

misstatements, wrong attitudes, lapses of faith and bitter failure." Talk about a ringing endorsement of the 12 disciples!

And yet, these disciples carried on a ministry after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus that somehow landed itself in Onalaska, Wisconsin, and still impacts our lives in 2019.

If you choose to make time for worship on Sundays during the summer, I want you to know it will be worth your effort as each Sunday we will explore God's mercy, power and grace in the individual lives of the first disciples. And by considering how God made use of their lives, each of us may get a better idea of how God is calling us to be the heart, mind and soul of a Way that continues to be NEW in the face of a broken messed-up world.

And don't forget—if you can't make it to worship, download our sermons at 1stlu.org/sermons or subscribe on iTunes and Stitcher.

Jason

Pastor Jason Stanton
jason@firstlu.org

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AND ALL THE APOSTLES WERE NO LONGER
IN ONE ACCORD

**This summer at
First Lutheran,
starting June 23,
sermons on Sundays
will explore
who God chose
and why.**

**Each 'draft pick'
tells us a lot about
God, as we see from
stories in Scripture
that God can make
use of all kinds of
personalities.**

2019 SUMMER SERMON SERIES

The 12 Followers

*If Jesus can accomplish His ministry through the lives of
very common men like these, what can we do?*

June 23—John

1 John 1:1-2:2

*God's love, evident in Jesus, saves,
transforms, and unites all believers.*

June 30—Jude (Thaddaeus)

John 14: 21-27

*Jesus reveals his truths to
believers who follow him.*

July 7—Simon the Zealot

1 John 4: 1-6

*Willing to sacrifice your politics
to follow Jesus?*

July 14—Matthew (Levi)

Matthew 9: 9-13

*Jesus Christ is for everyone,
even sinners and outcasts.*

July 21—James, of Zebedee

Mark 10: 35-45

Stand firm in the face of persecution.

July 28—James, the Less

Matthew 10: 2-4, Matthew 26:20
& John 20: 19-25

*"Present." Discipleship can be done
outside limelight.*

August 4—Thomas

John 14: 1-7

*Jesus can overcome doubts
and lead believers to faithfulness.*

August 11—Philip

John 14: 8-14

*All knowledge in the world does not
compare to the truth found in Jesus.*

August 18—Peter

John 21: 15-19

*God can forgive sins and strengthen
the faith of those who love him.*

August 25—Bartholemew (Nathaniel)

John 1: 43-51

*Believers are to test all against
Scripture and remain true
to its principles.*

September 1—Andrew

John 1: 35-42

*Go out and eagerly share the good
news about Jesus Christ.*



READINGS FOR JUNE/JULY

Sunday, Jun 2	John 17:20-26
Wednesday, Jun 5	Romans 6:1-14
Sunday, Jun 9	John 14:8-17, (25-27)
Wednesday, Jun 12	Acts 2:1-4; Romans 8:18-39
Sunday, Jun 16	John 16:12-15
Wednesday, Jun 19	John 16:12-15
<i>For Sundays, the Summer Sermon Series about the Twelve Followers begins...</i>	
Sunday, Jun 23	John: 1 John 1:1-2:2
Wednesday, Jun 26	Luke 8:26-39
Sunday, Jun 30	Jude (Thaddaeus): John 14: 21-27
Wednesday, Jul 3	Luke 9:51-62
Sunday, Jul 7	Simon the Zealot: 1 John 4: 1-6
Wednesday, Jul 10	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Sunday, Jul 14	Matthew (Levi): Matthew 9: 9-13
Wednesday, Jul 17	Luke 10:25-37
Sunday, Jul 21	James, of Zebedee: Mark 10: 35-45
Wednesday, Jul 24	Luke 10:38-42
Sunday, Jul 28	James, the Less: Matthew 10: 2-4, Matthew 26:20, John 20: 19-25

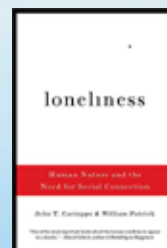
*Above are the tentative readings scheduled for June/July.
Readings used during worship are determined by the pastors on a weekly basis, and
therefore are subject to change.*

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



Summer Book Discussions

Pastor Karyn invites you to join her in reading this summer.
Selections have been taken from the long list of
"books I want to read" that she has.
Join her at her home (4710 Southfield Green, La Crosse)
from 9–11 am on the last Saturdays of the month...



