

READINGS

For Sunday, Dec 3
I Peter 2:4-10, Luke 12:22-28, Build a Spiritual House
Pew Bible: 984, 847 Spark Bible: 1361, 1149

For Wednesday, Dec 6
Daniel 3:1-30, Daniel & the Fiery Furnace
Pew Bible: 719 Spark Bible: 959

PRAYERS & CARE

Hospital: John Towner
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; Sun. Helpers: XXX; 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, Pastor Karyn Bodenschatz Organist: Gabe Hicks; Bread Baker: Bev Larson
SUNDAY, DEC 3, 8:00am
Reader: Bev Larson; Projection Leader: Larry Schreiner
SUNDAY, DEC 3, 10:30am
Projection Leader: Ronn Thies
WEDNESDAY, DEC 6, 6:15pm
Reader: Carol Skoy

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUN., DEC 3 & WED., DEC 6

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, Rob Nelson

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: Kari Weber, Rob & Jo Ann Kranig, Heather Pintz; Treat Providers: Shirley Sacia, Michelle Bauer, Jim & Ann Carlson, Jackie Grayburn

SPARKHOUSE BOOK FAIR

Through Friday, Dec 8. Take a look at the display and order books and gifts for the special children in your life!

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS
Carrying on after the death of a loved one can be difficult and lonely. Join with others who have experienced loss, and listen and care for each other. Two groups to choose from, both meeting **the first Thursday of the month:**

- 1pm in the Upper Rm, led by Nancy Beguin
 - 7pm at Gloria Kubiak's home; call Gloria at 608.498.2762 if interested in joining
- Questions? Contact Director of Small Group Ministry, Bridget Crave: bridget@firstlu.org. More info at 1stlu.org/griefsupport.

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, Dec 3

- 9:15am Sunday School
- 3- & 4-yr-olds, parent drop-off in 4K Rm
- Gr K-5, parent drop-off in Choir Rm

Sunday, Dec 10

- 9:15am Sunday School, Rehearsal for Christmas Program - Sanctuary

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

Sunday, December 3

- 9:15am 10 Commandments
- Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes - Rm 207 & FS

Wednesday, December 6

- 5:00pm Lord's Prayer
- 7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups

OWLs

On **Saturday, Dec. 9**, the OWLs, a group for those 55+, will embrace the Christmas season with UWL's "Festival of Carols" at Christ Episcopal Church in La Crosse. They will leave from the church at 4pm to eat at a restaurant before the concert. RSVP to Brian Narveson at owls@firstlu.org or 608.526.9700 by Friday, Dec. 8.

FREE BABYSITTING!

On Sunday, December 10th from 12 - 3 pm, the 8th grade confirmation youth will offer free babysitting at the church so you can shop. Donations will be used to purchase animals for the ELCA Good Gifts program that helps to grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives. Children must be signed

up in advance; please call, text or email Jill Davidson to sign your child up. Jill Davidson 608-792-5830 or jedavidso@gmail.com

HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

It's going to be a week earlier, so we can go caroling, too! Get your holiday cheer on **Sunday, Dec. 10, 5:30-8:30pm** with a devo, games, and a white elephant gift exchange! Bring the weirdest gift you can find and a friend, too!

BUTTER BRAIDS FUNDRAISER

The Butter Braid Fundraiser has started! Youth going to Sugar Creek Bible Camp, National Youth Gathering or on summer mission trips can pick up order forms from the church office. All order forms must be **turned in by Dec. 10 with the money**. Orders will be available for pick-up on Wednesday, Dec. 20, after 12pm. Questions? Contact jared@firstlu.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

It is a wonderful time of year and a great way for our kids to spread their Christmas joy! **Wednesday, Dec. 13, during 6:15pm worship!**

YOUNG YOUTH COOKIE DECORATING

Meet at the church on **Saturday, Dec. 16, at 4pm** in the fellowship hall to decorate Christmas cookies. The cookies will be handed out as gifts to the residents that we visit when the church goes caroling on Dec. 17 at 5pm. Parents are more than

welcome, even encouraged, to attend the cookie decorating event! Young Youth is a group for children in grades K-2 and grades 3-5. For information, contact Beth Miller: beth@firstlu.org.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING Sunday, Dec. 17, 5-8pm.

Hop on a bus and take a ride around Onalaska to visit and carol to those who need extra Christmas cheer! RSVP at 1stlu.org/caroling.

DECEMBER'S MOST WANTED

Items needed at the First Teen Clothes Closet (*gently used or new items only, please!*):

- Guys and girls skinny jeans (not straight leg... skinny)
- Winter jackets
- Mittens, gloves, hats
- Purses

YOU CAN PICK UP YOUR PHOTOS

Members who had their photos taken for the new church directory and who are getting just the free 8x10 can pick up that photo in the church office. Drop by during the week to pick up yours.

To learn more about these and other announcements, head to our website at www.FirstLutheranOnalaska.org

THIS WEEK: DEC 3-10

SUN 3	SPARKHOUSE BOOK FAIR CONT THRU FRI 8:00am Worship 9:15am 10 Commandments Confirm Cls - TR 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes - Rm 207 & FS 9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee Small Grp - MR 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Capital Campaign Steering Cmte - FS 6:30pm High School Youth Grp 2.0 - MR
MON 4	7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 5	8:30am ParentShare 1:15pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Bells Practice - Sacristy 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Mtg - MR
WED 6	6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS 6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Uptowne Cafe 8:30am First Teen Clothes Closet Mtg 5:00pm Lord's Prayer Confirm Cls 6:15pm Worship 6:30pm Peer Ministry - MR 7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Grps 7:00pm Choir Practice - SN 8:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal - SN
THUR 7	1:00pm Grief Support Grp - UR 7:00pm Women of the House Small Grp - House
FRI 8	7:00pm AA - FS
SAT9	9:30am Drawing from the Well Group - Uptowne Cafe 4:00pm OWLs Fly to Festival of Carols
SUN 10	CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE GIFTS DUE BUTTER BRAIDS ORDER FORMS DEADLINE 8:00am Worship 9:15am 10 Commandments Confirm Cls - TR 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes - Rm 207 & FS 9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee Small Grp - MR 9:15am Sunday School, Rehearsal for Christmas Program - SN 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Free Babysitting 12:00pm Capital Campaign Steering Cmte - FS 5:30pm High School Christmas Party - MR 7:00pm Hospitality Leadership Team - NX

CALENDAR KEY:

CR = Choir Room FBB = Faith Building Block FH = Fellowship Hall
FS = Fireside Room MR = Mary Room NX = Narthex
SN = Sanctuary TR = Thomas Room UR = Upper Room

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