

READINGS

For Sunday, Dec 10
I Peter 4:8-10; Matthew 6:31-34,
Serve One Another
Pew Bible: 985, 788 Spark Bible: 1363, 1065

For Wednesday, Dec 13
Ezekiel 37:1-14, Valley of Dry Bones
Pew Bible: 704 Spark Bible: 939

PRAYERS & CARE

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.

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

SERVING:
Pastor Jason Stanton, Pastor Karyn Bodenschatz Organist: Gabe Hicks; Bread Baker: Peggy Daleki

SUNDAY, DEC 10, 8:00am
Communion Servers: Mary Every; Reader: Michael Peeso; Ushers: Dave & Barb Skogen, Roxanne & Randy Nedrelo; Projection Leader: Randy Nedrelo

SUNDAY, DEC 10, 10:30am
Communion Servers: Judy Johnson; Reader: Peggy Daleki; Ushers: Brian & Mary Ann Narveson, Connor & Aidan Luidahl; Projection Leader: Jared McHenry

WEDNESDAY, DEC 13, 6:15pm
Reader: Mary Every

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUN., DEC 10 & WED., DEC 13

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, Jo Ann 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: Lindsey Korth, Bev Larson, Merrill & Judy Wachter; Treat Providers: Shari Hegland, Marilyn Schreiner, Yvonne Cade, Patty Shepard

FREE BABYSITTING!
THIS Sunday, Dec. 10 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
All order forms must be **turned in THIS Sunday, Dec. 10, with the money.** Orders will be available for pick-up on Wednesday, Dec. 20, after 12pm. Questions? Contact jared@firstlu.org.

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 10

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

Sunday, Dec 17

- 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

Sunday, December 10

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

Wednesday, December 13

- No Grade 8 & 9 Small Groups
- 5:00pm Lord's Prayer

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.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Thursday, Dec. 21, 6:15pm. Please join us at First Lutheran for an hour of worship including music, prayers, candlelight and reflection on what God is up to amidst our blue feelings around Christmas. Before worship, starting at 5:30pm, there will be a time for a light meal and conversation.

FOOD BASKET SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR ROTARY LIGHTS

Volunteers are needed to collect food for the Onalaska Food Basket at this year's Rotary Lights in Riverside Park in La Crosse. Volunteers collect food from drivers as vehicles enter the park. Volunteers are needed for these shifts on these dates: **5-7:30pm or 7:30-10pm on Dec. 12, 17 and 30.** To volunteer as an individual or group, go to 1stlu.org/rotary.

SYNOD SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Grow in faith, develop your spirituality, deepen your discipleship, discern your baptismal vocation, and learn more about the Bible, theology and the church. Courses include: Bible, Theology, Church History, Ministry Skills and Spiritual Development. **The first session begins Jan. 4, 2018.** Talk to our pastors if you're interested, and find more info at 1stlu.org/theology.

KETTLE RINGERS

Tis the season! Bellringers are needed **through Dec. 24.** Bell ringing can be done in 2-hour increments, inside or outside. This is a great opportunity for our confirmation kids to gain some service hours — and do it together! Those interested in volunteering during the holidays — or anytime — through the Salvation Army, check out the group's website at Bells2ring.org!

THIS WEEK: DEC 10-17

SUN 10	CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE GIFTS DUE BUTTER BRAIDS ORDER FORMS DUE 8:00am Worship 9:15am 10 Commandments Confirm Cls - TR 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes - Rm 207 & FS 9:15am Internship Committee - House 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 7:00pm AA - FS
MON 11	8:30am ParentShare - UR
TUES 12	12:30pm Blood Drive - NX 1:00pm Dorcas Circle - NX 1:15pm Staff Mtg 3:45pm Worship & Music Team - NX 5:30pm Bells Practice - Sacristy 7:00pm Coffee Shoppers Quarterly Mtg NO GRADE 8 & 9 SMALL GROUPS 6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS 6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Uptowne Cafe 12:00pm Finance Team Mtg 5:00pm Lord's Prayer Confirm Cls 6:15pm Worship & Christmas Program 7:00pm Choir Practice - SN
WED 13	7:00pm Women of the House Small Grp - House NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00pm AA - FS
THUR 14	4:00pm Young Youth Cookie Decorating - FH
FRI 15	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 5:00pm Caroling

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

For more info, visit our website at www.FirstLutheranOnalaska.org