

READINGS

For Sunday, Sept 11

The Fall, Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8  
*Pew Bible: 2, Spark Bible: 3*

For Wednesday, Sept 14

For God So Loved the World, John 3:13-17  
*Pew Bible: 864, Spark Bible: 1174*

PRAYERS & CARE

Gracious and holy God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord.  
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: Mary Nicolai; Treat Providers: Nancy Beguin, Julie Keskimaki, Nancy Olds, Melinda Schultz;  
Coffee Servers: The Malecek family

SUNDAY, SEPT 11, 8:00am

Communion Servers: Jenn Wiesjahn, Larry Schreiner;  
Reader: Nancy Beguin; Ushers: Joel Miller, Mary Every, Angie & Jake Breiling; Projection Leader: Randy Nedrelo

SUNDAY, SEPT 11, 10:30am

Communion Servers: Aaron McDonald;  
Reader: Kyla Betz

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 14, 6:15pm

Communion Server: Bev DiNicola; Reader: Bev DiNicola; Usher: Tommy Duren; Nursery Attendant: Deb Eckert; Projection Leader: Brian Wittkop

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR  
SUN., SEPT 11 & WED., SEPT 14

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.

Simply Giving

Ever get to church and reach for your checkbook or envelope and realize they aren't there? Have you been out of town and realized you forgot to send in your offering to the church? Regular and consistent giving is a hallmark of a good steward, but our hectic lives can make that challenging. Consider setting up a recurring giving plan through Simply Giving. Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a regular and consistent basis. To set up a recurring contribution, go to 1stlu.org/simplygive, and click on the "Give Now" button to get started. Questions? Contact our webmaster at andy@firstlu.org.

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.

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!

# BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Youths and adults: you are invited to bring your backpacks, briefcases, messenger bags, purses, etc. up for a blessing **THIS Sunday, Sept. 11**, so that we may bless the start of your new school year!

# SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF!

Heads Up!! Sunday School registration is different this year! Parents and kids will gather together at **9:15am between services THIS Sunday, Sept. 11**, in the sanctuary for an hourlong kickoff of this year's Sunday School program. Register your children, get more information, meet the teachers, pick up a Sunday School calendar and get the ball rolling for an awesome Sunday School year.

## Sunday, September 18

- First Day of Sunday School, 9:15am:
  - 3- & 4-yr-olds, parent drop-off in 4K Rm
  - Gr K-5, parent drop-off in Choir Rm
  - Parent pick-up at 10:15am, all grades, in narthex
- Gr 3 Faith Building Block: Bibles (1st meeting, parents/guardians only) - SN

New registrations welcome any time of the year. Contact Sunday school superintendents Beth & Joel Miller at [sundayschool@firstlu.org](mailto:sundayschool@firstlu.org) or stop in the Sunday School office in room 206.

## 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 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!

## 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.

## FILL THE CLOSET!

With the changing seasons, we are hosting a lot of guests at the First Teen Clothes Closet. These are the items we need most:

- Sweat pants for guys
- Sport shorts for both girls and guys
- Winter coats and jackets, especially guys
- Athletic shoes for guys
- Winter boot/shoes
- Jeans in smaller sizes for guys
- Hats and gloves for guys
- Pajama/lounge pants for guys
- Jeans for girls - larger sizes (22-24)
- Dresses in larger sizes



*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).*

## THIS WEEK: Sept 11-18

SUN 11	BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS <b>8am Worship</b> 9:15am Sunday School Kick-off - 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 5pm High School Praise Band Info Mtg - SN 6:30pm High School Youth Group - MR
MON 12	7pm AA - FS
TUES 13	9am Quilters - FS 1pm Dorcas Circle - NX 3:30pm Worship & Music Team - NX 5:30pm Bells Practice - Sacristy 5:30pm Community Dinner at United Methodist Church
WED 14	6am Courageous Men's Bible Study - House 6:30am Coffee with Pastor Karyn - Panera 12pm Finance Team Mtg 5:30pm Confirmation Kick-off <b>6:15pm Worship</b> 7pm Choir Practice - SN
THUR 15	Newsletter Deadline 10am Deborah's Circle - NX 4pm OWLs Fly to Lanesboro
FRI 16	7pm AA - FS
SUN 18	FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL <b>8am Worship</b> 9:15am Gr 7 Confirmation Bible Classes 9:15am Gr 6 Middle School Milestone - FH 9:15am Parent Share - UR 9:15am Small Group - MR 9:15am Gr 3 Faith Building Block: Bibles (1st mtg, parents/guardians only) - SN 9:15am Sunday School <b>10:30am Worship</b> 11:30am First Fest! 11:45am Women of the House 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)