: September 4-11

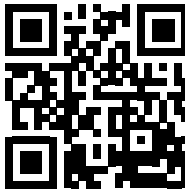
SUN 4	<b>8:00am Worship</b> 9:15am Parent Share - UR <b>10:30am Worship</b> 11:45am Women of the House
MON 5	7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 6	1:30pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Mtg - MR
WED 7	6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - House 6:30am Coffee with Pastor Karyn - Panera 8:30am First Teen Clothes Closet Mtg <b>6:15pm Worship</b> 7:00pm Confirmation Guide Orientation - FS 7:00pm Choir Practice - SN
FRI 9	7:00pm AA - FS
SAT 10	9:00am Drawing from the Well Paddle Boat Trip 10:00am Sugar Creek Annual Quilt and Antique Auction
SUN 11	BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS <b>8:00am Worship</b> 9:15am Sunday School Registration - SN 9:15am 6 & 7 Gr Confirmation Registration - NX 9:15am Parent Share - UR 9:15am Small Group - MR <b>10:30am Worship</b> 11:45am Women of the House 5:00pm High School Praise Band Info Mtg - SN 6:30pm High School Youth Group - MR

**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](http://www.FirstLutheranOnalaska.org)

# SERVE @ WORSHIP!

OPENINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Acolytes, Bread Baker, Coffee Servers, and Nursery Helpers. *Sign up at the Welcome Center or on your phone or computer at [1stlu.org/serve](http://1stlu.org/serve)*



*First Lutheran accepts one-time contributions electronically by credit/debit card. Use your mobile device to scan this QR code or go to [1stlu.org/give](http://1stlu.org/give).*