June 29
*Loneliness: Human
Nature and The Need
for Social Connection*
by John Cacioppo &
William Patrick



July 27
*The New Cosmic
Story: Inside Our
Awakening Universe*
by John F. Haught



August 24
More Than a Rock
by Guy Tal

*An RSVP by the Wednesday before each discussion
would be appreciated: karyn@firstlu.org*



FROM PASTOR KARYN, CONT. FROM PAGE 1

In fact, the only way this world is going to change is if we as individuals have the courage to change and allow ourselves to be challenged to grow in our thinking instead of clinging to our ideological bunkers out of fear.

today. I fully expect that in 10 years I will not be the same I am today, having continued to grow in my understanding in the world and myself. It is the way of us humans, isn't it? To continue to learn and expand our thinking as we encounter the world.

In fact, the only way this world is going to change is if we as individuals have the courage to change and allow ourselves to be challenged to grow in our thinking instead of clinging to our ideological bunkers out of fear. I think first century Jerusalem wasn't much different than 21st century America and it took Jesus to shake things up and get people to look outside of themselves and change the world. It didn't happen overnight, but it did happen and in the centuries since Jesus we have had to go through several shake ups as

we resist the temptation to "turn in on ourselves" as Luther described.

So what does that have to do with us at First? Well, in my opinion, it will be the church, the followers of Jesus that will turn this ship we call society as we seek ways to be kind and to care for one another. A great way to do that is to seek out the great thinkers of our time, to seek ways to expand our own learning and understanding of the world around us, so that we may better serve the world. To that end, I have set for myself an ambitious reading list for the summer months, comprised of books that have been on my "to be read" list for at least a year. I am inviting you to read along with me and then join me in a discussion of the book of the month on the last Saturday of the month at my home. Perhaps we will learn something new about ourselves or our world, perhaps we will grow in our understanding of each other or at the very least, we will enjoy a morning in the sunshine talking about an interesting topic. I hope you consider joining me for one of these reads.

BOOKS I AM READING THIS SUMMER:

JUNE: *Loneliness: Human Nature and the Need for Social Connection* by John Cacioppo

Why read a book on loneliness? Well, we are facing a crisis in our ultra-connected world and the symptoms of that crisis are things like the opioid epidemic, the increased suicide rate and the rise of gun violence. John Cacioppo and William Patrick has written a book about life, loneliness and the power of social connection which I believe is vitally important to the work of the followers of Jesus, the church and our society that has the

power to treat the root causes of all these symptoms.

JULY: *The New Cosmic Story: Inside our Awakening Universe* by John Haught

Last year I had the privilege of hearing John Haught speak, and I was captivated by his thinking about our universe and our God. If you are a person who is curious about how science and faith can live together or if you are someone who likes to imagine our big, beautiful universe, I am fairly certain you will enjoy this book. I have found that remembering that I am a part of something bigger than myself helps me connect with people and to reclaim my sense of wonder.

AUGUST: *More Than a Rock: Essays On Art, Creativity, Photography, Nature and Life* by Guy Tal

While I was on sabbatical, I participated in a photography workshop that was co-led by Guy Tal. I found Guy to be a deeply thoughtful and creative human being with an amazing story to tell. His book is sure to inspire and provide food for thought about life and faith and creativity.

