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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STANTON

**Where do you get
your news?**

**What podcasts
do you listen to?**

**What shows
are you watching
right now?**

**What books are
you reading?**



Remember the days when, in order to watch a TV show, you had to 'tune in' at the one time per week it was 'on'? If you didn't catch the movie while it was in the theaters, you missed it! Live sports couldn't be recorded. And the news could either be consumed through the nightly news or a newspaper. Or by word of mouth. And that was it.

In 2019, we can consume whatever media we want, however we want it. We can tune in once a day to our favorite news program, or get 'real-time' notifications on our phones. We can watch a show one episode per week. Or we can 'binge-watch' it when it comes out on a streaming app. Podcasts can replace music in the car, on the lawn tractor or while you jog. And books can be read on paper, on a tablet or they can be read to you.

In our media culture, I've often dreamed of offering a class or retreat that considers the faithful use of media. How can a Christian grow closer to God through these learning and entertainment opportunities and not get sucked in to the sensationalized, divisive, radicalizing nature of news and entertainment in 2019? The algorithms used by YouTube, for example, are shown to push web surfers further into the rabbit holes they search. Look for an innocent video about whales, for

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Springfest

**Preschool Concert
& Silent Auction**

Sun, May 5, 3pm

The major
fund-raiser for our
preschool.
Ice cream social &
silent auction
follows
preschoolers'
performance.

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God's work. Our hands.

This newsletter includes the first installment of Revelations, where the pastors & staff share what they are listening to, watching, reading & thinking about.

example and after a few clicks, you are being invited to watch the violent hunting practices of Japanese hunters. Search for information on a political candidate and in no time, ads pop up testing your ability to remain calm in the face of opinions you disagree with.

Maybe we could navigate these murky waters together! As the summer approaches and many of us build a summer reading list, I thought I could add to the many recommendations you have heard from other friends and family. As I mentioned this to Andy, our newsletter editor, he thought our whole staff may want to chime in. And not just about media choices, but also about what current events are feeling heavy to us and what prayer concerns are in our hearts. So, this May edition of First's newsletter will include the first installment of *Revelations*, a feature at the end of the newsletter where the pastors and staff share what they are listening to/watching/reading/thinking about.

News: After dropping off the kids at school, I listen to 'The Daily' podcast produced by the New York Times. I also

read "The Times" as my primary news source. "The Economist" is a British newspaper I've taken for years that provides an overseas perspective of national and world events.

Books: I am currently in the midst of a few books. "Is That Poop on My Arm? (Parenting While Christian)" was written by a friend of mine, Justin Lind-Ayres. It's quite good! At home I'm reading "Coolidge" by Amity Schlaes. Did you know that after WWI, there were politicians who tried (and started to succeed) to pay off all war debts so that our taxes no longer went to service national debt but instead could provide services that were necessary? But then... (the Great Crash, the Depression, etc!)

TV shows: My family subscribes to Netflix and Amazon Prime where I typically watch an hour of TV per day. Recently, Carla and I really enjoyed, "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel". We didn't love the final season of "House of Cards". And right now we're in search of the next great thing. But I must say, whenever I want a pick-me-up, I watch a chapter of Ken Burns' "National Parks: America's Best Idea" and feel better for watching it.

Podcasts: I love new ideas and long-form interviews, which means I love podcasts. Malcolm Gladwell's "Revisionist History" and New York Public Radio's "Radiolab" are by far my favorites. But I also listen to "Pod Save America", "Intercepted", "The TED Interview" and "Hardcore History" whenever I can.



Pastor Jason Stanton
jason@firstlu.org

Wed, May 1

Sun, May 5

Wed, May 8

Sun, May 12

Wed, May 15

Sun, May 19

Wed, May 22

Sun, May 26

Wed, May 29

Matthew 28:16-20

John 21:1-19

Acts 10:1-17, 34-48

John 10:22-30

Acts 2:1-13, Galatians 3:26-28,
Romans 12:9-21

John 13:31-35

Romans 1:1-17

John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

Romans 5:1-11 [opt.: Romans 3:28-30]

Above are the tentative readings scheduled for May.

