

READINGS

For Sunday, Oct 7
Mark 10:2-16, Jesus Blesses Little Children
Pew Bible: 822 Spark Bible: 1113

For Wednesday, Oct 10
Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17, Covenant & Commandments
Pew Bible: 57 Spark Bible: 80

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.

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: Shaun Gibbs; Pianist: Abby Saner; Bread Baker: Peggy Daleki
SUNDAY, OCT 7, 8:00AM
Communion Servers: Kurt Breiling, Bridget Crave; Reader: Carol Skoy; Projection Leader: Randy Nedrelo

SUNDAY, OCT 7, 10:30AM
Communion Servers: Mary Nicolai, Jessica Rohde; Reader: Taylor Hanson; Projection Leader: Doug Shupe

WEDNESDAY, OCT 10, 6:15PM
Communion server: Mark Koenig; Projection leader: Richard Daleki
Other worship assistants will be members of a confirmation small group

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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!



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUN., OCT 7 & WED., OCT 10

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: Merrill & Judy Wachter, Stephanie & Robert Lass; Treat Providers: Curt Hickok, Ellis & Judy Stetzer, Sharon Kjos, Eric & Jill Wojta

Sabbatical Together:
PHOTO WALK
THIS Sunday, Oct. 7, from noon-4pm, (weather pending) 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 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.

Sunday School

Sunday, Oct. 7

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

Sunday, Oct. 14

- Gr 3 FBB: Bibles, lifted up in worship
- 9:15am 3-Yr Old FBB: Praying Together (1st meeting, parents/guardians only) - FH
- 9:15am Frolic! - Rm 102
- 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, October 7

- Gr 6 Middle School Milestone, Lifted Up in Worship
- 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Confirmation Classes

Wednesday, October 10

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

SUNSHINE BOYS

The Sunshine Boys serve at First on the second Thursday of each month; the next meeting will be **Thursday, Oct. 11, at 9am**. The Sunshine Boys are an informal group that performs a variety of necessary tasks around the church; such as grounds clean-up, minor repairs, and other small jobs. Rolls and coffee are supplied to replenish your reserves! Dues are free! Contact Mike, our custodian, with any questions: mike@firstlu.org.

FAITH ALIVE! U POLITICAL JESUS?

A Faith Alive! U course presented by Bishop Arends on **Sunday, Oct. 14, at 6pm**: People of faith are called to be faithful citizens. Yet, when we speak to political issues, we are often cautioned to be silent due to the separation of church and state. Join La Crosse Area Synod Bishop Jim Arends as he explores the call to faithfulness and action that comes to Christians from Jesus. We will look at the need to speak and act as well as the worries and fears of "going public."



On **Monday, Oct. 15**, the OWLs, a group for those 55+, will return to the Winona Boat Tour for a fall color cruise. To reserve your spot or to ask questions, contact Brian Narveson at owls@firstlu.org.

BLESSING HEALTH CARE WORKERS

We invite all staff of our area clinics and hospitals to join us on **Sunday, Oct. 21**, for worship and a special blessing for all of the care you provide to our community.

SABBATICAL TOGETHER: GENEALOGY 101

Genealogy 101, Tuesday, Oct. 30, 6:30-7:30pm. Get started on researching your genealogy. Bill O'Driscoll from the La Crosse Historical Society will present a workshop to help you get started and learn about the resources available for learning more about your family roots. For those interested, you will be encouraged to stay connected and meet occasionally to share successes and struggles and support each other in your genealogy search.

FAMILY PHOTOS... A CLOUD OF WITNESSES

Help us create a visual cloud of witnesses for **All Saint's Worship, Nov. 1 at 11am**. We are looking for pictures of loved ones who have died, not just this past year. If you had a loved one die this past year (November 1, 2017–October 31, 2018) and they were a member of our congregation, a letter will be sent to you with a special request. We are also looking for pictures of those who have been baptized this past year. Pictures should be 4x6 and copies that you don't need back. You can either email pictures to kathryn@firstlu.org or drop them off at the church office. Thanks for your help in creating our cloud of witnesses.

OPENING: CHILDCARE @ CHURCH!

First Lutheran is creating a list of young adults willing to babysit our kids aged 5 and up, at First Lutheran, for \$10/hour. The need for care providers happens randomly, mostly evenings. If you are interested, call 608.783.2236.

CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS

New or gently-used (smoke free) donations of the following items can be dropped off in the entryway: hoodies, winter coats, gloves, hats and warm scarves. We also need a heavy-duty clothes rack to hang those winter coats on and room dividers to create additional changing areas.

THIS WEEK: OCT 7-14

SUN 7	8:00am Worship 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Confirm Classes - 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 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Sabbatical Together: Photo Walk - FH/Perot 5:30pm Middle & High School Youth Grps - NX 7:00pm Gifts of Imperfection Grp - UR
MON 8	7:00pm AA - FS
TUES 9	8:30am Parent Share - UR 9:00am Quilters - FS 1:00pm Dorcas Circle - House 1:15pm Staff Mtg 3:45pm Worship & Music Team - NX 5:30pm Bells Practice - Sacristy 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Mtg - MR
WED 10	6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - FS 6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Panera 12:00pm Finance Team Mtg 5:30pm Prayer Shawl Knitters - NX 6:15pm Worship 7:00pm Gr 10 Confirmation 7:00pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Grps 7:00pm Choir Practice - SN
THUR 11	9:00am Sunshine Boys 7:00pm Women of the House Small Grp
FRI 12	6:00pm Sugar Creek Women's Retreat 7:00pm AA - FS
SAT 13	8:30am Drawing from the Well Grp - FS
SUN 14	GR 3 FBB: BIBLES, LIFTED UP IN WORSHIP BUTTER BRAID ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE 8:00am Worship 9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Confirm Clses - Rm 207 & FS 9:15am Parent Share - UR 9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee - MR 9:15am 3-Yr Old FBB: Praying Together (1st Mtg, parents/guardians only) - FH 9:15am Frolic! - Rm 102 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 5:30pm New-Member Small Grp #1 - FS 5:30pm Middle & High School Youth Grps - NX 6:00pm Faith Alive! U: Political Jesus - SN 6:30pm Hospitality Leadership Team - 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