

READINGS

For Sunday, April 15
Luke 24:36b-48, Jesus Appears to the Disciples
Pew Bible: 861 Spark Bible: 1168

For Wednesday, April 18
Acts 9:1-19a, Paul's Conversion
Pew Bible: 893 Spark Bible: 1214

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: Deb Koenig
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.

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: Bev Larson

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 8:00AM
Reader: Karen Meier

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 10:30AM
Acolytes: Aidan Liudahl; Peggy Daleki

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 6:15PM
Reader: Mary Every

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUN., APR 15 & WED., APR 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
Curt & Peg Hickok, 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: Lowell & Mary Meier, Sara & Mickaela Larkin; Treat Providers: Bridget Crave, Marilyn Schreiner, Christiana Martin, Steve Netwal

YOUNG YOUTH EVENTS

Gr K-2 Park Clean Up!
TODAY, April 15, 11:30am-3pm. Lunch together after second service and then head to Ona Parks to help God's creation! Interested? Speak to Beth Miller, our Young Youth Director. She can often be found in the Sunday School office, room 206, between services.

Gr 3-5 help at Clearwater Farm!
April 29, 11:30am-3pm. More details to come; RSVP to beth@firstlu.org.

NEW-MEMBER SMALL GROUP

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 attend tonight's small group, just speak to either pastor after worship!

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, Apr 15

- 9:15am 4-Yr Old Faith Building Block: The Keys (2nd meeting, parents/guardians & child) - Fellowship Hall
- 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 22

- 9:15am 4-Yr Old Faith Building Block: The Keys (3rd 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 or stop in the Sunday School office in room 206.

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, April 15

- 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes
- 12:00pm Seasons of the Church Year Class

Wednesday, April 18

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



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. Questions? Contact bridget@firstlu.org.



The OWLs' — a group for those 55+ — next potluck will be **Wed., April 18, at noon** in Fellowship Hall. The program will be about the rapidly developing future of virtual reality (VR) for seniors, presented by Kathy Helgerson from Simple Steps Technology. Due to costs to prepare the program, an offering will be taken for Kathy.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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. Meeting the **third Thursday of the month, 1pm in the Upper Room**. Led by Nancy Beguin. Questions? Contact Director of Small Group Ministry, Bridget Crave: bridget@firstlu.org. More info at 1stlu.org/griefsupport.

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 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. Questions? Contact jared@firstlu.org.

OUR CHURCH + OUR TIME CELEBRATION

Between worship services on April 29 our family of faith will celebrate the completion of a VERY successful campaign. Every single member is strongly encouraged to come!



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!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Onalaska Holmen Food Basket particularly needs the following items: pork & beans, SpaghettiOs & ravioli, Hamburger Helper, paper towels, flour

Share your Faith Alive! experience and tag your posts on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook with #faithalive365.

THIS WEEK: APRIL 15-22

SUN 15	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 8:00am Worship 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 10:30am Worship 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
MON 16	1:00pm Elizabeth Circle - Arlette Knudsen's home 6:00pm Keep Calm & Trust Jesus - House 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Class - MR 7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 17	8:30am Parent Share - UR 9:00am Quilting - FS 9:00am Naomi's Circle 1:15pm Staff Mtg 5:15pm Personnel Team Mtg 5:30pm Bells Practice - Sacristy 6:30pm Vision & Leadership Team Mtg
WED 18	6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS 6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Panera 12:00pm OWLs Potluck - FH 5:00pm Sacraments Confirm Cls - FS 6:15pm Worship 6:30pm Peer Ministry - MR 7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Grps 7:00pm Choir Practice - SN
THUR 19	10:00am Deborah's Circle - NX 1:00pm Grief Support Grp - UR 7:00pm Women of the House Small Grp - House
FRI 20	7:00pm AA - FS
SUN 22	8:00am Worship 9:15am Apostle's Creed Confirm Cls 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 (3rd Mtg, parents/guardians & child) - FH 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Art as Prayer Confirm Cls 5:30pm New-Member Small Grp - FS 6:30pm High School Youth Grp 2.0 - MR

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