

READINGS

For Sunday, Aug 20

Isaiah 6:1-3, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Matthew 21:1-11,  
Thanksgiving at the Table

*Pew Bible: 553, 933, 802*  
*Spark Bible: 741, 1270, 1084*

For Wednesday, Aug 23

Matthew 15:21-28, The Canaanite Woman’s Faith  
*Pew Bible: 797 Spark Bible: 1077*

PRAYERS & CARE

Military: Jack Vilim, Jordan

*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.

Sunday attendant: Suzanne Alberts; Sunday  
helpers: Brianna Rebhahn; Wednesday attendant:  
Cassie Carrell

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 Jason Stanton; Organist: Gabe Hicks; Bread  
Baker: Peggy Daleki

SUNDAY, AUG 20, 8:00am

Communion Servers: Bridget Crave, Rick Cornforth,  
Gary & Jeri Metzgi; Reader: Bev Larson; Ushers: Nancy  
Beguín, Patty Shepard, Nick Walters; Projection Leader:  
Larry Schreiner

SUNDAY, AUG 20, 10:30am

Communion Servers: Bob Dean, Sharon Kjos, Jill  
Hanson; Reader: Peggy Daleki; Ushers: Leland &  
Kathy Sage; Projection Leader: XXX

WEDNESDAY, AUG 23, 6:15pm

Communion Server: Emily Wittkop; Reader: Tara Shilts;  
Ushers: Larry Johnson, Bob Hayter; Projection Leader:  
Brian Wittkop

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR  
SUN., AUG 20 & WED., AUG 23

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!**

WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

Nancy Beguin

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!

HOSPITALITY ACTION TEAMS

Coffee Servers: Rachel Knight, Aaron &  
Elizabeth McDonald, Margaret Hickok,  
Curt Hickok; Treat Providers: Nancy Olds,  
Darla Johnson, Jim & Ann Carlson



The OWLs, a group for those 55+,  
have moved their August potluck to  
the fourth Wednesday, **August 23, at  
noon** in Fellowship Hall. Bring your  
favorite picnic food for the potluck. The  
program will be Ruth Krett from the area  
food pantry talking about hunger in La  
Crosse County. Questions? Contact  
Brian Narveson at owls@firstlu.org.

BLESSING THOSE  
WORKING IN EDUCATION

Thousands of students will return to  
school in next month, and hundreds of  
teachers, aides and coaches, custodians,  
groundskeepers and lunchroom  
workers, office staff and administrators  
will be there to keep them safe and  
help them succeed. We invite all staff  
of our local schools, universities &  
colleges to join us on **Sunday, August  
28**, for worship and a special blessing  
to start off the new academic year.

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  
**Ryker William Craig,**  
son of Erik & Amanda Craig*



# \$ NEEDED 4 SHOES

First Teen Clothes Closet is accepting monetary donations to purchase new shoes for teens in conjunction with the annual shoe distribution hosted **August 30** by the Children's Clothes Closet/Trinity Lutheran Church in La Crosse. We hope to provide at least 120 pair of shoes for middle school and high school students to get the new school year started on the right foot. Monetary donations may be dropped off in the church office or in the offering — please indicate it is for the First Teen Clothes Closet shoe drive.

Along with donating shoes, we hope to bring along 12-14 volunteers. Six volunteers will get shoes from the holding area and have the person try them on, making sure they have the correct size. You will work with kids of all ages. We need another 4-6 high schoolers and/or adults to help with games to provide a fun outlet for those who attend. Sign up at [1stlu.org/shoes](http://1stlu.org/shoes) or contact the church office. Thank you!

# FIRST FEST!

On **Sunday, September 10**, we invite you to join us to relax, catch up with friends, introduce yourself to visitors or even members you've yet to meet, listen to great music, have lunch, and have some fun! This is also registration day for Sunday school, confirmation, and Frolic! (a small group for parents and their children birth to three).

# BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Youth and adults, bring your backpacks, briefcases, messenger bags, purses, etc. to church on **Sunday, September 10**, so that we may bless the start of your new school year!

# CONFIRMATION

## KICK-OFF FOR GRADES 8–10

**Wednesday, September 13, 5:30-8pm.** Come for food and fellowship and learn what this confirmation year has in store for your kids. We will walk through the program year together, and you can meet your kid's small-group guide. For students in grades 8-10 and their parents/guardians. Location: Fellowship Hall.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MILESTONE

At First Lutheran we are deeply committed to bringing the presence of God into the lives of children everywhere they go. This life milestone is for sixth-graders and their parents/guardians as they transition from elementary to middle school, and celebrates that each child is made in the image of God. We spend our time in four weeks talking about being created in the image of God, how God is in the midst of change and ways that we can feel connected with God through spiritual practices. Week one starts **Sunday, Sept. 17, 9:15am** in the fellowship hall.

# LIFETOUCH CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS

First Lutheran is updating its membership directory this year, and photo sessions will be available from **Oct. 10–21**. We encourage you to book your session soon so that you can pick the best time for you and your family; do

so by going to [1stlu.org/lifetouch](http://1stlu.org/lifetouch), or call the church office for assistance. Members who have their photos taken for the directory will get a free color copy of their portrait and a free directory.

# WELCOME BASKETS

Welcome baskets are a way to welcome a new neighbor into your neighborhood. The baskets are a gift bag tied with bow, filled with some goodies from church and from our community. They are available to sign out at the Resource Center across from the church office.

# HELPING HANDS

If you need help with small jobs around the house or if you need a couple of meals or groceries delivered, just go to the "Helping Hands" board by the nursery and make out a slip with a description of what you need help with and your telephone number. Then anyone who thinks they can help out can take the slip and call the number to work out the details. This ministry is open to all in need of help AND to those who can provide the help. There is no set group of "helpers" so we need involvement from all who can be a blessing to someone else. Thanks!

# CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS

- Hoodies: all sizes
- Guys belts: especially smaller sizes
- Wallets

# CALENDAR: Aug 20–Sept 3

SUN 20	<b>8:00am Worship</b> 9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee Small Grp - NX <b>10:30am Worship</b> 7:00pm Hospitality Leadership Team
MON 21	1:00pm Elizabeth Circle - Bev Fuhrman's Home 6:00pm Faith Alive Creative Circle - FH 7:00pm Women of the House Small Grp - House 7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 22	1:15pm Staff Mtg 7:00pm Welcome Center Mtg
WED 23	6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS 6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Uptowne Cafe 12:00pm OWLs Potluck - NX <b>6:15pm Worship</b> 7:00pm AA - FS
FRI 25	
SUN 27	<b>8:00am Worship</b> 9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee Small Grp - NX 9:15am Frolic! - Rm 102 <b>10:30am Worship</b> 11:30am Coffee Hosts Mtg 5:00pm Sunday School Teacher & Volunteer Orientation - FH 5:30pm ALICE Training for Staff & Volunteers - FH
MON 28	9:00am Newsletter Assembly - NX 7:00pm Women of the House Small Grp - House 7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 29	1:15pm Staff Mtg
WED 30	6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS 6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Uptowne Cafe <b>6:15pm Worship</b> 7:00pm AA - FH
FRI 1	
SUN 3	<b>8:00am Worship</b> 9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee Small Grp - NX <b>10:30am Worship</b>

**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)



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