Readings used during worship are determined by the pastors on a weekly basis, and therefore are subject to change.

You can also view this list online and subscribe to receive them as an email at 1stlu.org/readings.

Volunteer Appreciation Picnic!!!

Sun., July 28, noon–2pm
at Shelter #1
in Rowe Park

Sign up at the
Connecting Point
so we know
how many to plan for!

BY NAME



Almost every time I walk into my bank, I'm greeted with "Hi Kathryn, be with you soon." It's nice to me be known by name, not having to show my ID

to the teller, which sometimes happens when a new teller is working. It's nice to hear, "Kathryn, I'm ready for you" knowing that I have a work relationship with the teller and we know each other. It's comforting to be known and to be addressed by your given name. I like to be called by my name and don't mind being called by any of the many variations of Kathryn.

Names are very important to God; he goes by many names and he has renamed people in the old testament, like Abram to Abraham, Sarai to Sarah and Jacob to Israel. We are told to rejoice that our name is written in heaven; as Jesus told his disciples in Luke 10:20, "rejoice that your names are written in heaven." If your names are so important to be written in heaven, should they not be important enough for us to wear our name tags on Sunday. This way we can address each other by name, greeting each other and sharing the peace using each others names, making it more personal. God calls us each by name, as it says in Isaiah 42:1, "Do not fear for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name." If it's so important that God calls us by name, should we not also think it's important to call each other by name.

In the New Testament, 3 John 1:15 says, "Peace to you. The friends send you their greetings. Greet the friends there, each by name." We are encouraged to greet one another by name, but that's really hard if we have

a difficult time remembering names. I know I do and I rely on God's help to remember names. That is why it is so helpful to have people wear their name tags. Sometimes a name just escapes me, and the harder I try to remember that name, the more it disappears deeper into my memory. That's when I'm so thankful when someone is wearing their name tag. It's also helpful for me to see the names with the person who has that name. The name and face, face and name together helps. This way it gets into my head a little faster, and I remember better.

I so much would like to call each person who comes into church by name, but I know that's not possible for me or for anyone I know. The pastors can't possibly know everyone's names, and I know our pastors love it when people are wearing their name tags. Our pastors are so encouraged by each of you when you wear your name tag, because trying to remember more than 1,000 members is a daunting task. I hope this encourages you to wear your name tag. We have the lanyards and clips so now you have a choice of how to wear your name tag.

Kathryn Pedretti
Director of Servant Ministries
kathryn@firstlu.org

GO AND DO LIKEWISE LUKE 10:37

SUNSHINE BOYS & GIRLS

The Sunshine Boys meet at First Lutheran on the **second Thursday of the month at 9am** to help with outdoor or indoor projects. Rolls and coffee are supplied to replenish your reserves! Dues are free!

COME FOR SUPPER

First Lutheran is assisting with Come for Supper on **Tuesday, May. 28**, at Our Savior's in La Crosse. First Lutheran 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.

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY

It's a relaxing way to volunteer! **Tuesday, May. 28, at 9am**, to assemble the June newsletter. See you there!

FURNISHED ROOMS NEEDED!

Gundersen Health System's Summer Intensive Clinical Pastoral Education program runs **May 28–August 9**. This program educates professionals and lay persons for ministry in hospitals, hospices, nursing homes, mental health centers, congregations and other settings. We draw students from across the nation who leave their homes to come stay in La Crosse for eleven weeks. Many of these students

are seeking housing for the summer that is affordable, furnished, and within 30 minutes of Gundersen's La Crosse campus. If you have a spare room in your home that you are willing to rent out, please contact the Spiritual Care department at 608-775-3620.

ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Churchwide Assembly (CWA), the triennial gathering of voting members from around the entire ELCA, is meeting this year in our own state... at the Wisconsin Center in **Milwaukee, August 5–10**. YOU are invited to consider attending the 2019 CWA as a volunteer; approximately 600 volunteers are needed to serve as ushers or greeters, provide tech support, etc. Learn more about specific volunteer positions at 1stlu.org/cwa.

