

READINGS

For Sunday, Feb 26

The Transfiguration, Luke 9:28-45
Pew Bible: 843, Spark Bible: 1143

For Wednesday, March 1

A Call to Repentance & Prayer, Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Pew Bible: 740, Spark Bible: 989
Prayer for Cleansing & Pardon, Psalm 51
Pew Bible: 452, Spark Bible: 616
The Ministry of Reconciliation, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Pew Bible: 940, Spark Bible: 1281
Concerning Almsgiving, Prayer, Fasting, Treasures, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Pew Bible: 787, Spark Bible: 1064

PRAYERS & CARE

Sympathy to the family & friends of Helen Ryan
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.

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.

SERVING:

Pastor Karyn Bodenschatz Organist: Gabe Hicks;
Nursery Attendant: Crystal Miller; Bread Baker: Mary Nicolai; Treat Providers: Terry Lee, Meredith Hougen, Erin Needham, Diane Engebrecht; Coffee Servers: Kelly Konrardy, Brandon King

SUNDAY, FEB 26, 8:00am

Communion Servers: Peggy Daleki, Bridget Crave, Bishop Jim Arends; Reader: Nancy Beguin; Nursery: Meredith Saner; Puppet Volunteer: Roxann Nedrelo; Projection Leader: Randy Nedrelo

SUNDAY, FEB 26, 10:30am

Communion Servers: Aaron McDonald, Jill Hanson, Bishop Jim Arends; Reader: Juliene McDonald; Ushers: Nathan & Suzanne Alberts, Todd Lofald; Nursery: Lauren Ecklund; Projection Leader: Jerad McHenry

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 6:15pm

Communion Servers: Tina Buchal, Bridget Crave, Glen Vilim; Reader: Carol Skoy; Ushers: Emma Keenan, Landon Peterson; Nursery Attendant: Deb Eckert

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
SUN., FEB 26 & WED., MAR 1

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.



Ash Wednesday
Worship

March 1

- 11:00am Lenten worship
- 11:45am Light lunch in narthex
- 5-6pm Lenten supper in Fellowship Hall
- 6:15pm Lenten worship

Lent small groups start THIS Sunday, Feb 26; see insert for full list of options and times

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
Kaia Marie Soper,
daughter of Brittany Soper



WELCOME TO BISHOP ARENDS

This Sunday we extend a warm welcome to Bishop Jim Arends, who is our bishop of the La Crosse Area Synod of the ELCA. He will join Pastor Karyn in worship today and deliver the message.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, Feb 26

- 9:15am Frolic! - Rm 102
- 9:15am Kindergarten Faith Building Block: Lord's Prayer (1st meeting, parents/guardians only) - Fellowship Hall
- 9:15am Sunday School

Sunday, Mar 5

- 9:15am Kindergarten Faith Building Block: Lord's Prayer (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, February 26:

- 9:15am Lord's Prayer
- 9:15am Social Media and Faith
- 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes
- 6:30pm Being a Faithful Public Servant

Wednesday, March 1:

- 5:00pm 10 Commandments
- 7:00pm CANCELED: Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups

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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!

WORSHIP TEAM GATHERINGS

In order to better know other members in our worship teams, and to review team goals, plan on attending the gathering time for your teams listed below:

- **Feb 26, 11:30am for communion servers**
- **March 5, 11:30am for altar guild/communion set-up**
- **March 8, 7pm for intercessors** (*these people will write the prayers of intercession each week*)
- **March 12, 11:30am for puppets and tech**
- **March 15, 7pm for worship coordinators** (*these people will be our primary coordinator for any given worship service, making sure people are present, trouble-shooting when needed, and eventually helping with training etc. We are seeking 6 people to make this team.*)
- **March 19, 11:30am for ushers**
- **March 22, 7pm for bread bakers**

OWLs

On **Wednesday, March 8**, the OWLs, a group for those 55+, will leave church at 4:30pm to see the musical group “Route 66” at the Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts. RSVP to Brian at owls@firstlu.org by March 2. The OWLs will have their March potluck on **Wednesday, March 15, at 11:45am** instead of noon, to join the Lenten worshipers. Please bring extra to share.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Let families with preschoolers know! Join us for our open house on **Thursday, March 10, from 4:30-5:30 pm.** Meet the teachers and check out the classrooms.

WALK FOR WATER

Experience firsthand what it is like to carry a 5-gallon jug of water through a simulated water collection experience. Come to the mall **March 11 anytime between 10am and 3pm** to walk the “Walk for Water” course that youth experienced at the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering!

GRADUATION MILESTONE

Graduates: You and your parents/guardians are cordially invited to mark the milestone of your graduation at First Lutheran's High School Graduation Recognition Dinner on **Sunday, March 19, from 6-8pm.** RSVP to the church office by March 12.

THIS WEEK: Feb 26–March 5

SUN 26	8:00am Worship 9:15am Confirm Cls: Lord's Prayer - TR 9:15am Confirm Cls: Social Media & Faith - SN 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 Frolic! - Rm 102 9:15am Kindergarten Faith Building Block: Lord's Prayer (1st Mtg, parents/guardians only) - FH 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am Communion Servers Mtg - SN 11:45am Winter Fun Day at Sugar Creek 5:00pm Lent Small Grp - Upper Room 5:00pm High School Praise Band Practice - SN 6:30pm High School Youth Grp - MR 6:30pm Confirm Cls: Being a Faithful Public Servant - LCPD
MON 27	7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 28	9:00am Quilters - FS 9:30am Staff Mtg 5:30pm Bells Practice - Sacristy
WED 1	Ash Wednesday 6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS 6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Panera 8:30am First Teen Clothes Closet Mtg 11:00am Worship 11:45am Lenten Lunch 5:00pm Lenten Small Grp- MR 5:00pm Confirm Cls: 10 Commandments - FS 5:00pm Lenten Supper 5:15pm Prayer Shawl Knitters - UR 6:15pm Worship 7:00pm CANCELED: Gr 8 & 9 Small Grps 7:00pm Choir Practice - SN 7:00pm Small Grp - UR
THUR 2	9:00am Sunshine Boys 1:00pm Grief Grp - UR 7:00pm Grief Grp - Gloria Kubiak's home
FRI 3	6:30am Men's Lent Small Grp -FR 10:30am Lent Small Grp - Upper Room 7:00pm AA - FH
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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