

## READINGS

For Sunday, Sept 30  
Mark 9:38-50, Temptations to Sin  
*Pew Bible: 821 Spark Bible: 1112*

For Wednesday, Oct 3  
Luke 1:26-33; 2:1-7; 2:8-20; 2:21-35, Jesus' Birth  
*Pew Bible: 831 Spark Bible: 1127*

## PRAYERS & CARE

Hospital: Marilyn Wuttke  
*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  
Wednesday attendant: Deb Koenig

## 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; Assisting Minister: Linda Green; Organist: Gabe Hicks; Bread Baker: Mary Nicolai

### SUNDAY, SEPT 30, 8:00AM

Communion Servers: Larry Schreiner, Randy Nedrelo; Reader: Catherine Smith-Ohm

### SUNDAY, SEPT 30, 10:30AM

Communion Servers: Mark Koenig, Steve Thomas; Reader: Teesha Willinger; Projection Leader: Ronn Thies

### WEDNESDAY, OCT 3, 6:15PM

Worship assistants will be members of a confirmation small group

### FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUN., SEPT 30 & WED., OCT 3

### 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

Jenn Wiesjahn, Todd Lofald, Teesha Willinger

### 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: Sara Larkin, Bob Dean & Bev Larson, Christine Taylor; Treat Providers: Todd & Mary Lofald, Greg & Linda Prairie, Bruce & Cindy Mathew, Randy & Judy Eddy

## GREAT TIME TO JOIN SUNDAY MORNING WITH COFFEE SMALL GROUP!

It's a great time to join this group, which 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, Sept. 30, they will meet in the Thomas room;** after that they will resume meeting in the Mary room.

## SUGAR CREEK LISTENING SESSION

Attention: All who love Sugar Creek Bible Camp! On **Monday, Oct. 1, at 6pm** come to a listening session hosted by Jeff Barrow, interim executive director, as he and the board consider the camp's strengths and growing edges. What new programs could be offered? What old programs need new life? Bring your ideas, critique and your hopes for what Sugar Creek may do in its next chapter!

### 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. 30

- 9:15am Gr 3 FBB: Bibles (2nd meeting, parents/guardians & child) - Fellowship Hall
- 9:15am Sunday School
  - Preschool & 4K, opening in 4K Rm
  - Gr K-5, opening in sanctuary

## Sunday, Oct. 7

- 9:15am Gr 3 FBB: Bibles (3rd 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](mailto:sundayschool@firstlu.org) or stop in the Sunday School office in room 206.

# CONFIRMATION

## Sunday, Sept. 30

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

## Wednesday, Oct. 3

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

## Friday, Oct. 5

- 7:00pm Middle School Sugar Creek Retreat

## CONFRONTING ISLAMOPHOBIA

The Church in Society Committee, in partnership with Shoulder to Shoulder of La Crosse, has arranged 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 youths. 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](http://1stlu.org/theology).



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](mailto:owls@firstlu.org).

# MIDDLE SCHOOL SUGAR CREEK RETREAT

**From 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5., to 1 p.m.**

**Sunday, 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](mailto:jason@firstlu.org).*

## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

A baptism preparation session will be **Saturday, Oct. 6, at 10am** in the narthex for anyone who is considering or has scheduled a baptism. To register or ask questions, contact the church office: 608.783.2236 / [office@firstlu.org](mailto:office@firstlu.org).

## Sabbatical Together:

# PHOTO WALK

On **Sunday, Oct. 7, from noon-4pm**, take a walk in nature and learn to really see God's amazing creation through photographing beauty found in humility and imperfection in nature. Bring your cell phone (or an actual camera if you have one). No expertise required, but this experience will be about TAKING a better photo, NOT ABOUT HOW to use your camera. If you know how to press the button on your phone to take a picture, then you have all the expertise you need for this class! We will start at First in Fellowship Hall for pizza and a discussion on pointers and tips for taking better photos, and then off to Perrot State Park for some time outside. Led by Brian Narveson. RSVP at [1stlu.org/sabbatical](http://1stlu.org/sabbatical) so we have a head count for pizza. Thanks!

## 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](mailto:office@firstlu.org).

# THIS WEEK: SEPT 30-OCT 7

SUN 30	<b>8:00am Worship</b> 9:15am Gr 6 Milestone - MR 9:15am Gr 7 Confirm Cls 9:15am Parent Share - UR 9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee - TR 9:15am Gr 3 FBB: Bibles (2nd Mtg, parents/guardians & child) - FH 9:15am Sunday School <b>10:30am Worship</b> 5:30pm Middle & High School Youth Grps - NX 7:00pm Gifts of Imperfection Grp - UR
MON 1	6:00pm Sugar Creek Listening Session - NX 7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 2	8:30am Parent Share - UR 9:00am Quilters - FS 1:15pm Staff Mtg 5:30pm Bells Practice - Sacristy
WED 3	6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS 6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Panera 5:30pm Prayer Shawl Knitters - NX <b>6:15pm Worship</b> 7:00pm Gr 10 Confirmation 7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Grps 7:00pm Choir Practice - SN 7:00pm Confronting Islamophobia 8:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal - SN
THUR 4	7:00pm Women of the House Small Grp
FRI 5	8:45am OWLs Fly to Villa Louis Mansion 7:00pm AA - FH 7:00pm Middle School Sugar Creek Retreat
SAT 6	10:00am Baptismal Preparation - NX
SUN 7	GR 6 MILESTONE, LIFTED UP IN WORSHIP <b>8:00am Worship</b> 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Confirm Cls - Rm 207 & FS 9:15am Parent Share - UR 9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee - MR 9:15am Gr 3 FBB: Bibles (3rd Mtg, parents/guardians & child) - FH 9:15am Sunday School <b>10:30am Worship</b> 12:00pm Sabbatical Together: Photo Walk 5:30pm Middle & High School Youth Grps - NX 7:00pm Gifts of Imperfection Grp - 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](http://www.FirstLutheranOnalaska.org)