HOST HOMES FOR FAMILY & CHILDREN'S CENTER

Do you want to help a youth in need? If so, Host Homes is for you! The Host Homes program with Family & Children's Center serves homeless youth (up to age 21) and is looking for people who are willing to share their home with youth who are in need of a safe and stable environment. All you need to do is provide safe shelter and food, be an adult role model, and provide support to the youth living in your home. Safe spaces and warm places help homeless youth succeed, and you can help make that difference! If you are interested, please reach out to us at 608.785.0001 ext 350.

EVENTS

Sign up for most events happening at
First Lutheran on our website at
1stlu.org/signup

Preschool Springfest

Springfest, on **Sun, May 5, at 3pm**, is our preschool's major fundraiser, and provides an opportunity for preschoolers to showcase their singing talents. After the concert, there is an ice cream social and silent auction. For all family members, grandparents, friends and neighbors!

DRAWING FROM THE WELL

Next retreat: Sat., May 18, 9:30–11am, at the House. This group is for women of First and the greater La Crosse area seeking to support one another in their spiritual growth. We gather together once a month on Saturday mornings to be with each other, enjoy a breakfast, and develop a deeper relationship with one another. Come and get to know other women of the church, or renew friendships. RSVP to bridget@firstlu.org



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

2019 May Friendship Day,
The Time is Now.

May 3, 9:30am, at

West Salem Presbyterian Church,
625 W. Franklin St.. \$5 brunch.
RSVP to Helen: 608.786.0856.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE

Sat., June 1, 8:45am–5:30pm, at Westby Coon Prairie Lutheran. Rostered leaders, youth leaders and volunteers, or anyone who is working with youth in our churches are invited and encouraged to receive this certified training. Learn strategies to help support youth who are struggling with anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues. Cost: \$10. Contact Elise Hynek at youth@immanuel-lc.org to register.

FIRST FEST on main!

Save the date!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

Food, fellowship, fun,
games, and music!

Sugar Creek Bible Camp 2019 Upcoming Events

Due to so many of our area's schools having so many snow/cold days and changing their ending dates, Sugar Creek is canceling all of its week 1 on-site camps (June 9–14) and have rescheduled JAM camp and FARM camp to June 30–July 2, for a much-reduced rate of \$225.

The updated schedule is also on the website: www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org.

We encourage everyone who uses social media to like Sugar Creek's Facebook page to receive regular updates such as the ones mentioned above.

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| • June 17 | Golf Tournament – Viroqua Hills Golf Course |
| • June 30 – July 3 | Family Camp Session 1 |
| • Aug 11–14 | Family Camp Session 2 |
| • Aug 15–17 | Grandparent-Grandchild Camp |
| • Aug 15–17 | Parent-Child Horse Camp |
| • Aug 26–Sept 5 | NORWAY TRIP – hosted by Sugar Creek |
| • Sept. 7 | Annual Auction, 5K Trail Run or Walk, Craft Fair |
| • Sept – TBA | DOOR COUNTY Bus Tour |

