

READINGS

For Sunday, Aug 5
John 6:24-35, The Bread From Heaven
Pew Bible: 867 Spark Bible: 1179

For Wednesday, Aug 8
Ruth 3:1-18, Ruth and Boaz at the Threshing Floor
Pew Bible: 211 Spark Bible: 292

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

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

SUNDAY, AUG 5, 8:00AM
Projection Leader: Steve Klingemann

SUNDAY, AUG 5, 10:30AM
Projection Leader: Ronn Thies

WEDNESDAY, AUG 8, 6:15PM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUN., AUG 5 & WED., AUG 8

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: Ginny & Clay Pollert, Lowell & Mary Meier; Treat Providers: Arlette Knudsen, Shirley Sacia, Judy Stemper

PARENT SHARE

Join Carla Stanton, member of First, certified spiritual director and mom of three, **in room 201 every Tuesday morning at 9am.** At Parent Share, we pray and talk about raising our children faithfully. Childcare is available during the session.

DRAWING FROM THE WELL

This group is for women of First and the greater La Crosse area seeking to support one another in their spiritual growth. We gather to enjoy a breakfast and develop a deeper relationship with one another. We meet on the second Saturday of the month, **9:30-11:30am**, with the next one on **Saturday, Aug. 11, at Grounded Coffee** in downtown La Crosse. Contact our Director of Small Group Ministry, Bridget Crave, for more info: bridget@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!

*Baptismal blessings are extended to
Ace Willinger,
son of Wade & Teesha Willinger*





On **Wednesday, Aug. 15**, the OWLs, a group for those 55+, will have their monthly potluck **at noon in the narthex**. Then on **Friday, Aug. 24**, the OWLs will fly to the Lanesboro Commonweal Theatre to see the musical "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." Play is \$30; dinner before the play will be on your own. The van will leave the church at 4pm. **Please RSVP to owls@firstlu.org before Aug. 20.** Questions? Contact Brian Narveson at owls@firstlu.org.

CONFIRMATION

Come and learn what confirmation this year has in store for your kids.

- **Grade 6-7 orientation:**
Sunday, Aug. 19, 9:15am, in Sanctuary
- **Grade 8-9 orientation:**
Wednesday, Aug. 22, 7pm, in Sanctuary
- **Grade 10 orientation:**
Sunday, Aug. 26, 9:15am, in Sanctuary

SUGAR CREEK ANNUAL QUILT & ANTIQUE AUCTION

On **Saturday, Sept. 8, at 10am** come out to Sugar Creek for our annual quilt/antique auction and celebration! There will be a crafts fair and 5K trail run and fun walk starting at 8am.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Youths and adults, bring your backpacks, briefcases, messenger bags, purses, etc. to church on **Sunday, Aug. 26**, so that we may bless the start of your new school year!

BLESSING EDUCATIONAL STAFF

Thousands of students will return to school next month, and hundreds of teachers, aides and coaches, custodians, groundskeepers and lunchroom workers, office staff and administrators will be there to keep them safe and help them succeed. We invite all staff of our local schools, universities & colleges to join us on **Sunday, Aug. 26**, for worship and a special blessing to start off the new academic year.

Sunday School

Sunday, Sept. 9, is the first day of Sunday School! Parents/guardians and kids will gather in the sanctuary at 9:15am to kick off this year's Sunday School program. Register your children, get more info, meet the teachers, pick up a Sunday School calendar and get the ball rolling! Questions? Contact Sunday School Superintendent, Beth Miller: beth@firstlu.org.

FIRST FEST!

On **Sunday, Sept. 9**, we invite you to join us to relax, catch up with friends, introduce yourself to visitors or members you've yet to meet, listen to great music, have lunch and have some fun! This is also registration day for Sunday school and Frolic! (a small group for parents and their children birth to three).

MIDDLE SCHOOL MILESTONE

At First Lutheran we are deeply committed to bringing the presence of God into the lives of children everywhere they go. This life milestone is for sixth-graders and their parents/guardians as they transition from elementary to middle school, and celebrates

that each child is made in the image of God. We spend our time in four weeks talking about being created in the image of God, how God is in the midst of change and ways that we can feel connected with God through spiritual practices. Week one starts **Sunday, Sept. 16, 9:15am** in the fellowship hall.

INTRO BIBLE CLASS

Thursday, Sept. 27, 5:30-9pm, at Peace Lutheran in Tomah, sponsored by the La Crosse Area Synod. Learn the Bible story as you follow the narrative from Genesis through the New Testament. Pastor Len Liptack guides the journey with energy, insight and wit! Available to anyone, this evening also meets the expectation for the Bible introduction for School of Theology students. There is no obligation in taking the class. Just come and learn! Registration not required, but an RSVP is helpful. To RSVP, contact Peace at 608.343.7322 (leave a message) or email Pastor Dawn Lindberg at peacepastordawn@gmail.com.

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY IN LA CROSSE

The fall 2018 session of the Synod School of Theology will run from **Oct. 4-Nov. 8** (all classes on Thursday evenings, 5:30pm) with Bible Intro class for new students on Sept. 27 (see above). For more info and registration go to 1stlu.org/theology.

UPCOMING: AUG 5-14

SUN 5	8:00am Worship 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Vacation Bible School
MON 6	5:30pm Vacation Bible School 7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 7	9:00am Parent Share - UR 1:15pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Vacation Bible School
WED 8	6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS 6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Panera 12:00pm Finance Team Mtg 5:30pm Vacation Bible School 6:15pm Worship 7:00pm Gifts of Imperfection Small Grp - MR
THUR 9	5:30pm Vacation Bible School 7:00pm Women of the House Small Grp - House
FRI 10	7:00pm AA - FS
SUN 12	8:00am Worship 9:15am Frolic! - Rm 102 10:30am Worship 6:30pm Hospitality Leadership Team - NX
MON 13	7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 14	9:00am Parent Share - UR 1:15pm Staff Mtg 3:45pm Worship & Music Team - NX 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Mtg - 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



First Lutheran accepts one-time contributions electronically by credit/debit card. Use your mobile device to scan this QR code or go to 1stlu.org/give.

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