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FEBRUARY 2024

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KARYN

WE BUILD COMMUNITY

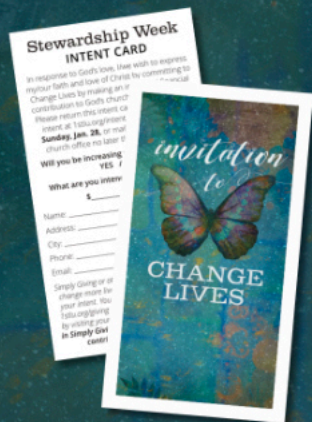


IT'S BEEN A month and a half since I returned from sabbatical, and while December was filled with all the things Advent and Christmas are full of, I continue to reflect on my time away. Over and over again, I remember the stories of how human beings are born to be in community. Over and over again, I heard about how in times of hardship and in times of plenty, people found ways to build community to weather life. Even I, while away from my community of people, built community along the way with those who love nature and travel and learning and eating. Each of the trains, hotels, museums, restaurants and sites were opportunities to join in community with others and share a little of yourself,

even if you would never cross paths again. I don't remember names, but there was the music/computer professor from Oregon who I shared a love of music with over breakfast one morning. He blew my mind as he talked about his work merging his two fields. The Jewish psychologist who asked the best questions about my work as we ate lunch. Omar and Michael and my 6 other new friends who toured Atlanta sites with me. Omar introduced me to the best little juice/food/community gathering place in Atlanta that I hope I can find again. For one day, the nine of us were family as we dove a little deeper into the civil rights history of Atlanta. Lee asked me to take a picture

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CHALLENGE ACCEPTED!



When we receive
200 intent cards
by Feb. 18
a challenge gift of
\$10,000 will be
donated!

Thank you
Jeff & Cheryl Towner!

Turn in your intent card...
By mail • In-person • at 1stlu.org/intent

One last thing: It is good for everyone, for the church and for individual families, to complete an 'intent of giving' card. You received an intent card in the mail the week of Jan. 21. **When we receive 200 intent cards by Feb. 18, a challenge gift of \$10,000 will be donated.** (Thank you Jeff & Cheryl Towner!) So, please return your statement of intent card by Feb. 18, 2024 —and come to the annual meeting Feb. 11 to hear whether we've gotten to 200 already! Just turning in the card can help us receive \$10,000, make sure yours is in by Feb. 18. Ways to turn in your intent card:

1. Mail in pre-stamped envelope sent to you
2. Drop off at church office or place in offering plate
3. Email Pastor Stanton with your intended gift per year,
4. Go to 1stlu.org/intent.

'Simply Giving' or other electronic funds transfers can help you to easily fulfill your intent. You can sign up for Simply Giving at 1stlu.org/giving or alternatively electronic transfers by visiting your bank.

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 Stewardship Committee meets monthly and is looking for members. For meeting times, contact Pastor Stanton.

Faithfully submitted,

The Finance and Stewardship Committees

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

In-person, indoors & outdoors, and live streamed at 1stlu.org/live
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30AM
Wednesday 6:15 PM

SUBMITTING NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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First Lutheran is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA)



THANK YOU! For all the ways you've supported First in 2023. This year, our giving remained similar to 2022, *with an increase of \$5,000.* As a result, we were able to give **\$2,500 to Lutheran World Relief** and another **\$2,500 to Safe Families for Children.** YOUR church was able to do all this ministry through generous families like you! The Stewardship Team goes out of our way to **THANK YOU.**

We have some more big **dreams for 2024** and want to share them with you.

1. **Hope Restores** is an organization dedicated to meeting the specific needs of the African American community in western Wisconsin. They provide food and skills training along with emotional and financial support. In 2024, when we achieve our increase giving

goal of \$30,000, we will designate **\$10,000** of increased giving to Hope Restores.

