

READINGS

For Sunday, Jan. 15

Sermon at Nazareth, Luke 4:14-30  
*Pew Bible: 835, Spark Bible: 1133*

For Wednesday, Jan. 18

The First Disciples, John 1:29-42  
*Pew Bible: 862, Spark Bible: 1171*

PRAYERS & CARE

Hospital: Beverly Larson  
*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: Joshua Degenhardt; Treat Providers: Kathleen Sage, Merrill & Judy Wachter, Martha Koloski, Wade & Teesha Willinger; Coffee Servers: Kelly Garson

SUNDAY, JAN. 15, 8:00am

Communion Servers: Bridget Crave, Glen Vilim;  
Reader: Sharon Kjos; Ushers: Kendra Bauer; Projection Leader: Larry Schreiner

SUNDAY, JAN. 15, 10:30am

Reader: Sharon Kjos; Usher: Gloria Kubiak; Puppet Volunteers: Liz Peterson; Projection Leader: John Peterson

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18, 6:15pm

Reader: Carol Skoy; Ushers: Kenzie Marcon, Brandon Lun; Nursery Attendant: Deb Eckert; Projection Leader: Brian Wittkop

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR  
SUN., JAN. 15 & WED., JAN. 18

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.

FAITH ALIVE  
CREATIVE CIRCLE

**Monday, January 16, 6-9pm.** Meeting the third Monday of each month in the fellowship hall, the Faith Alive Creative Circle is a gathering of people working out their creative muscles. Bring whatever project you are working on and enjoy fellowship while doing it. Join us!

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.

Sip n' Paint

Bring a friend or two! This is a great time to relax and let go of the worries of the world, or allow your brain to think through a problem in a different way, and enjoy yourself.

- Where: First Lutheran Fellowship Hall
- Cost: \$33
- Bring: a beverage of your choice
- Limited to 20 people
- Sign up at 1stlu.org/sipnpaint

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!

# 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

## Sunday, Jan. 22

- 9:15am Gr 2 Faith Building Block: What's Fair (3rd 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](mailto:sundayschool@firstlu.org) or stop in the Sunday school office in room 206.

# CONFIRMATION

## Sunday:

- 9:15am Confirmation Class: Sacraments
- 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes
- 6:30pm Confirmation Class: Faith & Fitness - YMCA

## Wednesday:

- No Classes nor Small Groups

## 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](http://tickets.luther.edu). Tickets will be available for sale at the door if the concert isn't sold out.

## 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. Wear your most comfy pajamas and bring a sleeping bag and pillow to lounge on if you like. RSVP at [1stlu.org/YY](http://1stlu.org/YY) or email [katie@firstlu.org](mailto:katie@firstlu.org).

## MIDDLE SCHOOL SUGAR CREEK RETREAT

**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](mailto:tina@firstlu.org)

## TERRY CLOTH RAGS

Our head custodian, Mike Peper, is in need of terry cloth rags. Drop off any donations in the church office. Thanks!

## QUILTERS NEED SHEETS

The First Lutheran quilters need sheets (gently used) and can always use fabric. Donations may be dropped off at the church office.

## MT. LACROSSE SKI DAY

**Sunday, January 29, 2-7pm**

Sign up at the Welcome Center. To receive a discounted price for your lift ticket:

- Checks for payment need to be provided to Tina in advance by Tuesday, January 20

- Checks need to be written out to ENGLISH Lutheran

Lift ticket packages and pricing:

- Lift ticket: \$20
- Lift ticket and ski rental: \$25
- Lift ticket and board rental: \$35

*Packages include hot dog meal and beginner group lessons:*

*10 and older is free, ages 6-9 is \$10, age 5 and younger is \$18*

## NOTICE: FIRST TO VOTE ON CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT

At our Annual Meeting and Potluck on **Sunday, February 12, at 11:45am**, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, you will have an opportunity to vote for amending our constitution to reflect the changes adopted in August at the 2016 ELCA churchwide assembly in New Orleans. The primary changes in the ELCA Model Constitution as stated from the Secretary of the ELCA, Rev. Wm. Chris Boerger, relate to the merging of the three lay rosters into a Roster of Ministers of Word and Service. Pastor Boerger recommends that these provisions should be added to each congregation's constitution even if the congregation does not have under call a person on one of the lay rosters.

To help facilitate a timely annual meeting, we are providing you with the adopted amendments to the constitution on our website at [1stlu.org/amend](http://1stlu.org/amend). Please bring any questions you may have to the annual meeting.

## THIS WEEK: Jan. 15-22

SUN 15	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 8:00am Worship 9:15am Confirmation 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 9:15am Gr 2 Faith Building Block: What's Fair (2nd Mtg, parents/guardians & child) - FH 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 5:00pm High School Praise Band Practice - SN 6:30pm High School Youth Grp - MR 6:30pm Confirmation Class: Faith & Fitness - YMCA
MON 16	GR 8 CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION BEGINS AND RUNS THROUGH FRIDAY, JAN 20 1:00pm Elizabeth Circle - Beverly Fuhrman's 6:00pm Faith Alive Creative Circle - FH 7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 17	9:00am Quilters - FS 9:00am Naomi's Circle 9:30am Staff Mtg 5:15pm Personnel Team Mtg 5:30pm Bells Practice - Sacristy 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Mtg - MR 6:30pm Vision & Leadership Team Mtg
WED 18	6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS 6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Panera 5:15pm Prayer Shawl Knitters - NX 6:15pm Worship 7:00pm Choir Practice - SN
THUR 19	10:00am Deborah's Circle - NX 5:30pm Sip n Paint - FH
FRI 20	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](http://www.FirstLutheranOnAlaska.org)