

READINGS

For Sunday, Feb 5

Raising the Widow’s Son, Luke 7:1-17
Pew Bible: 839, Spark Bible: 1138

For Wednesday, Feb 8

Salt and Light, Matthew 5:13-20
Pew Bible: 786, Spark Bible: 1062

PRAYERS & CARE

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: Mary Nicolai; Treat Providers: Bridget Crave, Kathy Olson, Jennifer Haggerty, Rachel & Brandon King; Coffee Servers: Peggy Hickok, Brenda & Tom Schaefer, Jessica Cowburn

SUNDAY, FEB 5, 8:00am

Communion Servers: Bridget Crave; Reader: Karen Meier; Ushers: Larry & Marilyn Schreiner; Puppet Volunteers: Jerad McHenry, Becky Runde; Projection Leader: Rob Kranig

SUNDAY, FEB 5, 10:30am

Reader: Mark Koenig; Ushers: Jennifer, Hunter & Carter Wehrenberg, Parker Allen; Projection Leader: Ronn Thies

WEDNESDAY, FEB 8, 6:15pm

Reader: Bev DiNicola; Usher: Emma Keenan, Landon Peterson; Nursery Attendant: Deb Eckert; Projection Leader: Brian Wittkop

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
SUN., FEB 5 & WED., FEB 8

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.

ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report for 2016 is now available, but it is a little different this year. We've made the report short and sweet, and have mailed them to all member households. If you would like a more detailed report, limited copies are available at the welcome center and by download at 1stlu.org/areport.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP

THIS Sunday, February 5, noon–2pm. Come for a time of spiritual devotions, candle-lit singing, fellowship, games, and plenty of snacks! Lunch also provided.

Sip n' Paint

The January Sip n' Paint was rescheduled to **Thursday, Feb. 9, 6:30pm ...** more time to invite a friend! 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, Feb 5**
- 8:00am 3- & 4-Year Olds Sing at 8am worship
 - 9:15am Gr 4 Faith Building Block: Apostle's Creed (2nd meeting, parents/guardians & child) - Fellowship Hall
 - 9:15am Sunday School

- Sunday, Feb 12**
- 9:15am Gr 4 Faith Building Block: Apostle's Creed (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 or stop in the Sunday school office in room 206.

CONFIRMATION

- Sunday:**
- 9:15am Class: Lord's Prayer
 - 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes
- Wednesday:**
- 5:00pm Class: 10 Commandments
 - 7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups

COFFEE WITH PASTOR KARYN


Now is a great time to join Coffee with Pastor Karyn at **6:30am, Wednesdays at Panera**. We are starting new study... *ASK: Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age*. Discuss with others such questions as: "How can I believe in science and creation?", "Can I trust the old testament?" and "Why do Christians disagree about so many things?" Questions? Talk to Bridget Crave (bridget@firstlu.org) or Pastor Karyn (karyn@firstlu.org).

DRAWING FROM THE WELL
First Lutheran invites all women to participate in this discipline, where we will explore the idea of wellness, exploring an aspect of the ELCA's wellness wheel at each meeting. They meet on the second Saturday of the month, **from 8:30am-1:30pm**. Next retreat: **Saturday, Feb. 11**; the focus will be on women in the early church. Contact Pastor Karyn for more info: karyn@firstlu.org

NOTICE: FIRST TO VOTE ON CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT
At our Annual Meeting and Potluck on **Sunday, Feb. 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 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. Please bring any questions you may have to the annual meeting. We can address these items during the discussion period of the motion.

High School Valentine's Lock-in
Join us for a night full of candy hearts, cheesy valentine cards, camp-style worship and time to reflect God's love in our life. **Friday, Feb. 17, 8pm through Saturday, Feb. 18, 7:30am.**

 **OWLs**
On **Friday, Feb. 24**, the OWLs, a group for those 55+, will leave church at 4:30pm for a night out, complete with dinner in La Crosse and followed by the UW-L production of Stephen Sondheim's *Company*. RSVP to Brian at owls@firstlu.org by 1pm on Monday, Feb. 20. The OWLs will have their February potluck **at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 15**, in the narthex.

SUGAR CREEK WINTER FUN DAY
A Young Youth family event!! On **Sunday, Feb. 26**, at Sugar Creek. We will leave after church (second service) and will return around 6pm. Come for an afternoon of snow tubing, broom ball, snow shoeing, wagon rides and more!! They will have warm drinks, food (dinner is included) and a toasty fire ready for you! Cost: \$7/person. RSVP to katie@firstlu.org.

FIRST TEEN CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS:
Specific needs at the clothes closet right now, as we try to assist groups of young people with job-preparation programs:

- XS (0-2) womens/girls dress pants
- Womens dress shoes sizes 10 and up

Donations may be dropped off in the shopping cart located in the front entry of the church. Thank you!

THIS WEEK: Feb 5-12

SUN 5

8:00am Worship

8:00am 3- & 4-Year Olds Sing at 8am Worship

9:15am Confirmation Class: Lord's Prayer - TR

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 4 Faith Building Block: Apostle's Creed (2nd Mtg, parents/guardians & child) - Fellowship Hall

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Worship

12:00pm Middle School Youth Grp - MR

5:00pm High School Praise Band Practice - SN

6:30pm High School Youth Grp - MR

MON 6

7:00pm AA - FS

TUES 7

9:00am Quilters - FS

9:30am Staff Mtg

5:30pm Bells Practice - Sacristy

6:30pm Stephen Ministry Mtg - MR

WED 8

6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS

6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Panera

8:30am First Teen Clothes Closet Mtg

12:00pm Finance Team Mtg

5:00pm Confirmation Class: 10 Commandments - FS

5:15pm Prayer Shawl Knitters - NX

6:00pm Peer Ministry - MR and FS

6:15pm Worship

7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Grps

7:00pm Choir Practice - SN

THUR 9

6:30pm Sip n Paint - FH

7:00pm Welcome Basket Team

FRI 10

7:00pm AA - FS

SAT 11

8:30am Drawing from the Well Grp - FS

SUN 12

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10:30am Worship

11:45am Annual Potluck - FH

5:00pm Healing Democracy Action Circle - FS

5:00pm High School Praise Band Practice - SN

6:30pm High School Youth Grp - MR

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