Pastor Karyn Bodenschatz
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CAP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

PLEDGED DOLLARS:

\$1,058,518

GIFTS RECEIVED:

\$614,088

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

HVAC CONTROLS

ED BUILDING ROOF

PARKING LOT REPAIRS

TREES: REMOVED & REPLACED

WIFI UPGRADE

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. One way we reach out to all ages is by keeping our facilities as safe as possible. After many months of work, our new fire alarm system is installed and completely operational. We obtain many benefits from the new system. We now have 100% coverage of all our facilities. If a fire starts in one part of the building everyone in the building is notified through light strobes and

loud horns. The new system is online with the fire department, so they are aware as soon as an alarm is activated. All this contributes to increased safety from our youngest to our oldest. With the system now fully up to code we are also hoping for a reduction in our insurance cost at the next renewal. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the capital campaign for making this improvement to our facility possible.

At the end of April, we have received 92% of the budgeted general fund income. Thank you to everyone for your continued generosity. The number of families enrolled in Simply Giving is a big reason for our financial success. Half of our families use this convenient way to support God's work through

After many months of work, our new fire alarm system is installed and completely operational.

First Lutheran. Thank you to everyone enrolled. If you have not enrolled in this easy to use and convenient way to grow our outreach and change more lives, you can do so on the website at 1stlu.org/giving or stop by the church office.

Capital Campaign Update: With the fire alarm system operational we are moving forward with plans to pay off the mortgage, replace the sanctuary roof and renovate the education building floors—all in 2020. We are able to accomplish all this because we have already received over \$614,000 of the over \$1 million dollars pledged to the campaign. Thank you for continuing to meet your pledge!

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 Jason.

Faithfully submitted,

The Finance and Stewardship Committees

PEER MINISTRY

Eight 10th graders were commissioned as peer ministers in May after going through 16 weeks of training designed to make them better listeners and leaders. Commissioned were:
Jacob Breiling
Tommy Duren
Jaidyn Groshek
McKenzie Marcon
Kenzie Miller
Lexi Miller
Liz Peterson
Brooke Visker

CONFIRMATION

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

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to our Confirmation Small Group guides and our 6th and 7th Grade Confirmation Bible Class teachers. Our youth ministry wouldn't happen without you, and our youth are truly blessed to have these affirming, authentic and available adults in their lives!

Grades 6-7 Leaders

Renee Thies
Pastor Stanton
Pastor Karyn

Grade 8 Guides

Jan Thomas
Tara Shilts
Megan Richason
Tolly Hegge
Karissa Grunden
Donna Bossman
Kris Hayes

Grade 9 Guides

Mark & Jill Davidson
Glen Vilim

NOTE TO ALL SUGAR CREEK CAMPERS:

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Sunday, June 2

CONFIRMATION CAMP AT SUGAR CREEK

**Sun., June 16 thru
Fri., June 21**



*Questions?
Contact Pastor Karyn
karyn@firstlu.org*

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!



Summer is a wonderful time of year; there are so many ways to connect with people. We can go to outdoor music festivals, parades, music events

in the park, farmers markets, area festivals, fairs and the list goes on and on. It's so much fun to look ahead, plan and then attend these events locally or far away. I've always enjoyed going to events, and I also like to plan events, like the volunteer appreciation picnic, where we can connect and say thank you to each other.

This year **our picnic will be on Sunday, July 28, from noon until 2pm.** I've planned some great games for all ages, which include our water bomb fight that everyone enjoys either participating or watching on the sidelines. We will have a bubble station to blow bubbles and may have two or more corn hole games. Of course there will be lots of yummy food and a birthday cake for Pastor Karyn, since it is her birthday that day. We'll have iced tea, water and pink lemonade. We'll have a drawing for the centerpieces where "the mouse needs to be in the house," a.k.a. you must be present to win.

We put on this event to say thank you for all that our volunteers do throughout the year. We cannot say thank you enough for those who help out in all the ways we do ministry at First Lutheran. I would love to list them all, but there are just so many. The one thing I can do is thank you by hosting this picnic and give my thanks to God for each one of you. As 1 Thessalonians 1:2 says, "We always give thanks to God for all of you." I am always thankful for those who see a need on Sunday

and step up to help out and of course a huge thank you to those who sign up ahead of time or those who come every month to help out in some way. I'm thankful for everyone who volunteers every week; those of you who help behind the scenes and those who are willing to be in front of others.