2. We have members at First Lutheran who cannot make their own way to church for worship or fellowship programs. In 2024, with increased giving of \$30,000, we will designate **\$10,000** to *transportation for those in need* so we can Welcome All.
3. The First Lutheran Foundation Fund is an endowment that is very proud to provide support for scholarships, community outreach, ELCA missions and capital improvements to First and our neighbors. In 2024, with increased giving of \$30,000, we will designate **\$10,000** to the First Lutheran Foundation.

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday, Feb. 4: Mark 1:29-39

Wednesday, Feb. 7: Mark 6:1-29

Sunday, Feb. 11: Mark 9:2-9

Wednesday, Feb. 14, Ash Wednesday:

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 or Mark 8:27-9:8 or Mark 9:30-37

Sunday, Feb. 18: Mark 1:9-15

Wednesday, Feb. 21: Mark 10:17-31

Sunday, Feb. 25: Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

Wednesday, Feb. 28: Mark 10:32-52

Above are the tentative readings scheduled for February. 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.



The 2023
Annual Report
is now available for download
at 1stlu.org/next

Limited copies available at the
Welcome Center

One-page reports
will be arriving in the mail



Sign up at 1stlu.org/assistsun

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of him and his friends where we were all enjoying some soul food and then ended up talking with me for 20 minutes as I waited for my food. The owner of a great little BBQ place in Selma who allowed me to sit inside even though they weren't seating people. The tour guide at 16th Street Baptist in Birmingham, who talked with me about not only the history of that place but also the work we were both doing for justice. The homeless man in Birmingham who sat and told me his story and listened as I told him mine, then called me a queen and told me not to settle. The folks I talked with about the joys and pains of being someone with curly hair were endless. The people sharing tips and recommendations as we encountered each other along the way. The stories about how I found community as I traveled are endless.

Building community comes in all shapes and sizes, but centers around what we hold in common, which is knowledge that only comes after we get to know each other. I think of the conversations I had with any of the people I encountered along the way

and it all started with being curious about them or them, me. We asked questions, we got to know each other, we found what we held in common, and we discovered how we held that commonality differently. The same is what guides us at First. We Build Community is not a value that is about getting more members. It is about building lasting relationships that create a place where welcome and love are known by all. Where we can flourish in our faith and our following of Jesus. It is about being able to wrestle with hard issues together without demonizing each other, instead honoring each person as beloved—of God and of each other and finding a way forward together. We build community is a natural extension of We Welcome All, it is continuing the work we have done to be a place of welcome and love.

It was this work that we did together that influenced my sabbatical. It is this work to welcome and build and serve that gave me the courage to go to places where I lived uncomfortable more than comfortable, so that I can learn to love more deeply. It is this work that we did together that laid the foundation for the Spirit to move in me more deeply while I was away so that at the end of it the words of Mumford and Sons rang in my soul: And so, I'll be found with my stake stuck in this ground marking its territory of this newly impassioned soul. What is this ground, you may ask? Love. I have placed my stake into the ground—I will choose love, every time. I will work everyday to welcome all, build community and serve my neighbor.



Pastor Karyn Bodenschatz
karyn@firstlu.org



Celebrating our scholarship recipients in 2023

OUR COMMITTEE, WHICH is only possible through a generous bequest by Mabel Anderson years ago as well as your continued donations and support, has had another astounding year supporting our community and ELCA organizations, as well as area youth with Mabel Anderson Scholarships.

This past year, we awarded the following community groups grant money which they applied for on our First Lutheran Church website. The groups awarded are Oasis (sensors for Alzheimer's patients), La Crosse Confluence (band equipment), Holmen Community Center (programs and rent) and the Coulee Region Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (handcraft program).

ELCA Ministries were also awarded grant money, again, by applying through our application on the First Lutheran Church website. The ELCA groups awarded this year include Our Savior's Women's Clothes Closet (professional clothing), First Lutheran Preschool (field trip costs), First Lutheran Quilters (quilting supplies),

First Lutheran Prayer Shawl Knitters (yarn), First Lutheran Church Youth (Parents Night Out/youth programs) and First Helping Hands (fuel needs).

