

# READINGS

For Sunday, Sept 2  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23, The Tradition of the Elders  
*Pew Bible: 818 Spark Bible: 1113*

For Wednesday, Sept 5  
Luke 12:13-34, The Parable of the Rich Fool  
*Pew Bible: 847 Spark Bible: 1149*

# PRAYERS & CARE

Sympathy to the family & friends of Joe Tovar  
*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 Organist: Gabe Hicks; Bread Baker: Peggy Daleki

**SUNDAY, SEPT 2, 8:00AM**  
Communion Servers: Kurt & Angie Breiling; Reader: Karen Meier; Projection Leader: Steve Klingemann

**SUNDAY, SEPT 2, 10:30AM**  
Communion Servers: Judy Johnson, Jenn Wiesjahn; Reader: Mark Koenig; Projection Leader: Ronn Thies

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT 5, 6:15PM**  
Communion Server: Todd Lofald; Reader: Carol Skoy

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUN., SEPT 2 & WED., SEPT 5

**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: Deb Koenig  
Treat Providers: Yvonne Cade, Beth Curtis,  
Dave & Diane Dalgleish, Jill Hanson

# 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

The quilts on display in the narthex were created by members of First Lutheran and will be donated to Sugar Creek Bible Camp's annual quilt auction fundraiser, which is on **Saturday, Sept. 8, at 10am.** There will also be a crafts fair and 5K trail run and fun walk starting at 8am.

# FIRST FEST!

It's our 10th annual First Fest on **Sunday, Sept. 9, 11:30am!** 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!

**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, 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](mailto:beth@firstlu.org).*

## CONFIRMATION

**Sunday, September 9:**

- 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes, First Day, Rm 207 & Fireside

**Wednesday, September 12:**

- Confirmation kick-off for grades 6-10 at 7pm, in the narthex

## 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](mailto:jason@firstlu.org).*

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Presenter Rev. Ron Nowland will present: *Are You the Salt of the Earth?* **Monday, 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 Sept. 11.**

*For more info contact Jim Knutson at [jim@firstlu.org](mailto:jim@firstlu.org). Ring 'dem bells!*

## DRAWING FROM THE WELL

**Next retreat: Saturday, Sept. 8, 9:30-11:30am, at the house.** 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## ALL GLAZED UP

As part of the Lily Grant's support of Pastor Karyn's sabbatical, members of First are offered some of the same sabbatical experiences. Our first opportunity is getting creative with ceramics on **Tuesday, Sept. 18, 6-9pm**, at All Glazed Up in downtown La Crosse. You can work on a pottery wheel (limit 8) or pick an already made piece to paint and decorate (no limit). *RSVP at [1stlu.org/sabbatical](http://1stlu.org/sabbatical).*

## COME FOR SUPPER

First Lutheran is assisting with Come for Supper on **Tuesday, Sept. 25**, at Our Savior's in La Crosse. First will help with food donations and volunteering to serve and clean up. The sign-up sheets are at the Welcome Center. Call Gloria Kubiak if you have questions, 608.498.2762.

## 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. For more info and registration go to [1stlu.org/theology](http://1stlu.org/theology).

## UPCOMING: SEPT 2-10

SUN 2	<b>8:00am Worship</b> <b>10:30am Worship</b>
MON 3	LABOR DAY (OFFICE CLOSED) 7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 4	9:00am Parent Share - UR 1:15pm Staff Mtg
WED 5	6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS 6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Panera <b>6:15pm Worship</b> 7:00pm Confirmation Guide Orientation - FS 7:00pm Choir Practice - SN 8:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal - SN
THUR 6	7:00pm Women of the House Small Grp - House
FRI 7	7:00pm AA - FH
SAT 8	9:30am Drawing from the Well Grp - House 10:00am Sugar Creek Quilt & Antique Auction
SUN 9	BLESSING SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS <b>8:00am Worship</b> 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Confirm Cls, First Day 9:15am Sunday School, First Day - SN <b>10:30am Worship</b> 11:30am First Fest! 5:30pm Middle & High School Youth Grps - NX
MON 10	7:00pm AA - FS

### 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)*



*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](http://1stlu.org/give).*

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