This picnic isn't just the staff's way to say thank you for all the volunteering you do, but it's also a time for us to thank each other. It's a great time to thank someone for using the gifts God has given them. I'm always thankful when someone uses a gift they have that I don't have. It's a time for us to connect with one another, giving our thanks for God for each other and the gifts we have been given.

If you have volunteered just once this year or every week, I want you to come and enjoy our time together, thanking each other and God for all ministries we do here. Let us know if you are able to attend, sign up at the welcome center, on Facebook or call the church office at 608.783.2236 and let Tamara know you will be coming. I hope to see you all there. It's going to be so much fun.

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!

WORSHIP ASSISTANT TRAINING

Have you thought to yourself, "I would like to try ushering or reading or serving communion or acolyting or being a projectionist" while at church? Are you looking for a way to contribute to this worshipping community but

don't have a lot of time? Come to our Worship Assistant Training Day on **June 23**, occurring between worship services and learn all you need to know to get started!

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY

It's a relaxing way to volunteer! We'll be taking June off, and will gather again on **Monday, July 29, at 9am**, to assemble the August newsletter. See you there!

LEAD SUN SCHOOL & VBS

There are opportunities to serve as a Sunday School teacher and a leader in VBS. A Sunday School teacher is a 1-2 weekend a month commitment in which you connect with our congregations children! It is super easy with the curriculum! VBS is another way to connect, this is so fun and is high energy! *Contact Beth Miller: beth@firstlu.org.*

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!

BINGO BUCKS WISHLIST

Numerous times a week the Bethany Riverside residents play bingo. Many of you help with bingo on a regular basis, and it is VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

In case you didn't know, once a month Bethany Riverside opens its "Bingo Bucks Store." The residents can spend their Bingo Bucks from winning bingo during the month. Bethany Riverside tries to have a good assortment of small items and snacks, but has a very limited budget for these items. If you are able to help out, know that the residents would be very grateful!

- Bingo Buck Wishlist:
- Lotions
- Hard candies, small
- Shampoos
- Seasonal items (not Christmas)
- Deodorant
- Small spiral notebooks

- Address books
- Door hangers
- Men's and women's wallets
- Puzzles
- Small Kleenex tissues
- Small baskets to put items in
- Small packages of chips, crackers, cookies, etc.

They really look forward to finding something new and fun for their rooms. Thank you so much! Questions? Contact Tracy at the front desk: 608.406.3900


WELCOME BASKETS

Welcome baskets are a way to welcome a new neighbor into your neighborhood. The baskets are a gift bag tied with a bow and are filled with goodies from church and from our community. They are available to sign out at the Resource Center across from the church office.

ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, August 5-10

YOU are invited to consider attending the 2019 Churchwide Assembly as a volunteer; approximately 600 volunteers will be needed to serve as ushers or greeters, provide tech support, etc. Learn more about specific volunteer positions at 1stlu.org/cwa.



Luren Singers of Decorah, Iowa



Under the direction of
Dr. David Judisch

*Don't miss the opportunity to hear the
oldest Norwegian-American male chorus
in the world sing and entertain you!*

Thursday, June 6 • 7 p.m.

First Lutheran Church

410 Main St. • Onalaska

Pie/Ice Cream Social after concert

Presented by Wergeland Lodge, Sons of Norway



No Admission Charge

*Free-Will Offerings
for Concert and Social*



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.