Last spring we awarded 12 local high school students scholarships: Annabel Reitzel, Samuel Pica, Ava Kloehn, Macy Meyer, Kyla Christnovich, A lli Thomas, Jack Tracey, Sophia Stanton, Christopher McGaff, Cameron Deml, Bryce Buchanan and Nathan Olson. Students, please remember to submit your grades to the church office as you finish your first term in order to receive your scholarship award. Please do so by Feb. 1 at the latest.

Donations/memorials to the Foundation are always accepted in the office. Please label your donation Foundation Fund so that we may continue to serve our community, ELCA ministries and the Mabel Anderson Scholarship program

Grant applications are open from Jan. 1 to Jun. 1 every year.

The deadline for the Mabel Anderson Scholarship is Apr. 1, 2024.

FirstLutheranOnalaska.org/Foundation

First Lutheran Church + Good News

WELCOMING CONVERSATIONS



SOMETIME DURING THE past year, I had a conversation with someone who didn't go up for communion. I asked if she would like us to bring communion to her;

she declined, telling me why. I was delighted that she told me, and I told her it was perfectly fine and was so glad she was here with her husband. This couple later joined our church.

What was remarkable about this conversation is that it wasn't long, and I didn't try to convince her that First is a great place to belong. All I did, in our short conversation, was to make her feel welcomed here.

This isn't the only conversation that has taken place in our church, where someone took the time to have a short conversation, making that someone feel welcome. I often hear from our new members that someone has taken the time to welcome them in worship

or during the fellowship time between worship services.

We are all called to be welcoming. A warm smile, a handshake during passing the peace, inviting someone to sit at your table or asking to sit with them at their table. None of these things are hard to do, but we do need to take time to look around as we leave worship to see if we can have a welcoming conversation with someone we don't know. Being known by someone is the best kind of welcoming, and it's up to all of us to be that welcoming presence to those around us.

Kathryn Pedretti
Director of Hospitality
kathryn@firstlu.org

GO AND DO LIKEWISE LUKE 10:37

FRIENDS OF THE WARMING CENTER

The Warming Center opened Nov. 1 for unhoused people, and the area ELCA churches have agreed to provide evening meals the **3rd and 4th Friday of each month, November–April.** Prepare the meal in your kitchen and drop it off at the Warming Center ready to be served. Other people serve the meal; you just prepare it. You are welcome to use the Hunger Task Force for meal ingredients. *More info and reg at 1stlu.org/warm.*

MONDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY MEALS

For many years, Trinity Lutheran Church on the northside of La Crosse has hosted a meal on Monday nights. First Lutheran has agreed to help with this important community ministry, by preparing a meal, serving the food and cleaning up. We need people to plan and prepare the meal to feed 100-150 people, and folks to serve the meal (5-6pm) and help with cleanup. Meal prep can be done at your convenience. Many times people prepare the main course a week ahead, freeze it and reheat it. Food for the meal can be gotten at no charge from the Hunger Task Force in La Crosse. **NEXT DATE: Feb. 19.** *You can sign up at 1stlu.org/monmeals, or contact bridget@firstlu.org.*

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY

It's a relaxing way to volunteer! **Wednesday, Feb. 28, at 10am**, to assemble the March/April duo-newsletter. See you there!

SUNSHINE TEAM

THE SUNSHINE TEAM WILL NOT MEET IN FEBRUARY. **Next meeting: Mar. 7, 9:30am.** Various jobs: cleaning, sweeping, mopping, vacuuming, washing windows and cleaning carpets. Help make First look nice! Refreshments are supplied to replenish your reserves! Dues are free! *Questions? Contact Dan at dan@firstlu.org.*



If you know of someone who needs a caregiver, speak with Pastor Karyn (karyn@firstlu.org) or call the church office (608.783.2236).

Confirmation service opp.

Monday Night Community Meals

First Lutheran will help with preparing and serving meals on **Monday, Feb. 19.**

Help with meal prep, serving or cleanup.

Food for meal prep can be gotten at no charge from the Hunger Task Force in La Crosse.

