

READINGS

For Sunday, Aug 26
John 6:56-69, The Words of Eternal Life
Pew Bible: 868 Spark Bible: 1180

For Wednesday, Aug 29
Mark 10:17-31, The Rich Man
Pew Bible: 822 Spark Bible: 1113

PRAYERS & CARE

Sympathy to the family & friends of Ardie Johnson, sister of Judy Stetzer
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 Pianist: Abigail Saner; Bread Baker: Peggy Daleki
SUNDAY, AUG 26, 8:00AM
Reader: Shari Hegland; Projection Leader: Rob Kranig
SUNDAY, AUG 26, 10:30AM
Reader: Carla Stanton; Projection Leader: John Peterson
WEDNESDAY, AUG 29, 6:15PM
Communion Server: XXX; Reader: Bev DiNicola

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUN., AUG 26 & WED., AUG 29

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
Nancy Beguin, 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: Shari, Marty & Kevin Hegland, Marci Leppert; Treat Providers: Jim & Ann Carlson, Kathy Sage

CONFIRMATION

Come and learn what confirmation this year has in store for your kids.
• **Grade 10 orientation:**
THIS Sunday, August 26, 9:15am, in the sanctuary
• **Confirmation kick-off for grades 6-10**
Wednesday, September 12, 7pm in the narthex

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 **THIS Sunday, Aug. 26, from 1-5pm** at 1925 Sandalwood Drive.

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY

It's a relaxing way to volunteer! **Tuesday, August 28, at 9am,** to assemble the September newsletter. See you there!

MOVE-IN DAY WITH CAMPUS MINISTRY

Campus Ministry for UWL, WTC & Viterbo will be serving FREE pulled pork sandwiches to hungry students and their families on move-in weekend (**Aug 31 and Sept 1**). Tell anyone you know attending the above schools to go to Common Ground! (across from Angell Hall on UWL campus)

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!

SING!

Do you like music? Do you enjoy singing, even if it's in the shower? Do you appreciate the power of music in worship? Then put all of these things together and join the First Lutheran Senior Choir! The choir rehearses **Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the sanctuary, starting September 5.**

All are welcome! For more info contact Todd Saner at todd@firstlu.org.

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, 11:30am-1am**, 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!

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS!

Youth groups for both middle and high school will start up again on **Sunday, Sept. 9! Starting at 5:30pm** all ages will eat together, and then break off into their groups for fun, fellowship & devos. Questions? Contact Pastor Stanton, jason@firstlu.org.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Presenter Rev. Ron Nowland will present: *Are You the Salt of the Earth?* **Mon., Sept. 10, 4:30-6pm**, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 420 West Ave. S., La Crosse. Cost: \$7. Call Mary for more info: 608.782.7013.

RING!

Are you open to trying something new? Join the fun — ring bells! This group performs once a month. We welcome widely varied musical backgrounds. No experience necessary! We'll begin with the basics and learn to work together. Musical ability is a skill that can be taught. Do you want to be involved? We rehearse **Tuesdays at 5:30pm in the sacristy, starting September 11.** For more info contact Jim Knutson at jim@firstlu.org. Ring 'dem bells!

DRAWING FROM THE WELL

Next retreat: **Saturday, Sept 15, 9:30-11:30am, at the house**
In September we're changing things up: We will meet the 3rd Saturday of the month to avoid the breast cancer walk that many enjoy attending. Also in September, we will

meet at the house and discuss the format for Drawing from the Well for this program year. Come and get to know other women of the church, or renew friendships. *RSVP to bridget@firstlu.org*

S'MORE YOUNG YOUTH

Calling all K-5th grade students!!! Join us for s'more faith, s'more fellowship, s'more fun and s'mores on **Saturday Sept 15, 6:30-8pm at Hilltopper Heights Park.** (Rain location: Fellowship Hall at First) Any questions, contact beth@firstlu.org

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. 16, 9:15am** in the fellowship hall.

UPCOMING: AUG 26–SEPT 4

SUN 26	BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS & ED. STAFF 8:00am Worship 9:15am Gr 10 Confirmation Orientation - SN 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Sunday School Teacher & Volunteer Orientation - FH
MON 27	7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 28	9:00am Newsletter Assembly - NX 9:00am Parent Share - UR 1:15pm Staff Mtg 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Mtg - MR
WED 29	6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS 6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Panera 6:15pm Worship
THUR 30	7:00pm Women of the House Small Grp - House
FRI 31	7:00pm AA - FS
SUN 2	8:00am Worship 10:30am Worship
MON 3	LABOR DAY (OFFICE CLOSED) 7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 4	9:00am Parent Share - UR 1:15pm Staff Mtg

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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