

## READINGS

For Sunday, Oct 8  
Exodus 20:1-21, Matthew 5:17-48, The Ten Commandments  
*Pew Bible: 58, 786 Spark Bible: 81, 1062*

For Wednesday, Oct 11  
Matthew 21:33-46, The Parable of the Wicked Tenants  
*Pew Bible: 803 Spark Bible: 1085*

## PRAYERS & CARE

Hospital: Merri Shupe  
Sympathy to the family & friends of Ruby Thompson  
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: Deb Koenig

## 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, Pastor Karyn Bodenschatz Organist: Gabe Hicks; Bread Baker: Peggy Daleki

**SUNDAY, OCT 8, 8:00am**  
Reader: Sara Nash; Ushers: Nicole Garbers, Scott Lattos, Patty Shepard; Projection Leader: Larry Schreiner

**SUNDAY, OCT 8, 10:30am**  
Reader: Judy Johnson; Projection Leader: John Peterson

**WEDNESDAY, OCT 11, 6:15pm**  
Reader: Mary Every

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUN., OCT 8 & WED., OCT 11

**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**  
Curt & Peg Hickok, JoAnn Wittchow

**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: Lowell & Mary Meier, Angie Breiling; Treat Providers: Arlette Knudsen, Nathan & Katie Olson, Tim Weihrouch, Carley Schaffner

## NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING INFO MEETING

**THIS Sunday, October 8, 5:30pm.** The ELCA's National Youth Gathering is less than a year away! June 27–July 1, 2018, in Houston, Texas! The gathering is open to all youths entering grades 9-12 in the fall of 2018, plus 2018 graduates. Come to learn more about this great, upcoming event!

## LIFETOUCH CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS

First Lutheran is updating its membership directory this year, and photo sessions are available between **Oct. 10 and 21**. We encourage you to book your session; 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 print of their portrait and a free directory. Don't wait — make your appointment today!

**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*  
**Valarie Jae Hougom,**  
*daughter of Jennifer & Tyler Hougom*



# Sunday School

## Sunday, Oct 8

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

## Sunday, Oct 15

- Grade 3 Faith Building Block: Bibles, lifted up in worship
- No Sunday School

Because of our capital campaign kick-off on Oct. 15, the "Praying Together" Faith Building Block for 3-year-olds will meet **ONLY on Oct. 22 & Oct. 29**. On those Sundays, 3-year-olds and their parents will meet at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall with Pastor Stanton. The children will be recognized in worship on Nov. 5.

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:

- Gr 6 Middle School Milestone, Lifted Up in Worship
- 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes
- 9:15am Stewardship Class

## Wednesday:

- 5:00pm Apostle's Creed Class
- 7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Grps

## Thursday:

- Gr 10 Confirmation Interviews Begin

## Sunday, Oct. 15:

- No Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes

# PARENT SHARE: NOW WITH WED OPTION!

Join Carla Stanton, member of First, certified spiritual director and mom of three, **in room 201 every Wednesday morning, 9:45-10:45am, or on Sunday mornings 9:15am-10:45am**. At Parent Share, we pray and talk about raising our children faithfully. Childcare is available, too, during either session.

# DRAWING FROM THE WELL

**Next retreat: Sat., October 14, 8:30-10:30am at Panera.** This group is for women of First and the greater La Crosse area seeking to support one another in their spiritual growth. We gather together once a month on Saturday mornings to be with each other, enjoy a breakfast, and develop a deeper relationship with one another. Come and get to know other women of the church, or renew friendships. *RSVP to [bridget@firstlu.org](mailto:bridget@firstlu.org)*

# OUR CHURCH + OUR TIME

**Sunday, October 15, 9am.** Sunday school & confirmation classes are canceled! Small groups will take a break! Because it is... Our Church + Our Time. Join us for a kickoff event where we will launch our capital campaign!

- 9:00am Brunch & treats for the whole family
- 9:30am "Our Church + Our Time" keynote address
- 10:00am The BIG Announcement

After brunch, kids will play lots of games led by Youth Director Jared Oelke and Young Youth Director Beth Miller, while adults stay for the program in the sanctuary. The nursery will be staffed throughout the event. *Join us!*

# SUGAR CREEK WOMEN'S RETREAT

**Fri., Oct. 20-Sun., Oct. 22.** Featured speaker, Carla Stanton, is a certified Spiritual Director and will lead us through various exercises to discover where God is working in our lives. We will consider the things we might need to let go of in order to make room for new growth. Info & reg. at [www.sgrcreek.org](http://www.sgrcreek.org).

# NEW-MEMBER SESSIONS

We offer several new-member sessions each year to acquaint new members with First and a small group of other newcomers. People who would like to become members of First Lutheran are invited to a 3-week introduction to the church, presented in a small-group setting. The group will meet in the evening on **Oct. 22, Oct. 29 and Nov. 2**. To register your family or ask questions, call our church office at 608.783.2236 or email [office@firstlu.org](mailto:office@firstlu.org).

# NO QUILTING ON OCT 10

The First Lutheran quilters will not meet on Tuesday, Oct. 10. They'll be back in action on Tuesday, Oct. 17.

# FOOD BASKET NEEDS

The following items have been requested to fill the food basket for those in need: pork & beans, rice, Hamburger Helper, ravioli, canned chicken, canned tuna, peanut butter.

# THIS WEEK: OCT 8-15

SUN 8	GR 6 MIDDLE SCHOOL MILESTONE, LIFTED UP IN WORSHIP <b>8:00am Worship</b> 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes - Rm 207 & 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 (3rd Mtg, parents/guardians & child) - SN 9:15am Sunday School <b>10:30am Worship</b> 12:00pm Capital Campaign Steering Committee Mtg - FS 5:30pm Youth Gathering Info Mtg - MR 6:30pm High School Youth Grp 2.0 - MR 6:30pm By Heart Small Grp - Jill & Mark Davidson's Home 7:00pm Hospitality Leadership Team
MON 9	7:00pm Women of the House Small Grp - House 7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 10	LIFETOUCH CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS BEGIN 1:00pm Dorcas Circle - NX 1:15pm Staff Mtg 3:45pm Worship & Music Team - NX 5:30pm Bells Practice - Sacristy
WED 11	6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS 6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Uptowne Cafe 9:45am ParentShare 12:00pm Finance Team Mtg 5:00pm Apostle's Creed Confirm Cls - Rm 207 <b>6:15pm Worship</b> 7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Grps 7:00pm By Heart Small Grp - UR 7:00pm Choir Practice - SN
THUR 12	11:00am By Heart Small Grp
FRI 13	7:00pm AA - FH
SAT 14	8:30am Drawing from the Well Grp - Panera
SUN 15	NO SUN SCHOOL NOR CONFIRM CLASSES NEWSLETTER DEADLINE GR 3 FAITH BUILDING BLOCK: BIBLES, LIFTED UP IN WORSHIP <b>8:00am Worship</b> 8:45am Capital Campaign Kick-off <b>10:30am Worship</b> 12:00pm Capital Campaign Steering Committee Mtg - FS 6:30pm High School Youth Grp 2.0 - MR 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)