WE'RE HIRING

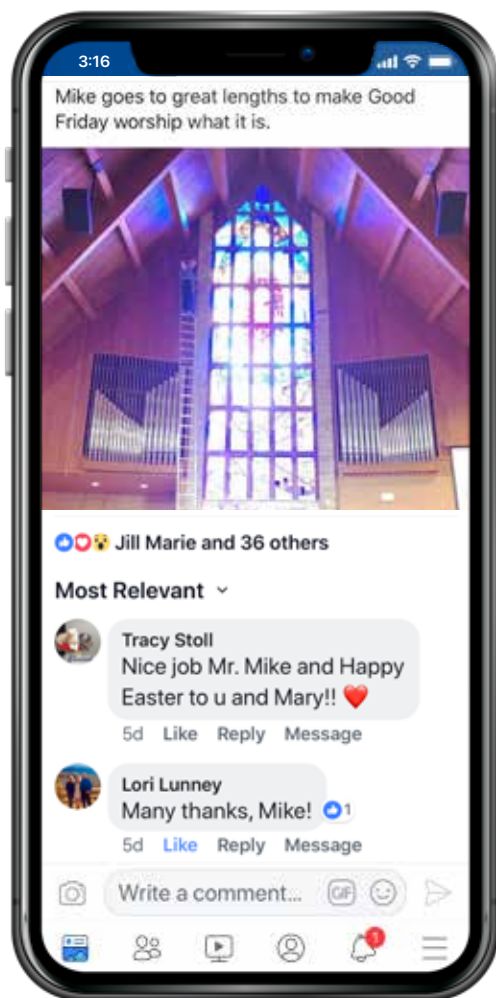
SNOW PLOWING SERVICE

Cost of plowing is negotiable.
For details contact Mike Peper:



mike@firstlu.org

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social media...*



Share your #faithalive365 experience and find out what God is up to at First Lutheran and in the church around the world by following us on Facebook • Instagram • Twitter



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION



A baptism preparation session will be Saturday, June 1, at 10am in the narthex for anyone who is considering or has scheduled a baptism.

To register or ask questions call the church office, 608.783.3326.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE

First Lutheran has, once again, offered to be a pick-up site for CSA boxes of produce from Small Family Farm in La Farge. Though deliveries won't start until June, you can buy a share now. For info about products, prices and schedules, go to smallfamilycsa.com, or ask for a flier in the office.

WE CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF HOLY BAPTISM

- Tanner Boyd Mielke
- Blake David O'Hern
- Nolan Michael Lavery

WEDDINGS

God's blessings to...

- Clara Davidson & Tyler Buxton

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF:

- Evelyn Price

HOSPITAL REMINDERS

For Gundersen: be sure to alert the hospital of your church affiliation when they ask, and they will release your name to us when we call.

For Mayo/Franciscan Healthcare: it is important that you or a family member contact us at the church office: 608.783.2236. Mayo no longer lets churches know who is a patient at their hospital.

LATEX- & NUT-FREE CAMPUS

A reminder to all members that First Lutheran is a latex- and nut-free campus. Please do not bring food containing nuts or nut butters of any kind onto the church campus. This is for the safety of all of our members. Thanks!

SUBMITTING NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

To have your announcement in the monthly newsletter, send it to newsletter@firstlu.org, or give it to Andy in the office. Deadline for the newsletter is always noon on the 15th of each month.

To have your announcement in the weekly announcements pages handed out each weekend, send it to announcements@firstlu.org, or give it to Andy in the office. Deadline for the weekly announcements is always noon each Wednesday.

**FAITH
ALIVE! U**

First offers courses for all-ages to explore, question and learn about your faith. Presented in the sanctuary.

Building A Winning Culture

Presented by Dave Skogen
Sunday, May 19, 6pm

Every brother and sister in Christ has a story. Growing up Dave Skogen was an athlete and had visions of one day being a coach. Today, he coaches and teaches in a supermarket instead of an athletic field.

A longtime follower of the 'servant-leadership' principles and teacher of "Leading with Power" seminars within his own Festival Foods, Dave will share his story that is sure to inspire.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

PLEDGED DOLLARS:

\$1,035,269

GIFTS RECEIVED:

\$600,748

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

HVAC CONTROLS

REPLACED BUILDING ROOF

PARKING LOT REPAIRS

TREES: REMOVED & REPLACED

WIFI UPGRADE

COMING SOON:

SMOKE ALARM SYSTEM



As members of First Lutheran Church and through our financial gifts, we commit to bringing people into a relationship with Jesus Christ. Through our unique place in our community and the size of our congregation, we are able reach out to people of all ages to make more disciples of Christ.

Our Senior Choir is a visible, active ministry of our church. Led by the very talented Todd Saner and the equally accomplished Gabe Hicks as accompanist, this group practices weekly to provide meaningful music

that supports our worship. Our financial gifts support the purchase of music, maintain our instruments and allow us to compensate our music leaders. We are also grateful for faithful volunteers who minister to all of us while praising God with their voices.