WE CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF HOLY BAPTISM

- Ramsey Mae DeBell

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF:

- Ruth Gilbertson

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

Thank you for the following memorials:

In memory of Evelyn Price

- Designated for Skogen Music Fund: Bev Fuhrman, Dave & Barb Skogen
- Designated for ELCA Disaster Relief: Gaylord & Esther Dolphin
- Undesignated: Russell Lee Jr., Elizabeth MacEwen, Pete & Annette Sherry

In memory of Ruth Gilbertson

- Undesignated: William Baum, Jan & Shirley Olson, Walter & Phyllis Wuttke

Thank you for the following gifts:

- Church Bus Fund: Marilyn Fox, Curt Hickok

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.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Each month, First Lutheran gives thanks for gifts offered to designated funds. If you plan to make a special gift to First, consider these options. Currently, we are gathering funds for:

- Lutheran Disaster Relief
- Lutheran World Hunger
- Youth Fund (supports campers & mission trippers)
- Helping Hands Fund (for First members in need)
- Samaritan Fund (for non-members in need)
- Halos Project
- Seminarian Fund
- Sugar Creek Bible Camp
- The Property & Grounds and the Music & Worship Teams also have wish lists. Contact Pastor Stanton to inquire how your gift to either Team could support the ministry of First Lutheran.

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.

GO GREEN

We offer two e-mail lists for subscribing:

- **First Lutheran Publications:** which includes e-mail links to our e-newsletter, so if you request to stop receiving this paper in your hands, this will save natural resources, and helps First save money on supplies and postage.
- **First Lutheran Updates & Publications:** all of the above plus several updates from our website.

To subscribe to either one and to cancel the delivery of this paper copy, simply visit 1stlu.org/subscribe and fill out the online form, or contact the office at office@firstlu.org.

THANK YOU CHOIR!

Thanks to all the members of the choir who dedicate their time and share God's gift of music with the congregation! Thanks also to director Todd Saner for his leadership! Enjoy your break, and we'll look forward to hearing you again in the fall!

Mark Abitz
Nancy Beguin
Dick Daleki
Peggy Daleki
Marlene DeWald
Kerry Jedele
Sharon Kjos
Janice Klimke
Bev Larson
David Lee
Terry Lee
Steve Lind
Lori Lunney
John Robison
Missy Robison
Scott Ryan
Jenny Saner
Tom Skogen
Carol Skoy
Steve Thomas
Katy Wood



**AS PART OF OUR 2019 SYNOD ASSEMBLY,
WE ARE HAVING A
SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR DRIVE!**



WHY: Socks and underwear are among the most requested and least donated items at shelters and other charitable organizations. Dignity starts with the basics, so we want to make sure that organizations working in our synod have an ample supply of new socks and underwear to give their clients.

WHAT: Donate new (still in retail packaging) socks and underwear for men, women, youths and children.

WHERE: In the large baskets located in the coat area next to the Welcome Center.

WHEN: Please put all donations in the baskets by June 9.

“WALK. LOVE. DO.” VIDEOS

For the La Crosse Area Synod 2019 Assembly

COMPLETE ANY/ALL
OF THESE SENTENCES:

“At _____,
[name of ministry]

- We Walk humbly when we...”
- We Love Kindness when we...”
- We Do Justice when we...”

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Ok to use a cell phone, doesn't need to be professional
- Can do as many as you want, about anything or anyone
- No more than 1 minute (really truly)
- Shoot horizontally, not vertically
- Shoot close up because your phone is your mic; no more than an arm's length away from voice of speaker
- Send to andy@firstlu.org

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE

Sat., June 1, 8:45am–5:30pm

at Westby Coon Prairie Lutheran, Westby

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Friday, June 14 – Sunday, June 16

Tasks include assisting with registration, providing directions, handing out info to attendees, and answering questions.

*To volunteer or to learn more contact
Betty Sacia at 608.799.2796
or brsacia@yahoo.com*



OLDER WISER LUTHERANS

May was a very active month for the OWLs. During the potluck, we held the always popular OWLs Summer Games. Nancy Beguin won the "who is most prepared for summer" contest, which allowed her to bring home a new sand pail, shovel and cocktail glass. Other games include table pong, (trying to bounce a ping-pong ball into a kid's sand pail, then a water glass. We even faced backward and threw them over our shoulder. Another big hit was seeing how many gum drops each team could pick up with chopsticks in 90 seconds. Great fun was had by all!

