

READINGS

For Sunday, Sept 16
Mark 8:27-38, Peter's Declaration About Jesus
Pew Bible: 820 Spark Bible: 1110

For Wednesday, Sept 19
Genesis 12:1-9, Call of Abraham
Pew Bible: 8 Spark Bible: 13

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; Organist: Gabe Hicks; Bread Baker: Mary Nicolai

SUNDAY, SEPT 16, 8:00AM
Communion Servers: Gary & Jeri Metzig, Marilyn Schreiner;
Reader: Allan Ohm; Projection Leader: Larry Schreiner

SUNDAY, SEPT 16, 10:30AM
Communion Servers: Paula Skoy, Gloria Kubiak; Reader: Judy Johnson; Projection Leader: Jerad McHenry

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 19, 6:15PM
Members of a confirmation small group will serve as communion servers, ushers, reader and projection leader

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUN., SEPT 16 & WED., SEPT 19

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
Brandon King, Todd Lofald, Diane Shuda

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: Diane Engebrecht, Brian & Annette O'Hern; Treat Providers: Christiana Martin, Jim & Ann Carlson, Jenny Knudson

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

Sabbatical Together POTTERY NIGHT

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.*

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!

*Flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of
Grandpa Mike Klein
from Ryan & Charlie Mackeben*



Sunday School

Sunday, Sept 16

- 9:15am Sunday School
 - Preschool & 4K, opening in 4K Rm
 - Gr K–5, opening in sanctuary

Sunday, Sept 23

- 9:15am Gr 3 FBB: Bibles (1st meeting, parents/guardians only) - Mary Rm
- 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:

- 9:15am Gr 6 Middle School Milestone - Fellowship Hall
- 9:15am Gr 7 Confirmation Class

Tuesday:

- 6:00pm Elective Option: Pottery Night

Wednesday:

- 7:00pm Gr 10 Confirmation
- 7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups

GREAT TIME TO JOIN SUNDAY MORNING WITH COFFEE SMALL GROUP!

Our small group Sunday Morning with Coffee **restarts TODAY, Sunday, Sept. 16.** It's a great time to join this group that is open to all and meets weekly between services. They will watch a short DVD and discuss *How to Read the Bible*, by The Bible Project. The series is an introduction on how to read the Bible more wisely and with greater understanding. The group **meets in the Mary Room**, with some upcoming exceptions: **On Sept. 23 & 30, they will meet in room 209.**

OWLS

On **Wednesday, Sept. 19**, the OWLs, a group for those 55+, will have their potluck **at noon in the narthex**. The program will be our very own Pastor Stanton, who will conduct a session of "Ask the Pastor." On **Friday, Oct. 5**, the OWLs will fly to the Villa Louis mansion in Prairie Du Chien, and on **Monday, Oct. 15**, the OWLs will return to the Winona Boat Tour for a fall color cruise. To reserve your spot for these events or to ask questions, contact Brian Narveson at owls@firstlu.org.

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.

LISTENING FOR GOD — WALKING WITH JESUS

Synod-wide Women's Fall Retreat on **Sept. 22**, at New Life Lutheran, 7564 Cottage Grove Rd, Madison, WI. For women of all ages. Find renewal in this daylong retreat dedicated to listening for the voice of the Holy One in our lives. Explore what might be when we walk through life with that voice as the core of all we are and do. Led by Carla Stanton, member of First and certified spiritual director from the Franciscan Spirituality Center. Free childcare provided during the event. Registration and more info: 1stlu.org/welca.

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.

CLOSET NEEDS

In just 2 weeks in our new location, the Clothes Closet has hosted more than 40 teens — we knew the need was there and are so glad we can meet it! But that means our needs are great, also. Here's how you can help — drop off the following, gently-used teen items in the church entry donation bins: Purses, wallets (men's and women's), hoodies, socks (new), leggings (new), sports bras (new), body wash and other toiletries. Ask at the office about volunteering to assist in hosting the Monday night shopping hours.

LOOKING FOR GAMES, ETC.

Our middle & high school youth groups (which gather **weekly on Sundays at 5:30pm**) are looking for donations of board games, yard games, bean-bag chairs, a mini-fridge, gaming consoles, and a large, flat-screen TV. Bring donations to the office. *Questions? Contact Pastor Stanton, jason@firstlu.org.*

THIS WEEK: SEPT 16–23

SUN 16	8:00am Worship 9:15am Gr 6 Middle School Milestone - FH 9:15am Gr 7 Confirm Cls 9:15am Parent Share - UR 9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee - MR 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 5:30pm Middle & High School Youth Grps - NX 6:30pm Hospitality Leadership Team - NX 7:00pm Gifts of Imperfection Grp - UR
MON 17	CLOTHES CLOSET ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST VISIT 1:00pm Elizabeth Circle 2:30pm Springbrook Worship 7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 18	8:30am Parent Share - UR 9:00am Quilters - FS 1:15pm Staff Mtg 5:15pm Personnel Team Mtg 5:30pm Bells Practice - Sacristy 6:00pm Sabbatical Together: Pottery Night - All Glazed Up 6:30pm Coffee Shoppers - UR 6:30pm Vision & Leadership Team Mtg 7:00pm Property Mngmt Team Mtg - Mike's Office
WED 19	First Day of Gr 8 & 9 Small Grps 6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS 6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Panera 10:00am Ona Terrace Worship 12:00pm OWLs Potluck - NX 6:15pm Worship 7:00pm Gr 10 Confirmation 7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Grps 7:00pm Choir Practice - SN
THUR 20	10:00am Deborah's Circle - NX 1:00pm Grief Support Grp - UR 7:00pm Women of the House Small Grp 7:00pm AA - FS
FRI 21	
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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