

READINGS

For Sunday, Oct 30

Elijah & the Widow, 1 Kings 17:1-16  
Pew Bible: 282, Spark Bible: 388

For Wednesday, Nov 2

Jesus & Zacchaeus, Luke 19:1-10  
Pew Bible: 854, Spark Bible: 1158

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: Lori Greiner; Treat Providers: Aaron & Beth McDonald, Amanda DeNault, Tara Shilts, Anne Farning-

SUNDAY, OCT 30, 8:00am

Acolytes: Brennan & Kennedy Garbers; Communion Servers: Jenn Wiesjahn, Bridget Crave; Reader: Shari Hegland; Ushers: Larry & Marilyn Schreiner; Puppet Volunteers: Becky Runde; Projection Leader: Steve Klingemann

SUNDAY, OCT 30, 10:30am

Acolytes: Ethan Whiteaker; Communion Servers: Diane Shuda, Aaron McDonald; Reader: Kristen Dall-Winther; Ushers: Brian & Tessa Reitzel; Puppet Volunteers: Annabel Reitzel; Projection Leader: Ronn Thies

WEDNESDAY, NOV 2, 6:15pm

Communion Server: Bev DiNicola; Reader: Bev DiNicola; Nursery Attendant: Deb Eckert

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR  
SUN., OCT 30 & WED., NOV 2

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.

Affirmation  
of Baptism

We give thanks to God for the faith lives of all the confirmands who are affirming their baptism today.

FAMILY PHOTOS...  
A CLOUD OF WITNESSES

Help us create a visual cloud of witnesses this All Saints Day, Sunday, November 6. We are looking for photos of the following:

- Photos of those baptized this past year
- Photos of loved ones who have died (does not have to be this past year)

Send digital pictures to karyn@firstlu.org, or bring 4x6 prints that you don't need back to the church office. Thanks for your help in creating our cloud of witnesses.

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!

Baptismal blessings are extended to  
**Anna Marie Nash,**  
daughter of David & Sara Nash



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Sunday, October 30

- 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 (3rd meeting, parents/guardians & child) - FH
- 9:15am Little Leaps - Rm 102

## Sunday, November 6

- 3-Yr Old Faith Building Block: Praying Together, lifted up in worship
- 9:15am Sunday School
- 9:15am 1st Grd Faith Building Block: 10 Commandments (1st meeting, parents/guardians only) - FH

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.

# CONFIRMATION

Sunday:

- 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes - Rm 207 & FS
- 1:30pm Affirmation of Baptism / Confirmation Worship

Wednesday:

- 5pm Conf Class: Apostle’s Creed - Rm 207
- 7pm Confirmation Guides Check-in
- 7pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups

# 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.**

## LAST CALL: LOST & FOUND

Lost and found items, including Bibles left behind from Sunday school and confirmation, are available to be claimed in the narthex. Please double check the table for your lost items. Unclaimed items will be donated to local charities.

## OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!

Join us in between services on October 30 for cake in celebration of Pastor Jason & Pastor Karyn and their dedication to ministry here at First Lutheran! *“For all you do in Jesus’ name... May you be blessed today in every way.” ~ Numbers 6:24-26*

# GRIEF GROUP

Carrying on after the death of a loved one can be difficult and lonely. Join with others who have experienced loss and listen and care for each other. Open to all grieving adults. Questions? Call Nancy at 608.791.1292, or contact Bridget Crave. Meeting monthly on the first Thursday: next meeting is **Thurs., Nov. 3, 1pm** in the Upper Room.

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

**November 4, 9:30am** at North Presbyterian Church, 1327 N. Salem Rd, La Crosse. \$5 brunch, call Marilyn at 608.784.2963 by Oct. 31. Donations for Salvation Army include warm winter wear.

## 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](http://1stlu.org/lutherexhibit).

## 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 news and activities through the monthly newsletter and other mailings. Please contact the office—608.783.2236 or [office@firstlu.org](mailto:office@firstlu.org)—with your address and the dates you’ll be gone.

## 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.

## CAN YOU SMILE?

Come to Welcome Center Training, **Sun., Dec. 4, 9:30-10am**, at the Welcome Center. Everyone’s welcome!

## THIS WEEK: Oct 30–Nov 6

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| SUN 30 | CONFIRMATION SUNDAY<br><b>8:00am Worship</b><br>9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes - Rm 207 & FS<br>9:15am Parent Share - UR<br>9:15am Praying Adults Small Grp<br>9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee Small Grp - MR<br>9:15am 3-Yr Old Faith Building Block: Praying Together (3rd Mtg, parents/guardians & child) - FH<br>9:15am Little Leaps - Rm 102<br>9:15am Sunday School<br><b>10:30am Worship</b><br>11:45am Women of the House<br><b>1:30pm Confirmation Worship</b><br>5:00pm High School Praise Band Practice - SN<br>6:00pm New-Member Grp - FS<br>6:30pm High School Youth Grp - MR   |
| MON 31 | 7:00pm AA - FS   |
| TUES 1 | 9:00am Quilters - FS<br>1:30pm Staff Mtg<br>5:30pm Bells Practice - Sacristy<br>6:30pm Stephen Ministry Mtg - MR   |
| WED 2  | 6:00am Courageous Men’s Bible Study - House<br>6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Panera<br>8:30am First Teen Clothes Closet Mtg<br>5:00pm Conf Class: Apostle’s Creed - Rm 207<br><b>6:15pm Worship</b><br>7:00pm Confirmation Guides Check-in<br>7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Grps<br>7:00pm Choir Practice - SN<br>7:00pm Half Truths Small Grp - UR  |
| THUR 3 | 9:00am Sunshine Boys<br>1:00pm Grief Grp - UR<br>6:30pm Bible 101 Small Grp - House  |
| FRI 4  | 7:00pm AA - FH   |
| SUN 6  | 3-YR OLD FAITH BUILDING BLOCK: PRAYING TOGETHER, LIFTED UP IN WORSHIP<br><b>8:00am Worship</b><br>9:15am Conf class - 10 commandments - TR<br>9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes - Rm 207 & FS<br>9:15am Parent Share - UR<br>9:15am Praying Adults Small Grp<br>9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee Small Grp - MR<br>9:15am 1st Grd Faith Building Block: 10 Commandments (1st Mtg, parents/guardians only) - FH<br>9:15am Sunday School<br><b>10:30am Worship</b><br>11:45am Women of the House<br>12:00pm Conf class - The Trinity - FH<br>5:00pm High School Praise Band Practice - SN<br>6:00pm New-Member Grp - FS<br>6:30pm High School Youth Grp - MR |

### ROOM KEY:

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| 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)