

READINGS

For Sunday, Oct 15
Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 9:14-29, Imitating Christ
Pew Bible: 954, 821 Spark Bible: 1304, 1111

For Wednesday, Oct 18
Matthew 22:1-14, The Parable of the Wedding Banquet
Pew Bible: 803 Spark Bible: 1163

PRAYERS & CARE

Sympathy to the family & friends of
Maureen Lunney, mother of Pat Lunney,
and of Jim DiNicola, father of Bob DiNicola
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: Suzanne Alberts
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: Lori Greiner

SUNDAY, OCT 15, 8:00am
Communion Servers: Jeri & Gary Metzger, Paula Skoy; Reader: Katie Smith-Ohm; Ushers: Merrill & Judy Wachter, Becky Runde; Projection Leader: Randy Nedrelo

SUNDAY, OCT 15, 10:30am
Communion Servers: Judy Johnson, Mary Nicolai, Shaun Gibbs; Reader: Judy Wachter; Ushers: Jodi & Steve Symons; Projection Leader: Jared McHenry

WEDNESDAY, OCT 18, 6:15pm
Communion Server: Mark Koenig; Bridget Crave, Glen Vilim; Reader: Mark Koenig; Usher: Mark Koenig

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUN., OCT 15 & WED., OCT 18

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
Teesha Willinger

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: Deb Dinger, Diane Engebrecht;
Treat Providers: Bethany Girtler, Brandon King, Nicole Garbers, Maureen Smith

OUR CHURCH + OUR TIME THIS 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!*

LIFETOUCH CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS

First Lutheran is updating its membership directory this year, and photo sessions are available through **October 21.** We encourage you to book your session; do so by going to 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.

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, Oct 15

- Grade 3 Faith Building Block: Bibles, lifted up in worship
- No Sunday School, so that families can attend the kick-off!

Sunday, Oct 22

- 9:15am 3-Yr Old FBB: Praying Together (1st meeting, parents/guardians & child) - FH
- 9:15am Sunday School

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

CONFIRMATION

Ongoing:

- Grade 10 Confirmation Interviews

Sunday:

- No Confirmation, so that families can attend the kick-off!

Wednesday:

- 5:00pm Apostle's Creed - Rm 205
- 7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups

FAITH ALIVE CREATIVE CIRCLE

Monday, October 16, 6-9pm. Meeting the third Monday of each month in the fellowship hall, the Faith Alive Creative Circle is a gathering of people working out their creative muscles. All are welcome to bring whatever project you are working on and enjoy fellowship while doing it. Join us!

PARENT SHARE: NOW MEETING SUN & TUES

Join Carla Stanton, member of First, certified spiritual director and mom of three, **in room**

201 every Tuesday morning, 8:30-9:30am, 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.



On **Wednesday, Oct. 18**, the OWLs, a group for those 55+, will have their October potluck **at noon in the narthex**. Questions? Contact Brian Narveson at owls@firstlu.org.

SUGAR CREEK WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday, Oct. 20-Sunday, 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 to make room for new growth. Info & reg. at 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.

FAMILY PHOTOS: A CLOUD OF WITNESSES

In the coming weeks, we will ask for photographs of your beloved dead so that

we can be surrounded by their witness on All Saints Day. These pictures can be sent electronically (karyn@firstlu.org) or brought in. They will be printed as 4X6, so resolution should be such that they can be printed well from what you submit. If your loved one was a member of our congregation and died this past year, you will receive a letter from Pastor Karyn with a special request. Please note, we will continue to use the photos submitted last year, so no need to resend those photos.

ART AND SPIRITUALITY RETREAT IN CHICAGO

Join Pr Karyn to learn and practice Visio Divina, the spiritual practice of praying with images. The group will visit the Art Institute in Chicago and in addition to other sites, and some free time to shop, sightsee or rest. Traveling by van, the group will leave Friday morning, Nov. 17, returning to Onalaska Saturday evening. Cost includes transportation to Chicago, hotel and Art Institute entrance fee. Contact Bridget Crave with questions: bridget@firstlu.org. More info & reg. at 1stlu.org/artic.

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 15-22

SUN 15	NO SUN SCHOOL & GR 6 & 7 BIBLE CLASSES NEWSLETTER DEADLINE GR 3 FAITH BUILDING BLOCK: BIBLES, LIFTED UP IN WORSHIP 8:00am Worship 9:00am Our Church + Our Time Kick-off 10:30am Worship 6:30pm High School Youth Grp 2.0 - MR 6:30pm By Heart Small Grp - Jill & Mark Davidson's Home
MON 16	1:00pm Elizabeth Circle - Annette Sherry's home 6:00pm Faith Alive Creative Circle - FH 7:00pm Women of the House Small Grp - House 7:00pm AA - Rm: 205
TUES 17	8:30am ParentShare 9:00am Naomi's Circle 1:15pm Staff Mtg 5:15pm Personnel Team Mtg 5:30pm Bells Practice - Sacristy 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Mtg - MR 6:30pm Vision & Leadership Team Mtg
WED 18	LIFETOUCH CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS CONTINUE 6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS 6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Uptowne Cafe 12:00pm OWLs Potluck - FH 5:00pm Apostle's Creed Confirm Cls - Rm 205 6:15pm Worship 7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Grps 7:00pm By Heart Small Grp - UR 7:00pm Choir Practice - SN
THUR 19	10:00am Deborah's Circle - NX 11:00am By Heart Small Grp
FRI 20	6:00pm Sugar Creek Women's Retreat 7:00pm AA - FH
SUN 22	8:00am Worship 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes - Rm 207 & FS 9:15am By Heart Small Grp - The House 9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee Small Grp - MR 9:15am 3-Yr Old FBB: Praying Together (1st Mtg, parents/guardians & child) - FH 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Capital Campaign Steering Committee Mtg - FS 5:00pm New-member Session #1 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