June will be the OWLs summer month off. There will be no potluck or outing as Mary and Brian will be in Colorado taking care of grandchildren and doing some

camping most of June. Hope everyone has a great June.

In July the OWLs will be back in full swing. We will have the potluck on **Wednesday, July 10, at noon in Fellowship Hall.** This is a week early so mark your calendar. Our program will be Shane Lamb, the owner of La Crosse Clay. Shane will demonstrate how to throw pottery vessels on a wheel and talk about how he got interested in pottery and opened his own business. Shane is an award-winning potter and will bring some of his finished work to display and sell.

We are going to the circus!!! On **Wednesday, July 24,** we will head to Circus World in Baraboo for a day of Circus Fun. Circus World is a combination museum and show. A small big top has live circus acts, there is a fabulous collection of circus wagons and several live side shows. A day you will not forget. You might even get to ride an elephant. We will leave the church at 8am, have lunch in Baraboo and return about 4pm. If you would like to attend this special event, contact Brian Narveson (owls@firstlu.org or 630.816.5917) by

Monday, July 22. Cost of Circus World is \$20, and lunch will be on your own.

Praise the Lord! We have a mini-bus !! Thanks to the search work of Curt Hickock the church now has a used mini-bus in very nice condition. Curt did a lot of work to find a used vehicle in good condition and did even more work to get it in top condition. A special thank you to Curt and his mother, Peg, for donating the money needed for repairs. It is a 15-passenger mini-bus with a center aisle for easy entry and exit. The bus will be used by any church group needing that kind of transportation. A fund to pay for the bus was started with a nice contribution from Marilyn Fox; we want to thank her and others who have donated so far. The cost of the bus was \$8,000. Since no money was allocated in the 2019 budget for insurance, fuel, decals and maintenance, the total cost to the church for 2019 will be about \$10,000. So far the bus fund has raised \$4,130 leaving \$5,870. It is not expected that the OWLs raise the entire amount, as other groups will use the bus. However, any gift toward the balance would be greatly appreciated. Just bring or mail a check to the church office designated for the mini-bus. In addition, we will discuss potential fundraising ideas at our next potluck.

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!



PRESCHOOL

UPDATE

Only two spots left for the 2019-2020 school year!

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

Call or email us today for more information!

Relissa



What parents are saying about First Lutheran Preschool...

Our child has grown so much over the school year. She thrives in the structure and caring atmosphere from the teachers. Thank you for helping our child grow!

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

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.

Middle school mission trip to
Duluth, MN

July 21-26

Confirmation service app.

High school mission trip to
San Francisco, CA

July 20-28

Confirmation service app.

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

- 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

13141 Sugar Creek Bible Camp Rd, Ferryville, WI 54628

608.734.3113 • camp@sgrcreek.org • www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org

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



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The First Lutheran Foundation is pleased to announce that the following high school graduates have been awarded a Mabel Anderson scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year:

Joshua Beach
Alex Franzini
Jade Rasmussen
Mitchell Thies
Jaclyn Thomas.

Congratulations to these seniors!

Our prayers go with you as you prepare for this next chapter.

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Sunday, June 2

Sunday School

THANK YOU SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & HELPERS!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who made Sunday school possible! It's you who made this ministry happen, and we look forward to seeing you again next year!

Ami Berg
Tina Buchal
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LEAD SUNDAY SCHOOL & VBS

There are opportunities to serve as a Sunday School teacher and a leader in VBS. A Sunday School teacher is a 1-2 weekend a month commitment in which you connect with our congregations children! It is super easy with the curriculum! VBS is another way to connect, this is so fun and is high energy! If you like to play games or would like to help organize or help in anyway please consider!