Sign up at 1stlu.org/next

Questions? Contact bridget@firstlu.org

ANNUAL TAILGATE! SUNDAY, FEB. 11, 11:45AM

All members are invited to attend First's annual tailgate on **Sunday, Feb. 11, at 11:45am**. We will reflect on 2023 and look ahead to 2024, elect new Vision & Leadership Team members, and complete a variety of other business. Save the date to be a part of the body of church at First! The annual report is available to pick up at the Welcome Center or download at 1stlu.org/areport.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

The pastors are considering baptisms on an individual basis. The next baptism preparation session will be **Saturday, Feb. 3, at 10am** for anyone who is considering or has scheduled a baptism. *To register or ask questions call the church office at 608.783.3326. Min. attendance required: 2 families.*

NEW-MEMBER SOCIAL

By choosing to become a member, individuals and families commit to being part of a shared mission. People who would like to become members of First Lutheran are invited to a social at David Reay's on **Thursday, Apr. 18, 6pm**, where you will get to know more about First and the staff in a relaxed atmosphere. *To register your family or ask questions, call our church office at 608.783.2236 or email office@firstlu.org.*

SIGN UP FOR FLOWERS FOR 2024

The sign-up sheets for 2024 altar flowers are on the bulletin board. If you would like to provide altar flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one, check the bulletin board and sign up for an open week of your choice. You can also contact the church office (office@firstlu.org / 608.783.2236) to inquire about openings.

CALLING ALL SNAPSHOTS!

We're looking for photos & videos from 2023: weddings, baptisms, Christmas program and ALL OTHER special events and ministries. Help us to collect and remember all the events from this past year! Email them to andy@firstlu.org. Thanks!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

If you have received a birthday postcard from First in the last several months and still have it, bring it into church Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm and pick up a small gift.

WE CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF HOLY BAPTISM

- **Hank Thomas Barnhardt**
- **Riley Alaina Joas**

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF:

- **Annette Sherry**
- **Carol Hanson**

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

Thank you for the following memorials:

In memory of Chris Sebranek

- Undesignated: Judy Johnson
- Youth Gathering trip: Maynard Dunnum, Carol Knudson

In memory of Jon Van Riper

- First Lutheran Women: Dave & Barb Skogen
- First Lutheran Quilters: Lee & Yvonne Cade
- Undesignated: Nancy Beguin

In memory of Jay Holthaus

- First Lutheran Foundation: Randy & Judy Eddy, Annette Sherry, Bryce Sherry
- Skogen Memorial Music Fund: Dave & Barb Skogen

In memory of Dorothy Every

- Parents fund: Jackie Wallace

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/oils/extracts of any kind onto the church campus. This is for the safety of all of our members. Thanks!

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CONFIRMATION

Teen-relevant, age-appropriate, active, modern, and theologically sound | Events subject to change; up-to-date info at 1stlu.org/confirmation

UPCOMING CONFIRMATION EVENTS

Sundays, 9:15am

Gr 6 & 7 Confirmation Classes - Fireside Rm

Wednesdays, 5:30pm
Confirmation Dinner

Wednesdays, 7pm
Gr 8-9 Small Groups
*except on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14;
join us for worship at 6:15pm*



Sunday School

FAITH BUILDING BLOCKS

Throughout the year, each age group has a special "Faith Building Block" session in which parents or special adults are asked to attend class with their child. Most sessions last for four weeks. The first class consists of parents/guardians connecting with a pastor. Classes two and three are for the child and their parents/guardians to attend together, sharing in conversation and growing together in faith. The fourth and final week, the Faith Building Block is lifted up in worship in celebration of what the students and families have learned about.

Grade 4: Apostles' Creed

Sunday, Feb. 4 parents/guardians only

Sundays, Feb. 18 & 25: parents/guardians with children

Sunday, Mar. 3 Faith Building Block lifted up in worship

FIRST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Mark your calendars for
March 14th Open House
from 4:30-5:30 for the
2024-2025 school year.
We enroll children ages
2 years old and up.