Giving remains steady as the general fund saw a slight increase when compared to last year, with one more Sunday than March 2018. Expenses remained \$11,500 under budget, and those who pledged to our capital campaign continue to meet their promises as First received more than \$25,000 in capital campaign gifts

last month." Full financial details are available by request in the church office. We welcome everyone to attend a finance committee meeting. We meet every month, on the second Wednesday at noon. The coffee is free, but bring your own lunch. The Stewardship Committee meets once a month and is looking for members. For meeting times, contact Pastor Stanton.

Faithfully submitted,

The Finance and Stewardship Committees



PRESCHOOL

UPDATE

Only a few spots left for the 2019-2020 School year!

We've worked hard to develop a rich curriculum that makes learning fun as well as offer a variety of classes to meet our parents' needs.

Call or email us today for more information!

Mark your calendars for the
**Preschool Springfest Concert and
silent auction on Sunday, May 5 at 3pm.**

Melissa



**What parents are
saying about
First Lutheran
Preschool...**

*Our children love
going to school at First
Lutheran Preschool and playing
with their friends. We love knowing
they are learning in a fun caring
environment surrounded by
wonderful people.*

First Lutheran Preschool
410 Main Street, Onalaska, WI 54650
608.779.4504 • preschool@firstlu.org
Preschool Director: Melissa Rolbiecki
4K Teacher: Beth Miller
Preschool Assistant Teachers:
Marci Leppert, Tracy Stoll

Sunday School

MAY

Sunday, May 5, 9:15am
Sunday School

Sunday, May 12, 9:15am
Sunday School Spring Program Practice - Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 15, 6:15pm
Sunday School Spring Program in worship

Sunday, May 19, 9:15am
Last Day of Sunday School Classes
All students meet in the sanctuary to get "Powered Up!"
and get a taste of Vacation Bible School this summer!

*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.*

NOTE TO ALL SUGAR CREEK CAMPERS:

The final day to turn in funds raised to cover
Sugar Creek registration expenses for 2019 is
Sunday, June 2

At First Lutheran, all the baptized are welcome to participate in Holy Communion as parents choose. That means that many of our 5th graders have already been communing. For some, Maundy Thursday was their first experience of the meal where we "taste and see that the Lord is good." We connected the promises God made them to Holy Communion, God's way of maintaining a relationship with each baptized child of God. Thank God for Holy Communion! And thank God for this year's 5th graders as they continue to step deeper into the faith of Christ!

- Adam Amundson
- Jack Barth
- Norah Carlson
- Sophie Dombroski
- Addyson Ferguson
- Kai Gallant
- Mia Gallant
- Easton Glebke
- Anna Hougen

- Natalie Jacobson
- Carter Johnson
- Sophia Knight
- Sydney Kranig
- JaceLynn Lewis
- Emma Logging
- Jessica Mahlum
- Isabella Malecek
- Marshall Mason
- Elizabeth Matz
- Makena McGarry
- Tristan Molling
- Jordan Odegard
- Brady Olson
- Bennett Rieber
- Cooper Rudie
- Danielle Schmit
- Sophie Shilts
- Andrew Stanton
- Kaydence Tanke
- Benjamin Tempelis
- Jack Vogel
- Perry West
- Grayson Wirth





COMMISSIONING

**Wed, May 1
6:15pm**

Our Peer Ministers and their families are invited to a commissioning at the 6:15pm worship service. We want to celebrate all of their hard work this past year to become better ministers to their peers!

*More info about
Peer Ministry:
1stlu.org/peermin*

CONFIRMATION

Events subject to change; up-to-date info at
1stlu.org/confirmation

Teen-relevant, age-appropriate, active, modern, and
theologically sound

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

May 22, 6:30pm

Rowe Park, Shelter #1

This event is for all confirmation students, small group guides and parents. We will have a cook-out to celebrate all the hard work the students put in this year! We will close the evening with a special worship, led by the students!