Contact Beth Miller: beth@firstlu.org.



Join us for...

RAFL

RANDOM ACTIVITIES FIRST LUTHERAN!

We know there are a lot of RANDOM ACTIVITIES that you plan at the last minute, and that it'd be fun to meet up with other folks. This is where RAFL comes in: it's a Facebook Group created for members of First to invite one another on random activities.

Going to the pool? Invite others to join you.

Want to sit with others at Moon Tunes? Post in the RAFL group, and invite others to join you. Want someone to hike with?

RAFL is the place to connect.

This is a great way to get to know others in the congregation better in a social setting, in an informal way.

Join the group. It's open to all.

The prize for everyone is getting out and having fun together... it's a win-win!

Go to
1stlu.org/RAFL
and join in the random, spontaneous fun!

REVELATIONS

The end of the newsletter is near, and here is what we find revealing...

TAMARA'S REVELATIONS



Reading:

The Colors of All the Cattle
by Alexander McCall Smith

What's So Amazing About Grace
by Philip Yancey

The World, the Flesh, and Father Smith
by Bruce Marshall

(Purchased at a library book sale mainly because of its vintage 1945 dust cover showing a little village, some Catholic-looking characters and a habit of nuns, but also because its plot summary made it sound like a wry gentle look at a priest's world in Scotland during the first world war).

ANDY'S REVELATIONS



Who I enjoyed this year at the Mid West Music Fest:
De La Buena (Afro-caribbean & Latin Jazz)
Devil in a Woodpile (Old-time Folk/Jazz)
Miss Myra & the Moonshiners (Club Jazz)

Looking forward to watching:
DNC debates June 26 & 27 on NBC




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JUNE AT FIRST LUTHERAN *see also weekly events*

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2 Youth Fundraising Deadline 11:45 AM Middle School Mission Trip Planning Mtg - MR 5:30 PM Middle School Youth Group Grill Out - House	3 6:30 PM Hospitality Leadership Team - NX 7 PM AA - FS	4	5	6 7 PM Women of the House Small Group 7 PM Luren Singers of Decorah, IA - SN	7 7 PM AA - FH	8
9 9:30 AM Coffee Hosts Quarterly	10 7 PM AA - FS	11 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Mtg	12 10 AM Ona Terrace Worship  12 PM Finance Team Mtg	13 9 AM Sunshine Boys & Girls 7 PM Women of the House Small Group	14 7 PM AA - FS 7 PM Synod-wide Worship Service - Our Savior's, La Crosse	15 Newsletter Deadline
16 Confirmation Camp at Sugar Creek (going into Gr 8)	17	18	19	20	21	22 9:30 AM Drawing from the Well Group
	2:30 PM Springbrook Wrshp  7 PM AA - FS	5:15 PM Personnel Team Mtg 6:30 PM Property Management Team Mtg - Mike's Office 6:30 PM Vision & Leadership Mtg	10 AM Ona Terrace Worship 	1 PM Grief Support Group - UR 7 PM Women of the House Small Group	7 PM AA - FS	
23	24 Sugar Creek Golf Tourname... 7:30 AM Sugar Creek Explorer Day 7 PM AA - FS	25 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Mtg	26	27 7 PM Women of the House Small Group	28 7 PM AA - FS	29 9 AM Summer Book Discussion: Loneliness
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JULY AT FIRST LUTHERAN *see also weekly events list on back*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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High School Mission Trip to San Francisco, CA						
Middle School Mission Trip to Duluth, MN					9 AM Summer Book Discussion: The New Cosmic Story	
	7 PM AA - FS	4 PM Come for Supper at OSLC 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Mtg	8 AM OWLs Fly to Circus World in Baraboo	7 PM Women of the House Small Group	7 PM AA - FS	
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SUNDAYS