MORE INFORMATION
email us at
preschool@firstlu.org



f.ly. Flight Crew

Adults shaping ministry and
supporting youth at First!

NEXT MEETING:
Wed., Feb. 7, 5:30pm

1 week earlier this month!



Faith webs

Ideas for February...

Pray for one another.

Sit together at worship. Some special services coming up are Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14), Holden Evening Prayer (Wednesdays, starting Feb. 21), and another jazz worship service on Wednesday, Feb. 28.

Send a valentine to your faith web!

Attend winter fun days at Sugar Creek together, Sunday, Feb. 4.

Volunteer together; one idea... help serve a Monday Meal at Trinity on Feb. 19!
More info at 1stlu.org/monmeals

Attend together: *7 Last Words of Jesus on the Cross* at the Franciscan Spirituality Center.
More info at 1stlu.org/lastwords

Caring Conversation Questions

Do you have a favorite rom com?

Do you or have you ever played an instrument? February is a good time to ask about a student's participation in solo and ensemble events throughout February.



OWLS

OLDER WISER LUTHERANS

Even January does not slow down the OWLs. We had a full bus full to see the movie *The Color Purple*, a moving cinematic masterpiece enjoyed by all, followed by a great dinner at David Reay's.

February promises to be even more fun. We will start out with a trip to the Heider Center to see *Four Guyz in Dinner Jackets* on Saturday, Feb. 10. They are ready to whisk you back to the golden age of doo-wop and early rock 'n' roll! Imagine a night filled with the smooth harmonies of classic tunes like "Under the Boardwalk" and "Sh-Boom," your feet tapping to the infectious rhythms and laughter bubbling up at their charming stage antics. Remember those Friday night sock hops and malt shop memories? The

Four Guyz will reignite them all, transporting you to a time of youthful joy and camaraderie. It's more than just a concert; it's a chance to reminisce with friends, sing along to beloved hits and tap into the vibrant spirit of your younger days. So, bring a friend and get ready for an evening of pure, nostalgic fun with *The Four Guyz in Dinner Jackets*—it's a feel-good trip down memory lane you won't want to miss! The fantastic outing will be **Saturday, Feb. 10. Meet at the church at 4:30pm.** We will set the mood with dinner at the Westview Inn in West Salem. Cost of the show is \$26, dinner is on your own. *Because the Heider Center usually sells out, please let Brian Narveson know if you plan to attend by emailing or calling (owls@firstlu.org or 630-816-5917) asap or by Monday, Feb. 5.*

Our February potluck will be **Wednesday, Feb. 21, at noon in the fellowship hall.** Come warm yourself up with some great food and fellowship. For our program Pastor Karyn will tell some stories about her recent sabbatical.

She always does an excellent presentation with highlights and photos of her adventures. Come and hear not only what it looked like but how it felt to visit some very special places.

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/oils/extracts of any kind onto the church campus. This is for the safety of all of our members. Thanks!



If you would like to start receiving the regular OWLs emails, contact Brian Narveson at owls@firstlu.org or scan this QR code. We are a social group for everyone 55+ and we know how to have fun.

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

CREATED

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the table Young Adult Gathering

**Pre-Gathering Meeting:
Sun. Feb 4, 5:30pm**

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Questions? Contact jason@firstlu.org



Explore all of the programs available at Sugar Creek in 2024!

In preparation for enrollment opening on December 4th, explore our website for more information regarding details about next summer.