UPCOMING CONFIRMATION EVENTS

Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes -
Rm 207 & FS
Sundays, 9:15am
through May 19

Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups
Wednesdays, 7pm
through May 15

Sunday, May 19, 6:00pm
Faith Alive! U: Building a
Winning Culture (elective op.)

Confirmation Camp
at Sugar Creek,
for youth going into grade 8
Sun, June 16—Fri, June 21

NOTE TO ALL SUGAR CREEK CAMPER:

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raised to cover Sugar Creek
registration expenses is
Sunday, June 2

Meeting Sun. Nights
5:30pm eat, 6pm meet
in Fellowship Hall

Middle School

YOUTH GROUP



Questions?
Contact Pastor Stanton:
jason@firstlu.org



High school mission trip to
San Francisco, CA
July 21-26, 2019

Sign up with Pastor Stanton today!
jason@firstlu.org

Confirmation service opp.

BUG SPRAY FUNDRAISER

From **April 14 through May 5** youth can sell bug spray to their family and friends and make money toward their church trip this summer.

- Youth selling bug spray need to turn order forms in, **with the money, to the church office by Sunday, May 5.** Checks should be made out to First Lutheran.
- Youth can pick up their orders in the church office on May 15.
- 50% of sale goes towards youth funds.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP MEETING

The middle school youth going on the mission trip to Duluth from July 21-26 will have their next planning meeting on **Sunday, June 2, at 11:45am**, in the Mary Room. A light lunch will be provided. Contact volunteer chaperon Karissa Grunden with questions: call or text 608.790.2590

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OWLs

OLDER WISER LUTHERANS

We apologize for having to cancel the April outing. Due to the large amount of interest, it has been rescheduled for May. Details are below.

Come join the fun as the OWLs tour Rochester. **On Wednesday, May 22, the OWLs will venture to Rochester, Minnesota.** After a fine lunch at a local establishment, we will board the Rochester

Trolley for a private Rochester City & Mayo Historical Tour. We will travel on a heated enclosed vintage red trolley for a narrated city tour featuring Rochester's top sites and attractions, including the Mayo historical sites! Explore the early years of the world-famous Mayo Clinic, while experiencing the homes and lives of pioneering doctors on this relaxing, entertaining and informative narrated trolley tour! We will meet at the church at 9:45 AM on Wednesday, May 22. Cost of the tour is \$20, and lunch is on your own. Please let Brian Narveson know by Monday May 20, if you plan to attend. You can contact him at 630.816.5917 or owls@firstlu.org.

The April potluck is Wednesday, May 15, at noon in the Narthex. Following lunch we will have the annual OWLs spring games. There will be a variety games to test your wit and wisdom. Some old, some new, but all a great deal of fun.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in May.

The OWLs are a group at First that welcomes anyone, First Lutheran members or not, who are 55+. For information or to ask questions, contact Brian Narveson at owls@firstlu.org. A reminder for all potlucks that First Lutheran is a nut-free campus. Please do not bring food containing nuts or nut butters of any kind onto the church campus. This is for the safety of all of our members. Thanks!

REVELATIONS

The end of the newsletter is near, and these are some things, events & thoughts that are in our minds and hearts...

BETH'S REVELATIONS



I'm reading the following...

Dare to Lead by Brené Brown

This is the Day by Tim Tebow

Educated by Tara Westover.

ANDY'S REVELATIONS



I'm excited for the upcoming **Mid West Music Fest** (MWMF), 4 days of live music spread over 2 weekends, one in Winona and the other in La Crosse.

It was at last year's MWMF that I first heard **Humbird**, a singer-songwriter out of the Twin Cities; close enough that she visits our area frequently.

MWMF describes her music as "a wintry longing with the warmth of a familiar folktale." She's playing again at this year's MWMF, both weekends; if you can't see her live, check her out in your ear buds.

