

READINGS

For Sunday, Sept 23
Mark 9:30-37, Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection
Pew Bible: 821 Spark Bible: 1112

For Wednesday, Sept 26
Genesis 39:1-23, Joseph in Prison
Pew Bible: 31 Spark Bible: 44

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; Organist: Gabe Hicks; Bread Baker: Peggy Daleki

SUNDAY, SEPT 23, 8:00AM
Communion Servers: Diane Shuda, Travis Evenson, Katy Wood; Reader: Michael Peeso; Projection Leader: Rob Kranig

SUNDAY, SEPT 23, 10:30AM
Communion Servers: Aaron McDonald, Todd Lofald, Katie Everson; Reader: Jan Klimke; Projection Leader: John Peterson

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 26, 6:15PM
Communion Server: Mary Every; Reader: Mary Every; Projection Leader: Bob Hayter

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUN., SEPT 23 & WED., SEPT 26

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
Meredith Hougen

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: Mary Every, Sharon Kjos, Roxann & Randy Nedrelo; Treat Providers: Jan Klimke, Pat Blanchard, Terry Lee, Pam Key

QUILTS ON DISPLAY
The quilts on display in the sanctuary and narthex were made by First Lutheran's quilting group, who thank you for your continued contributions of yarn, bed sheets and fabric. The quilts are sent around the world, across the USA and throughout the La Crosse area. Help ship the quilts: It costs LWR about \$2.25 per quilt, and for every \$1 you give, someone in need receives \$8 worth of essential personal items. Donate toward shipping at 1stlu.org/shipLWR. You can also help this ongoing mission by donating slightly used bed sheets of any size, cotton fabric left from sewing projects, yarn or crochet cotton. Drop off donations in the church office. Thanks!

GREAT TIME TO JOIN SUNDAY MORNING WITH COFFEE SMALL GROUP!
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. **This Sunday and Sept. 30 they will meet in the Thomas room** (not 209 as printed last week); after that they will resume meeting in the Mary room.

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 23

- 9:15am Gr 3 FBB: Bibles (1st meeting, parents/guardians only) - Mary Rm
- 9:15am Sunday School
 - Preschool & 4K, opening in 4K Rm
 - Gr K-5, opening in sanctuary

Sunday, Sept 30

- 9:15am Gr 3 FBB: Bibles (2nd meeting, parents/guardians & child) - Fellowship Hall
- 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, September 23

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

Wednesday, September 26

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

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.



On **Friday, Oct. 5**, the OWLs, a group for those 55+, 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.

CONFRONTING ISLAMOPHOBIA

The Church in Society Committee, in partnership with Shoulder to Shoulder of La Crosse, has arraigned for Pastor Mandy France and Dr. Ayaz Virji to share their story of confronting Islamophobia in rural Minnesota. Hear their story at the following events:

- **Wed., Oct. 3, 7pm at Trinity Lutheran Sparta.** This event is designed for confirmation and high school youth. Of course, others are welcome.
- **Thur., Oct. 4, 7pm at Westby Fine Arts Center.** This community event is open to the public; no registration necessary.

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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUGAR CREEK RETREAT

Fri., 7pm, Oct 5-Sun., 1pm, Oct 7. Come hang out with your favorite camp friends and Sugar Creek counselors for 3 days of games, hiking, Bible study, worship, campfires, and loads of other FUN camp activities! Cost: \$85. *RSVP to Pastor Stanton: jason@firstlu.org.*

NEW-MEMBER SESSIONS

We offer several new-member sessions each year to acquaint new members with First and a small group of other newcomers. People who would like to become members of First

Lutheran are invited to a 3-session introduction to the church, presented in a small-group setting. The group will meet in the evening on **Sunday, Oct. 14, Sunday, Oct. 21, and Thursday, Oct. 25**. To register your family or ask questions, call the church office at 608.783.2236 or email office@firstlu.org.

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 23-30

SUN 23	8:00am Worship
	9:15am Gr 6 Middle School Milestone - FH
	9:15am Gr 7 Confirmation Cls
	9:15am Parent Share - UR
MON 24	9:15am Sun Morning with Coffee - TR
	9:15am Gr 3 FBB: Bibles (1st meeting, parents/guardians only) - MR
	9:15am Sunday School
	9:30am Coffee Hosts
TUES 25	10:30am Worship
	5:30pm Middle & High School Youth Groups - NX
	7:00pm Gifts of Imperfection Group - UR
	7:00pm AA - FS
WED 26	8:30am Parent Share - UR
	9:00am Quilters - FS
	1:15pm Staff Meeting
	4:00pm Come for Supper at OSLC
THUR 27	5:30pm Bells Practice - Sacristy
	6:30pm Stephen Ministry Mtg - MR
	6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS
	6:30am Coffee with Pastor Karyn - Panera
FRI 28	6:15pm Worship
	7:00pm Gr 10 Confirmation
	7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups
	7:00pm Choir Practice - SN
SUN 30	9:00am Newsletter Assembly - NX
	7:00pm Women of the House Small Group
	7:00pm AA - FS
	8:00am Worship
	9:15am Gr 6 Middle School Milestone - MR
	9:15am Gr 7 Confirmation Class
	9:15am Parent Share - UR
	9:15am Sunday Morning with Coffee - TR
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	7:00pm Gifts of Imperfection Group - UR

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