 **More info: sugarcreekbiblecamp.org**

Parents' Night Out

NEXT: Friday, Feb. 23

Reg opens at 4:45pm, Dinner at 5:30pm,
games & activities until 8pm

Ages: birth to 12 are welcome

COST: Free will donation

RSVP & VOLUNTEER at 1stlu.org/next



**SUGAR CREEK
BIBLE CAMP**

SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP

2024 Upcoming Events

- February 2-3 High School Youth Retreat
- February 4 Winter Fun Day
- February 8-11 Winter Craft Retreat
- February 18 Annual Meeting
- March 15-16 Confirmation Youth Retreat
- March 30 Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch

Contact camp for more info and to RSVP for all events:
camp@sugarcreek.org • 608.734.3113

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>JANUARY</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>MARCH</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9a Quilters - FS 1:30p Staff Meeting 3:30p Knitters & Crocheters - NX 5p Bells Practice - CR</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7p Peer Ministry - House 7p The Screwtape Letters Book Study - FH</p>	<p>1</p> <p>11a Funeral for Carol Hanson 7p Women of the House - UR/NX</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7p AA - FH</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10a Baptismal Preparation - NX 11a Funeral for Annette Sherry</p>
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<p>11</p> <p>9:15a Sunday School: Mardi Gras Party! 11:45a First's Annual Tailgait! 12p Financial Peace University - FS</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7p AA - FS 7p Bible Matters - NX</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9a Quilters - FS 1p Dorcas Circle - UR 1:30p Staff Meeting 3:30p Knitters & Crocheters - NX 5p Bells Practice - CR</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Ash Wednesday 10a Ona Terrace Worship 12p Finance Team Mtg 6:15p Ash Wed Worship</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Deadline for Mar/Apr Mini Newsletter 10a Grief Support Group - UR 7p Women of the House - UR/NX</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7p AA - FS</p>	<p>17</p>
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weekly events for

FEBRUARY

at First Lutheran

SUNDAYS

8:00am Worship

9:15am Gr 6 & 7 Confirmation Classes - Fireside Rm

9:15am Parent Share - Upper Rm

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Worship

MONDAYS

7:00pm Bible Matters - Narthex

TUESDAYS

9:00am Quilters - Fireside Rm

10:30am Staff Meeting

3:30pm Knitters & Crocheters - Narthex

5:00pm Stephen Ministry

5:00pm Bells Practice - Choir Rm

WEDNESDAYS

6:00am Courageous Men - Fireside Rm

6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn - Narthex

5:30pm Confirmation Dinner

6:15pm Worship

7:00pm Confirmation Small Groups

THURSDAYS

7:00pm Women of the House

FRIDAYS

7:00pm AA - Fireside Rm (Fellowship Hall 1st Friday)

SOME GOOD NEWS from the internet



Stacey Kammel · Lower Northside and Depot · 1h

We were helping out a teen not that long ago that came to us with the clothes on her back. We heard about the teen closet. When we took her there the people running it were some of the most sincere, friendly, generous people I have met in a long time. They set her up with some new shoes and clothes that she wore all of the time. This is a wonderful thing they are doing. Not one time did she feel awkward or self conscious about going. They had stuff for guys and gals and I would say most sizes. Thank you for helping her in her time of need. ❤️❤️❤️

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Wanda padgett · Author · Powell-Poage-Hamilton · 8m

So glad to hear this I myself have never seen the clothes, I've dropped warm clothes off. I work at Viterbo and some of student volunteer during giving back week that's how I heard about them. THANK YOU I will pass this on to the Teen Closet!

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FH = Fellowship Hall

FS = Fireside Room

LG = Lounge

MR = Mary Room

NX = Narthex

SN = Sanctuary

TR = Thomas Room

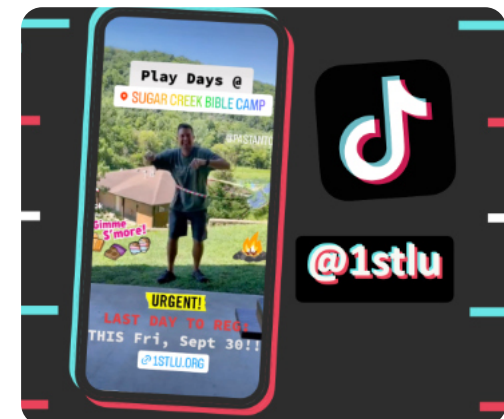
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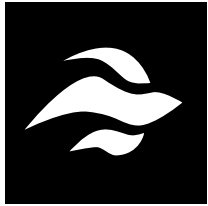
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