

READINGS

For Sunday, Aug. 12
John 6:35, 41-51, The Bread From Heaven
Pew Bible: 868 Spark Bible: 1179

For Wednesday, Aug. 15
Ruth 4:1-22, The Marriage of Boaz and Ruth
Pew Bible: 212 Spark Bible: 293

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.

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: Mary Nicolai
SUNDAY, AUG. 12, 8:00AM
Projection Leader: Randy Nedrelo
SUNDAY, AUG. 12, 10:30AM
Projection Leader: Doug Shupe
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15, 6:15PM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUN., AUG. 12 & WED., AUG. 15

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
Lee & Yvonne Cade,
Larry Schreiner, Todd Lofald

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: Vanessa Southworth, Meredith Hougen; Treat Providers: Shari Hegland, Beth Houskamp, Jackie Grayburn

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This group is for parents/guardians and their children ages birth to 3 years old, **and meets the 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 **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@frslu.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!

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.

CONFIRMATION

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

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

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Youth 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.

LET’S CELEBRATE

All are invited to join Vicar Tara Shilts and her family at their home to celebrate the completion of her one-year internship. Light refreshments and beverages will be provided. The open house will be **Sunday, Aug. 26**, from 1 pm to 5 pm at 1925 Sandalwood Drive.

SUGAR CREEK ANNUAL QUILT & ANTIQUE AUCTION

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

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 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. 17, 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.

THIS WEEK: AUG. 12-19

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
WED 15	Newsletter Deadline 6:00am Courageous Men’s Bible Study - FS 6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Panera 10:00am Ona Terrace Worship 12:00pm OWLs Potluck - FH 6:15pm Worship 7:00pm Gifts of Imperfection Small Grp - MR 8:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal - SN
THUR 16	10:00am Deborah’s Circle - NX 1:00pm Grief Support Grp - UR 7:00pm Women of the House Small Grp - House
FRI 17	7:00pm AA - FS
SUN 19	8:00am Worship 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Confirmation Orientation 10:30am Worship

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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