

## READINGS

For Sunday, April 8  
John 20:19-31, Jesus Appears to the Disciples  
*Pew Bible: 883 Spark Bible: 1199*

For Wednesday, April 11  
John 20:19-31, Jesus Appears to the Disciples  
*Pew Bible: 883 Spark Bible: 1199*

## PRAYERS & CARE

Sympathy to the family & friends of Vern Olson  
*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

## 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: Michelle Bauer  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 8:00AM**  
Projection Leader: Randy Nedrelo  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 10:30AM**  
Reader: Taylor Hanson  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 6:15PM**

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
410 Main St, Onalaska WI 54650  
www.FirstLutheranOnalaska.org • office@firstlu.org  
608.783.2236 • Fax: 608.783.3741  
Office hours: Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

**Senior Pastor:** Jason Stanton  
jason@firstlu.org • 608.386.6431  
**Associate Pastor:** Karyn Bodenschatz  
karyn@firstlu.org • 608.433.6002

**Vicar:** Tara Shilts, tara@firstlu.org

**Director of Hospitality:**  
Kathryn Pedretti, kathryn@firstlu.org

**Nursery Coordinator:**  
Cassie Carrell, nursery@firstlu.org

**Young Youth Coordinator & Sunday School Superintendent:**  
Beth Miller, beth@firstlu.org

**Confirmation Admin. Assistant:**  
Cindy Beach, cindy@firstlu.org

**Youth Director:** Jared Oelke, jared@firstlu.org

**Director of Small Group Ministry:**  
Bridget Crave, bridget@firstlu.org

**Director of Communications & Marketing:**  
Andrew Stutesman, andy@firstlu.org

**Head Custodian:** Mike Peper, mike@firstlu.org



## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUN., APR 8 & WED., APR 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**  
Meredith Hougen, Brian & Mary Narveson

**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: Terry Lee, Rita Miller, Jody Newgaard; Treat Providers: Bethany & Ryan Girtler, Phyllis Bey, Trish Harman, Tina Buchal

## froljc

This group is for parents/guardians and their children ages birth to 3 years old, **and meets at A NEW TIME: every second 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 welcome newcomers all the time — join us!



On **Mon., April 9**, the OWLs, a group for those 55+, will fly down the river to Sugar Creek Bible Camp to attend Yesterday's Youth. Tentative program is: "Vesterheim — An Insider's Look," followed by "Sweet Norwegians" and music by Andreas Transø. Leaving church at 8am, back around 3pm. Cost: \$10, includes lunch. RSVP to Brian at owls@firstlu.org / 630.816.5917 by noon Sunday, April 8.

**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!

Wedding blessings are extended to  
**Holly Schmidt & Matthew Ludden**



# Sunday School

## Sunday, Apr 8

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

## Sunday, Apr 15

- 9:15am 4-Yr Old Faith Building Block: The Keys (2nd meeting, parents/guardians & child) - Fellowship Hall
- 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, April 8

- 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes

## Wednesday, April 11

- 5:00pm Sacraments Confirmation Class
- 7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups

# DRAWING FROM THE WELL

**Sat., April 14, 9:30–11am at Mary Cody's Restaurant.** 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)

# YOUNG YOUTH EVENTS

## Gr K-2 Park Clean Up!

**April 15, 11:30am–3pm.** Lunch together after second service and then head to Ona Parks to help God's creation! RSVP to [beth@firstlu.org](mailto:beth@firstlu.org)

## Gr 3-5 help at Clearwater Farm!

**April 29, 11:30am–3pm.** More details to come; RSVP to [beth@firstlu.org](mailto:beth@firstlu.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 **April 15, 22 and 26**. To register your family or ask questions please call our church office at 608.783.2236 or email [office@firstlu.org](mailto:office@firstlu.org).



# KEEP CALM & TRUST JESUS

Monday, April 16, 6-8pm. Another of our popular confirmation classes, *Keep Calm & Trust Jesus* is now being offered to adults. This class will teach you ways to strengthen and trust in the power of your faith as well as tips to stay calm in a world that is often stressful and rushed! The class is taught by Marlene Dewald, RN, who retired in 2012. Sign-up at [1stlu.org/keepcalm](http://1stlu.org/keepcalm). Questions? Contact [bridget@firstlu.org](mailto:bridget@firstlu.org).

## MABEL ANDERSON

# SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now available. Completed applications are due no later than **3pm on Monday, April 23**. Students may apply

if they will graduate from high school in the spring and have plans to pursue post-secondary education. Application forms are available at [1stlu.org/scholarship](http://1stlu.org/scholarship) or in the church office during office hours, M-F 8am-4pm.

# Chicken Dinner!

**Thursday, April 26, 11am–7pm, at NEW LOCATION: Onalaska America Legion, 731 Sand Lake Rd.** This is an awesome fundraiser with delicious food! Tickets are sold by youth raising funds, or in the church office M-F, 8am-4pm. To volunteer your time and/or your baking skills by donating baked goods for youth to sell at the chicken dinner, go to [1stlu.org/chixdin](http://1stlu.org/chixdin). Questions? Contact [jared@firstlu.org](mailto:jared@firstlu.org).



**Wed., May 2, 5:15-7pm.** Our Peer Ministers and their families are invited to come eat dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:15pm followed by a commissioning at the 6:15pm worship service. We want to celebrate all of their hard work this past year to become better ministers to their peers!

*To learn more about these and other announcements, head to our website at [www.FirstLutheranOnalaska.org](http://www.FirstLutheranOnalaska.org)*

**Share your Faith Alive! experience and tag your social media posts with #faithalive365.**

# THIS WEEK: APRIL 8-15

SUN 8	<b>8:00am Worship</b> 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes - Rm 207 & FS 9:15am Internship Committee - House 9:15am Parent Share - UR 9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee Small Grp - MR 9:15am 4-Yr Old FBB: The Keys (1st Mtg, parents/guardians only) - FH 9:15am Frolic! - Rm 102 9:15am Sunday School <b>10:30am Worship</b> 6:00pm Financial Peace University - FS 6:30pm High School Youth Grp 2.0 - MR 6:30pm Hospitality Leadership Team - NX
MON 9	8:00am OWLs fly to Sugar Creek for Yesterday's Youth 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Class - MR 7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 10	8:30am Parent Share - UR 9:00am Quilting - FS 1:00pm Dorcas Circle - NX 1:15pm Staff Mtg 3:45pm Worship & Music Team - NX 5:30pm Bells Practice - Sacristy 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Mtg - MR
WED 11	6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS 6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Panera 12:00pm Finance Team Mtg 5:00pm Sacraments Confirm Cls - FS <b>6:15pm Worship</b> 6:30pm Peer Ministry - MR 7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Grps 7:00pm Choir Practice - SN 7:00pm Monthly Small Grp - UR 8:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal - SN
THUR 12	7:00pm Women of the House Small Grp - House
FRI 13	7:00pm AA - FS
SAT 14	9:00am Drawing from the Well Grp - FS
SUN 15	<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> <b>8:00am Worship</b> 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes - Rm 207 & FS 9:15am Parent Share - UR 9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee Small Grp - MR 9:15am 4-Yr Old FBB: The Keys (2nd Mtg, parents/guardians & child) - FH 9:15am Sunday School <b>10:30am Worship</b> 11:30am Young Youth Gr K-2 Park Clean Up! 12:00pm Seasons of the Ch Year Confirm Cls 5:30pm New-Member Small Grp - FS 6:00pm Financial Peace University - FS 6:30pm High School Youth Grp 2.0 - MR

## 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](http://www.FirstLutheranOnalaska.org)*