8:00am Worship

10:30am Worship

TUESDAYS

1:15pm Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAYS

6:00am Courageous Men - House

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

6:15pm Worship



Baptismal Prep
Sat, June 1
10-11am



Luren Singers
Thur, June 6
7pm



Confirmation Camp
Sun, June 16-
Fri, June 21



Sugar Creek
Explorer Day
Mon, June 24
7:30am-4:15pm



Book Discussion:
Loneliness
Sat, June 29
9-11am



Book Discussion:
The New Cosmic Story
Sat, July 27
9-11am

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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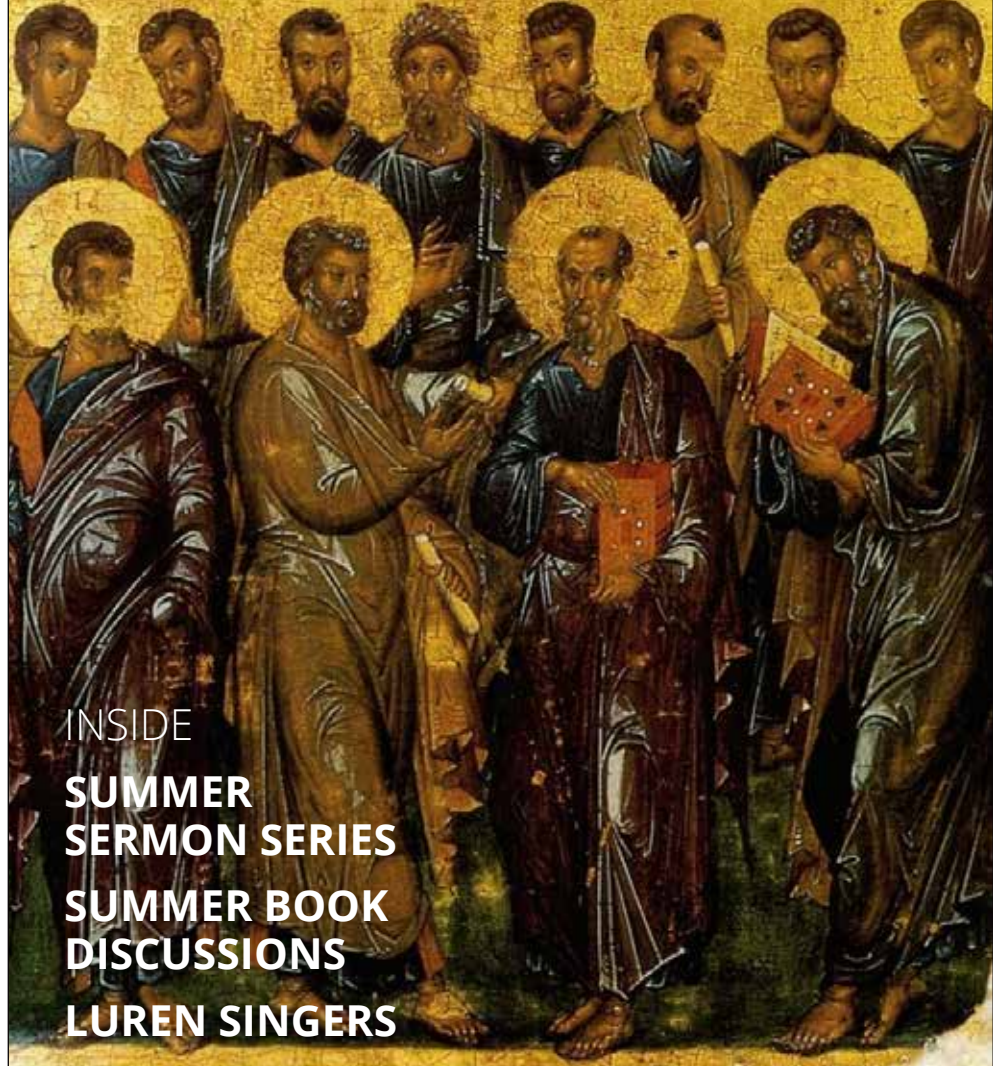
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