

READINGS

For Sunday, Sept 25

Joseph Sold Into Slavery, Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

Pew Bible: 30, Spark Bible: 42

For Wednesday, Sept 28

The Rich Man & Lazarus, Luke 16:19-31

Pew Bible: 851, Spark Bible: 1155

PRAYERS & CARE

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, Pastor Karyn Bodenschatz
Organist: Gabe Hicks; Nursery Attendant: Crystal Miller;
Bread Baker: Michelle Bauer; Treat Providers: Ardie Van Riper, Lori & Pat Lunney, Jacquelyn Grayburn

SUNDAY, SEPT 25, 8:00am

Communion Servers: Jenn Wiesjahn, Travis Evenson;
Reader: Tami Tooke; Ushers: Larry & Marilyn Schreiner;
Projection Leader: Rob Kranig

SUNDAY, SEPT 25, 10:30am

Acolytes: Taylor Hanson; Communion Servers: Todd Lofald, Diane Shuda; Reader: Judy Johnson; Ushers: DeLyle & Carol Hanson; Projection Leader: Jerad McHenry

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 28, 6:15pm

Communion Servers: Bev DiNicola, Glen Vilim; Reader: Bev DiNicola; Ushers: Tommy Duren, Austin Larson;
Nursery Attendant: Deb Eckert; Projection Leader: Brian Wittkop

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
SUN., SEPT 25 & WED., SEPT 28

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.

HALF TRUTHS SMALL GROUP

- 6 weeks, Wednesdays, **Oct. 5-Nov. 9, 7-8pm** in the Upper Room
- All are welcome
- Childcare provided

God helps those who help themselves and other things the Bible doesn't say. Simple phrases that sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. This book- and DVD-based study will help you search for the whole truth by comparing common Christian cliches with the wisdom found in scripture. You don't have to be an expert with the Bible to explore the truth in these popular sayings. Join in to understand the whole truth. Sign up at 1stlu.org/halftruths.

HEALING DEMOCRACY
ACTION CIRCLE

- Monthly, 2nd Sundays, starting **Oct. 9, 5-7pm, Oct.-Mar.**
- All are welcome
- Childcare provided

During this time when media does a good job of creating polarity, opt instead to develop new habits of the heart. Explore the habits of the heart that Parker Palmer describes in *Healing the Heart of Democracy: The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit*. Once a month, over the course of 6 months, this group will meet to explore 5 new habits. Sign up at 1stlu.org/actioncircle.

*Wedding blessings are extended to
Kalynn Raifsnider & Tyler Krueger*



Little LEAPs

This group is for parents/guardians and their children ages birth to 3 years old, **and meets THIS SUNDAY** (and every 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! .

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, September 25

- Sunday School, 9:15am
 - 3- & 4-yr-olds, parent drop-off in 4K Rm
 - Gr K-5, parent drop-off in Choir Rm
- Gr 3 Faith Building Block: Bibles (2nd meeting, parents/guardians with child) - SN

Sunday, October 2

- Sunday School, 9:15am
- Gr 3 Faith Building Block: Bibles (3rd meeting, parents/guardians with child) - SN

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

CONFIRMATION

- Sunday:
 - 9:15am Gr 6 Middle School Milestone - FH
 - 9:15am Gr 7 Confirmation Bible Class
 - 9:15am Conf Class: Stewardship - TR
 - 12:00pm Conf Class: Church History - FS
- Mon.-Fri., Sept. 26-30: Gr 8 Confirmation Registration (1stlu.org/gr8reg)
- Wed. 7pm: Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups

HIGH SCHOOL PRAISE BAND

A modern, upbeat, Christian music band for high school youth. **Practice on Sunday at 5pm in the sanctuary**. Contact our Director of Discipleship for Youth, Tina Nelson for more info: tina@firstlu.org.

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

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

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY

It’s a relaxing way to volunteer! **Thursday, September 29, at 9am**, to assemble the October newsletter. See you there!

COMMUNION PREP

We are looking for help with setting up communion for first service, the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Please contact Katy Wood if you would be interested in helping: 608.304.0374. Training will be provided.

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!

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 boots/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

PRAYER TEAM

We are creating a prayer team at First Lutheran. If you are interested in being a part of the team that prays for people and helps members grow in their prayer practices, you are invited to gather with Pastor Karyn on **October 16 at 9:15am** for an introductory meeting. Coffee and treats will be provided!

QUILTS

The quilts on display were made by First’s quilters and will be sent to Lutheran World Relief for disaster relief, etc. The quilters meet at church every Tuesday at 9am and made more than 160 quilts. They can always use sheets, either flannel or cotton, and material. Volunteers are welcome! Also being shipped to Lutheran World Relief are the 177 school kits that were assembled with school supplies donated by First Lutheran members.

THIS WEEK: Sept 25–Oct 2

SUN 25	REFORMATION 500 LTD. TIME BOOK SALE, THRU SUN, OCT 9
	8:00am Worship
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	9:15am Sun School
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	9:15am Gr 6 Middle School Milestone - FH
	9:15am Gr 7 Confirmation Bible Class
	9:15am Parent Share - UR
	9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee Small Grp - MR
	10:30am Worship
	11:45am Women of the House
	5:00pm High School Praise Band Practice - SN
	6:30pm High School Youth Grp - MR
MON 26	7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 27	9:00am Quilters - FS
	9:30am Staff Mtg
	4:00pm Come for Supper at OSLC
	5:15pm Personnel Team Mtg
	5:30pm Bells Practice - Sacristy
	6:30pm Vision & Leadership Team Mtg - FS
WED 28	6:00am Courageous Men’s Bible Study - House
	6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Panera
	6:00pm Peer Ministry Regroup
	6:15pm Worship
	7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Grps
	7:00pm Choir Practice - SN
	7:00pm Companion Ministry Team - NX
THUR 29	9:00am Newsletter Assembly - NX
FRI 30	7:00pm AA - FS
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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