BRIDGET'S REVELATIONS

I recently read **Homes** by Abu Bakr al Rabeeah. The story is told by a boy through his grade school to middle school years as his family moves from Iraq to Syria for their personal safety, and eventually relocate to Canada. It's an interesting perspective of a boy who enjoys playing soccer and playing video games with his friends just like many young boys I know, but he does so in the midst of his adopted city while it is being bombed. There is also a great description of the huge culture shock and loss he goes through when they finally are allowed to move to Canada. This is just one story of many people who are refugees around the world living a life I can now imagine a little better.



TAMARA'S REVELATIONS



Watching....
the last half-dozen or so episodes of
The Big Bang Theory

Listening to....
spring bird twittering

Reading....
Leaven of Malice
a reread by a favorite author,
Robertson Davies

Thinking about....
how can a suicide bomber pat a child
on the head while on his way
to his target
(1stlu.org/rev1941)



BE A HERO

First Lutheran Church- Onalaska Blood Drive

Friday, May 31
12:30pm–4:30pm

Location: First Lutheran Church- Narthex of the
church, 410 Main Street in Onalaska




Visit **1stlu.org/blooddrive** or
call Diane Shuda 608-386-4270
to make an appointment.

Appointments encouraged. Refreshments provided.

Be a Hero, Donate Blood

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MAY AT FIRST LUTHERAN *see also weekly events list on back*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>5</p> <p>Deadline Bug Spray Fundrai...</p> <p>3 PM Springfest - SN & NX</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 PM Hospitality Leadership Team - NX</p> <p>7 PM AA - FS</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9 AM West Conference Mtg</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10 AM Ona Terrace Worship </p> <p>12 PM Finance Team Mtg</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9 AM Sunshine Boys & Girls</p> <p>7 PM Women of the House Small Group</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7 PM AA - FS</p>	<p>11</p>
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<p>19</p> <p>Gr 6 & 7 Bible Classes, Last...</p> <p>Sunday School, VBS Preview</p> <p>6 PM Faith Alive! U: Building a Winning Culture</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1 PM Elizabeth Circle</p> <p>2:30 PM Springbrook Wrshp </p> <p>7 PM AA - FS</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:15 PM Personnel Team Mtg</p> <p>6:30 PM Vision & Leadership</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:45 AM OWLs Fly to Rochester Trolley</p> <p>6:30 PM Gr 6-9 Confirmation Celebration - Rowe Park Shelter #1</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7 PM Women of the House Small Group</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 PM AA - FS</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Memorial Day (office closed)</p> <p>7 PM AA - FS</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9 AM Newsletter Assembly - NX</p> <p>4 PM Come for Supper at OSLC</p> <p>6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Mtg</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7 PM Women of the House Small Group</p>	<p>31</p> <p>12:30 PM Blood Drive - NX</p> <p>7 PM AA - FS</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10 AM Baptismal Preparation</p>

weekly events for
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SUNDAYS

8:00am Worship

9:15am Sunday School *through May 19*

9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Confirmation Class *through May 19*

9:15am Parent Share - UR *through May 19*

9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee Small Group - MR,
except May 26

10:30am Worship

5:30pm Middle & High School Youth Groups - FH
except May 26

TUESDAYS

8:30 am Parent Share - UR

9:00am Quilters - FS

1:15pm Staff Meeting

5:30pm Bells Practice - Sacristy

WEDNESDAYS

6:00am Courageous Men - House

6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Panera, Onalaska

5:30pm Prayer Shawl Knitters - NX

6:15pm Worship

7pm Choir Practice - SN *through May 8*

7pm Gr 8 & 9 Small Groups *through May 22*



Peer Ministry
Commissioning
Wed, May 1
6:15pm



Springfest
Sun, May 5
3pm



Sun School Spring
Program
Wed, May 15
6:15pm



Drawing from
the Well
Sat, May 18
9:30-11:30am



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Sun, May 19
6pm



Confirmation
Celebration
Wed, May 22
6:30-8pm

CALENDAR KEY

CR = Choir Room

FBB = Faith Building Block

FH = Fellowship Hall

FS = Fireside Room

LG = Lounge

MR = Mary Room

NX = Narthex

SN = Sanctuary

TR = Thomas Room

UR = Upper Room

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