

READINGS

For Sunday, Jan. 8

Baptism of Our Lord, Luke 3:1-22
Pew Bible: 834, Spark Bible: 1132

For Wednesday, Jan. 11

The Baptism of Jesus, Matthew 3:13-17
Pew Bible: 784, Spark Bible: 1060

PRAYERS & CARE

Hospital: LeRoy Hougom
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 Karyn Bodenschatz Organist: Gabe Hicks;
Nursery Attendant: Crystal Miller; Bread Baker: Madelyn Degenhardt; Treat Providers: Terry & Dave Lee, Ellis & Judy Stetzer, Cassie Carrell, Ardith Van Riper; Coffee Servers: Mary Every, Kristen Follansbee, Heather Pintz

SUNDAY, JAN. 8, 8:00am

Communion Servers: Bridget Crave, Glen Vilim;
Reader: Shari Hegland; Ushers: Randy Nedrelo;
Projection Leader: Rob Kranig

SUNDAY, JAN. 8, 10:30am

Reader: Kristen Dall-Winther; Ushers: The Moseng family; Puppet Volunteer: Jerad McHenry; Projection Leader: Ron Thies

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11, 6:15pm

Reader: Sharon Kjos; Ushers: Lexi & Kenzie Miller;
Nursery Attendant: Deb Eckert

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
SUN., JAN. 8 & WED., JAN. 11

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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, January 8, noon-2pm. Come for a time of spiritual devotions, candle-lit singing, fellowship, games, and plenty of snacks! Lunch also provided.

GRIEF GROUPS

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. There are two groups to choose from; both meet on the first Thursday of the month:

- 1pm in the Upper Rm, led by Nancy Beguin
- 7pm at Gloria Kubiak's home; call Gloria at 608.498.2762 if interested in joining

Questions? Contact Director of Small Group Ministry, Bridget Crave: bridget@firstlu.org.
More info at 1stlu.org/griefgroup.

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 memory of
Mike Klein
from Ryan & Charlie Mackeben



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, Jan. 8

- 9:15am Gr 2 Faith Building Block: What's Fair (1st meeting, parents/guardians only) - Fellowship Hall
- 9:15am Sunday School

Sunday, Jan. 15

- 9:15am Gr 2 Faith Building Block: What's Fair (2nd meeting, parents/guardians & child) - Fellowship Hall
- 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, January 8:

- 9:15am Conf Class: Sacraments
- 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes
- 12:00pm Conf Class: Meyers-Briggs - FS

Monday, January 9:

- Gr 9 Confirmation Registration Begins (thru Fri., Jan. 13; sign up for your registration time at 1stlu.org/confirmation)

Wednesday, January 11:

- 7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups

SUNSHINE BOYS

The Sunshine Boys are moving their day of service to **Monday, January 9, at 9am.** The Sunshine Boys are an informal group that performs a variety of necessary tasks around the church; such as grounds clean-up, minor repairs and other small jobs. Rolls and coffee are supplied to replenish your reserves! Dues are free! Contact Mike, our custodian, with any questions: mike@firstlu.org.



On **Wed., Jan. 11**, the OWLs, a group for those 55+, will have their potluck **at noon in the narthex.** Ron and Frieda Nowland's will present their new program "Where Do Angels Come From?" Questions? Contact Brian Narveson at owls@firstlu.org.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SUGAR CREEK RETREATS

HS: Jan. 13-15, Fri. 6pm-Sun. 2pm

MS: Jan. 27-29, Fri. 6pm-Sun. 1pm

Come for a Spirit-filled weekend of new friends, Bible studies, winter activities and good food. Each retreat is better than the last, and we always come away wanting more! \$85 (includes lodging and 5 meals). RSVP to tina@firstlu.org

DRAWING FROM THE WELL

First Lutheran invites all women to participate in this discipline, where we continue our study of feminine spirituality with Bible study and continued study of Hildegard de Bingen. Lunch will be at the Blue Moon. They meet on the second Saturday of the month, **from 8:30am-1pm.** Next retreat: **Sat., Jan. 14.** RSVP to Pastor Karyn: karyn@firstlu.org.

TOUGH QUESTIONS

Special 8th- and 9th-grade small group event: **Wed., Jan. 18, 7-8pm.** Do you ever struggle with your faith or have unsolved questions when it comes to God? Now is your chance to hear a panel of pastors answer your toughest questions! Come with an open heart and mind.

LUTHER COLLEGE NORDIC CHOIR

One of the top a cappella college choirs in the nation, the Nordic Choir will perform under the direction of guest conductor Jeffrey Douma on **Sunday, January 22, at 4pm** at First Lutheran. The concert performance by the 72-member Nordic Choir is open to the public. For advance tickets, call 800-4-LUTHER or go to tickets.luther.edu. Tickets will be available for sale at the door if the concert isn't sold out.

SPECIAL BLOOD DRIVE

The Blood Center of Wisconsin has scheduled a special blood drive because of low blood supplies, especially type O-negative. It will be **Tuesday, Jan. 24, 12:30-5:30pm** in the narthex at First. People who gave blood at the November blood drive will be able to donate again by then. Schedule your appointment online at www.bcw.edu/firstluthona.

COME FOR SUPPER

First Lutheran is assisting with Come for Supper on **Tuesday, Jan. 24**, at Our Savior's in La Crosse. First Lutheran will help with food donations and volunteering to serve and clean up. Sign-up sheets are at the Welcome Center. Call Gloria Kubiak if you have questions, 608.498.2762.

YOUNG YOUTH MP3 NIGHT

Movie, Pizza, Pajamas and Popcorn on **Fri. Jan. 27, from 5:30-8:30pm**, in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP to katie@firstlu.org.

THIS WEEK: Jan. 8-15

SUN 8	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Conf Class: Sacraments
	9:15am	Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes - Rm 207 & FS
	9:15am	Parent Share - UR
	9:15am	Sun Morning w/ Coffee Small Grp - MR
MON 9	9:15am	Gr 2 Faith Building Block: What's Fair (1st Mtg, parents/guardians only) - FH
	9:15am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship
	12:00pm	Conf Class: Meyers-Briggs - FS
	12:00pm	Middle School Youth Grp
TUES 10	5:00pm	Healing Democracy Action Circle - FS
	5:00pm	High School Praise Band Practice - SN
	6:30pm	High School Youth Grp - MR
	GR 9	CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION
	9:00am	Sunshine Boys
WED 11	7:00pm	AA - FS
	9:00am	Quilters - FS
	9:30am	Staff Mtg
	1:00pm	Dorcas Circle - NX
	3:30pm	Worship & Music Team - NX
FRI 13	5:30pm	Bells Practice - Sacristy
	5:30pm	Community Dinner at United Methodist Church
	6:00am	Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS
	6:30am	Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Panera
	8:30am	First Teen Clothes Closet Mtg
SAT 14	12:00pm	Finance Team Mtg
	5:15pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters - NX
	6:00pm	Peer Ministry - MR and FS
	6:15pm	Worship
	7:00pm	Gr 8 & 9 Small Grps
SUN 15	7:00pm	Choir Practice - SN
	HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT - SUGAR CREEK (thru Sun)	
	3:00pm	Show Choir Invitational
	7:00pm	AA - FS
	8:30am	Drawing from the Well Grp - FS
SUN 15	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
	8:00am	Worship
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	6:30pm	Conf Class: Faith and Fitness - YMCA

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