

READINGS

For Sunday, Oct 16

Hannah’s Prayer, 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10
Pew Bible: 213, Spark Bible: 296

For Wednesday, Oct 19

The Widow and the Unjust Judge, Luke 18:1-8
Pew Bible: 853, Spark Bible: 1157

PRAYERS & CARE

Hospital: Jacob Hagen
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: Tammy
Netwal, Bethany Girtler, Darla Johnson, Jennifer
Johnson

SUNDAY, OCT 16, 8:00am

Acolytes: Sam Conway, Brandon Tomlin; Communion
Servers: Tina Buchal, Vicky Helfrich; Reader: Nancy
Beguín; Usher: Kendra Bauer; Puppet Volunteers:
Nicole & Kennedy Garbers

SUNDAY, OCT 16, 10:30am

Acolytes: McKenna & Cole Everson; Communion
Servers: Kristen Dall-Winther, Todd Lofald; Reader:
Isabel Lerberg; Ushers: Pat & Isaiah Lunney; Nursery:
Kendra Bauer; Puppet Volunteers: Rob Nelson;
Projection Leader: Doug Shupe

WEDNESDAY, OCT 19, 6:15pm

Communion Server: Bev DiNicola; Reader: Bev
DiNicola; Usher: Tommy Duren, Dakota Mannel;
Nursery Attendant: Deb Eckert; Projection Leader: Brian
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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
SUN., OCT 16 & WED., OCT 19

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.

JOIN US!

By choosing to become a member,
individuals and families commit to being
part of a shared mission. People who
would like to become members of First
Lutheran are invited to a four-week
introduction to the church, presented in a
small-group setting. The group will meet
from **6-7:30pm, at the church, on these
Sundays: Oct. 23, Oct. 30, Nov. 6 and
Nov. 13.** To register your family or ask
questions, please call our church office at
608.783.2236 or email office@firstlu.org.

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 **THIS Sunday, October
16, at 9:15am** for an introductory meeting.
Coffee and treats 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!

Wedding blessings are extended to
Abby Johnson & James Beck





The OWLs, a group for those 55+, will have their October potluck on **Wednesday, October 19, at noon** in the narthex. For the program, Skip Temte will tell us about his recent trip to Alaska. Questions? Contact Brian Narveson at owls@firstlu.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, October 16

- Sunday School, 9:15am:
 - 3- & 4-yr-olds, parent drop-off in 4K Rm
 - Gr K-5, parent drop-off in Choir Rm
- 9:15am 3-Yr Old Faith Building Block: Praying Together (1st meeting, parents/guardians only) - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 23

- 8:00am K–5 Sing at 8am Worship
- 9:15am 3-Yr Old Faith Building Block: Praying Together (2nd meeting, parents/guardians & child) - FH
- 9:15am Sunday School

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 Conf Class: Being Gifted - TR
 - 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes - Rm 207 & Fireside
- Wednesday
 - 5:00pm Conf Class: Apostle’s Creed - Rm 207
 - 7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups

YOUNG YOUTH RAKE N’ RUN

One of Young Youth’s favorite events, as well as the most rewarding: going to houses around First and raking yards, then back to church to eat, do a devo and have fun! For grades 2–5, **Oct. 21 from 4:30-7pm**. RSVP to Katie Everson: katie@firstlu.org. Don’t forget a rake!

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! **Our next gathering is Sunday, Oct. 30.**

FAMILY PHOTOS... A CLOUD OF WITNESSES

Help us create a visual cloud of witnesses this All Saints Day. We are looking for photos of loved ones who have died, not just this past year. If you had a loved one die this past year (Nov. 1, 2015 - Oct. 31, 2016) and they were a member of our congregation, a letter will be sent to you with a special request. We also are looking for photos of those who have been baptized this past year. Pictures should be 4x6 and copies that you don’t need back. You can either email pictures to karyn@firstlu.org or drop them off at the church office. Thanks for your help in creating our cloud of witnesses.

AWAY FOR THE WINTER?

If you’re going away for the winter, please let us know. If we know your winter address, we can keep you up to date with church activities

and news through the monthly newsletter and other mailings. Please contact the office—608.783.2236 or office@firstlu.org—with your address and the dates you’ll be gone.

MARTIN LUTHER: ART AND THE REFORMATION

Coach bus leaves La Crosse at 8am **November 12** for a guided tour of the exhibit: *Martin Luther, Art and the Reformation* at the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Cost for exhibit and bus: \$75. Early dinner following the exhibit at the German restaurant: Black Forest Inn. Returning to La Crosse by 9pm. More info & online reservations at 1stlu.org/lutherexhibit.

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’re interested in helping: 608.304.0374. Training will be provided.

WELCOME CENTER

Whether you’re new to First Lutheran or a member here, our Welcome Center near the front entrance is the place to ask questions and request information. A friendly face is always waiting to help you.

CARING CONNECTIONS

High school grads: Whether you are college-bound or not, go to 1stlu.org/caringconnect to provide your contact info so we can keep you connected.

THIS WEEK: Oct 16–23

SUN 16	8:00am Worship 9:15am 3-Yr Old Faith Building Block: Praying Together (1st Mtg, parents/guardians only) - FH 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes - Rm 207 & FS 9:15am Conf Class: Being Gifted - TR 9:15am Parent Share - UR 9:15am Prayer Team Mtg 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 17	1:00pm Elizabeth Circle - Arlette Knudsen’s home 6:00pm Faith Alive Creative Circle - FH 7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 18	9:00am Quilters - FS 9:00am Naomi’s Circle 9:30am Staff Mtg 1:00pm Dorcas Circle - NX 5:30pm Bells Practice - Sacristy 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Mtg - MR
WED 19	6:00am Courageous Men’s Bible Study - House 6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Panera 12:00pm OWLs Potluck - NX 5:00pm Conf Class: Apostle’s Creed - Rm 207 6:00pm Peer Ministry - MR & House 6:15pm Worship 7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Grps 7:00pm Choir Practice - SN 7:00pm Half Truths Small Grp - UR
THUR 20	10:00am Deborah’s Circle - NX 6:30pm Bible 101 Small Grp - House 7:00pm Sip & Paint - FH
FRI 21	4:30pm Young Youth Rake-N-Run 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