

# READINGS

For Sunday, Sept 24  
John 9: 1-41, A Blind Man Receives Sight  
*Pew Bible: 871 Spark Bible: 1183*

For Wednesday, Sept 27  
Matthew 20: 1-16, Laborers in the Vineyard  
*Pew Bible: 801 Spark Bible: 1082*

# PRAYERS & CARE

Military: Jack Vilim, in 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: Deb Eckert  
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.

Please make every effort to keep food and beverages in the narthex. Thanks!

**SERVING:**  
Pastor Jason Stanton; Organist: Gabe Hicks; Bread Baker: Lori Greiner

**SUNDAY, SEPT 24, 8:00am**  
Acolytes: Conner Haggerty; Communion Servers: Bridget Crave, Rick Cornforth, Paula Skoy; Reader: Audrey Vinz; Ushers: the Breiling family; Projection Leader: Rob Kranig

**SUNDAY, SEPT 24, 10:30am**  
Communion Servers: Renee Thies, Shaun Gibbs, Judy Johnson; Reader: Teesha Willinger; Ushers: Sharon Kjos, Gloria Kubiak, Delores Teale, Eric Martin; Projection Leader: Ronn Thies

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT 27, 6:15pm**  
Communion Server: Larry Schreiner, Steve Thomas, Bev DiNicola; Reader: Bob Hayter

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUN., SEPT 24 & WED., SEPT 27

**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**  
Brandon King

**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: Carroll Lombard, Marilyn Schreiner; Treat Providers: Lowell & Mary Meier, Chris & Jessica Rohde

# QUILTS ON DISPLAY

The quilts on display in the sanctuary and narthex were made by First Lutheran's quilting group, who thank you for your continued contributions of yarn, bed sheets and fabric. The quilts are sent around the world, across the USA and throughout the La Crosse area. Help ship the quilts: It costs LWR about \$2.25 per quilt, and for every \$1 you give, someone in need receives \$8 worth of essential personal items. Donate toward shipping at 1stlu.org/shiplWR..

**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 honor of **DeLyle & Carol Hanson's** 59th wedding anniversary



Baptismal blessings are extended to **Andrew James Baumgart**, son of Jamie & Christina Baumgart



Wedding blessings are extended to **Krista Mortenson & Mason Clark**



# Sunday School

## Sunday, Sept 24

- 9:15am Frolic! - Rm 102
- 9:15am Grade 3 Faith Building Block: Bibles (1st meeting, parents/guardians only) - SN
- 9:15am Sunday School
  - 3- & 4-yr-olds, parent drop-off in 4K Rm
  - Gr K-5, parent drop-off in Choir Rm

## Sunday, Oct 1

- 9:15am Grade 3 Faith Building Block: Bibles (2nd meeting, parents/guardians & child) - SN
- 9:15am Sunday School

New registrations welcome any time of the year. Contact Sunday School superintendent Beth Miller at [sundayschool@firstlu.org](mailto:sundayschool@firstlu.org) or stop in the Sunday School office in room 206.

# CONFIRMATION

Sunday:

- 9:15am Gr 6 Middle School Milestone - FH
- 9:15am Gr 7 Bible Class - FS

Mon. Sept. 25–Fri. Sept. 29:

- Gr 8 Confirmation Registration

Wednesday:

- 7pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups

# HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP 2.0

**Weekly on Sunday nights during the school year, 6:30-8:30pm, in the Mary room.** Want to feel connected to fellow youths in a deeper way? Come to youth group and find friends, fellowship, and modern worship music. We play games, dive into scripture, and challenge each other to grow in our faith. Come whenever you can and bring some friends along, too!

# frolic

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!

## COME FOR SUPPER

First Lutheran is assisting with Come for Supper on **Tuesday, September 26**, at Our Savior's in La Crosse. First Lutheran will help with food donations and volunteering to serve and clean up. The sign-up sheets are at the Welcome Center. Call Gloria Kubiak if you have questions, 608.498.2762.

## NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY

It's a relaxing way to volunteer! **Thursday, September 28, at 9am**, to assemble the October newsletter. See you there!

## PARENT SHARE: NOW WITH WED OPTION!

**Starting October 4**, join Carla Stanton, member of First, certified spiritual director and mom of three, **in room 201 every Wednesday morning, 9:45-10:45am.** (*The Sunday Parent Share will also continue to meet at 9:15am between Sun. worship*). For Parent Share we will simply come together to pray and talk about raising our children faithfully. Childcare is available, too, for all children who are not yet attending school.

## PARISH INTERNSHIP COMMITTEE

A parish internship committee is being formed to serve our Vicar Tara Shilts. The committee of 5-8 people meets once a month and exists to give feedback directly to Vicar Tara in an informal, reflective way. Vicar Tara already receives critique and instruction from her supervisor, Pastor Stanton. This is your opportunity to offer leadership as we explore First's role as a teaching congregation. Contact Pastor Stanton if you are interested in raising up a leader in ministry: [jason@firstlu.org](mailto:jason@firstlu.org).

## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

A baptism preparation session will be **Saturday, Oct. 7, at 10am** in the narthex for anyone who is considering or has scheduled a baptism. To register or ask questions, contact the church office: 608.783.2236 / [office@firstlu.org](mailto:office@firstlu.org).

## LIFETOUCH CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS

First Lutheran is updating its membership directory this year, and photo sessions are 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. Don't wait — make your appointment today!

## THIS WEEK: SEPT 24-OCT 1

SUN 24

### 8:00am Worship

9:15am Gr 6 Middle School Milestone - FH  
9:15am Gr 7 Bible Class - FS  
9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee Small Grp - MR  
9:15am Frolic! - Rm 102  
9:15am Gr 3 Faith Building Block: Bibles (1st Mtg, parents/guardians only) - SN  
9:15am Sunday School

### 10:30am Worship

12:00pm Capital Campaign Steering Committee Mtg - FS  
6:30pm High School Youth Grp 2.0 - MR

MON 25

GR 8 CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION  
7:00pm Women of the House Small Grp - House  
7:00pm AA - FS

TUES 26

1:15pm Staff Mtg  
4:00pm Come for Supper at OSLC  
5:30pm Bells Practice - Sacristy

WED 27

6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS  
6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Uptowne Cafe  
**6:15pm Worship**

7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Grps  
7:00pm Choir Practice - SN

THUR 28

9:00am Newsletter Assembly - NX

FRI 29

7:00pm AA - FS

SUN 1

BY HEART: CONVERSATIONS W/ LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM BEGINS  
**8:00am Worship**

9:15am Gr 6 Middle School Milestone - FH  
9:15am Gr 7 Bible Class - FS  
9:15am Stewardship Confirm Cls  
9:15am By Heart Small Grp - The House  
9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee Small Grp - MR  
9:15am Gr 3 Faith Building Block: Bibles (2nd Mtg, parents/guardians & child) - SN  
9:15am Sunday School

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12:00pm Capital Campaign Steering Committee Mtg - FS  
6:30pm By Heart Small Grp - Jill & Mark Davidson's Home

### 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)