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JULY 2017

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR STANTON



In 2014 First did a lot of work in creating a comprehensive strategic plan for youth discipleship, adult discipleship, worship, stewardship,

community service, hospitality, evangelism, facilities and more. What do we want our staff to look like? How do we hope to grow our budget? What ministries are we feeling most called to grow and for whom? Why? It was through this process that we identified our greatest priorities. The first and foremost priority then and now continues to be our congregation's commitment to providing kids, birth through college aged, with faith formation opportunities. In response to our plan, we hired Tina Nelson as a full-time youth director. Katie Everson continued as our Young Youth events coordinator. We also continued to prioritize Sunday School by paying a stipend to the superintendent. And First has enjoyed nothing but faithful leadership from our Sunday School leaders over the years.

Later in this newsletter you'll see that Katie Everson is moving on from serving the Young Youth, which I've known was her plan since last fall. And after the last mission trip this summer, Tina Nelson will be moving on from serving as our youth director so that she may become the program director at Sugar Creek Bible Camp. So, there is a lot of transition within the youth

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Currently, we are in the process of interviewing a candidate for the youth director position and have already received multiple applications. We remain committed to keeping a full time youth director on staff who primarily works with middle, high school and post-high school kids/young adults. In addition, we are considering enlarging the scope of a young youth director who would definitely continue to organize monthly

events, but may also do a bit more with parents and families. Sunday School is in VERY good shape with Beth and Joel Miller leading. And Carla Stanton plans to return to her role as birth-3 guru by leading a Frolic class once a month.

First Lutheran has lots of goals, feeling called by the Spirit to be thoughtful and faithful as we live our lives in Christ, serving our neighbors in need and growing in knowledge and wisdom. But as much as we want to become more generous, worship well and serve the community, perhaps the greatest desire among us is to pass our faith on from one generation to the next. Know that despite the current vacancies in our youth ministry, I am working diligently to provide a robust experience full of opportunities for our kids! Fortunately, I do not have to do that work alone, as so many of you offer your wisdom and knowledge by teaching on Sundays, 'guide'ing on Wednesdays and in so many other ways.

I look forward to announcing our new staff whenever the Holy Spirit does her work. In the meantime, I ask for your prayers that the right candidates hear God's call to serve us at First!

Pastor Jason Stanton
jason@firstlu.org

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Kindling New Fires of Hope

Tuesday, July 11, 4:30-6pm

Southside Neighborhood Center

Potluck meal

Bring donations for New Horizons

RSVP to Mary: 608.782.7013

READINGS FOR JULY

7/2	Sunday	Revelation 5:12-13 Luke 2:8-20
7/5	Wednesday	Matthew 10:40-42
7/9	Sunday	2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Luke 1:26-38
7/12	Wednesday	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
7/16	Sunday	Psalms 119:41-42 Colossians 3:12-17; John 1:1-14
7/19	Wednesday	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
7/23	Sunday	1 Timothy 2:1-2 Luke 23:44-49
7/26	Wednesday	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
7/30	Sunday	Romans 16:1-16 Matthew 5:21-24

*Above are the tentative readings scheduled for 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.*

Clothes Closet Needs

- Swimsuits
(especially for teen girls)
- Summer dresses for teen girls
- Athletic shorts for both
guys and gals

*Donations may be dropped off in the shopping
cart located in the front entry of the church.*



Running as Sacred Time

Thursdays in July. 6-7am
Includes a 30-40 min run,
a spiritual practice you can do
while we run, and
a quick, healthy breakfast
Register at 1stlu.org/run

SERVING THE NEIGHBOR IN CHARGED TIMES

2017 Small Groups

Weekly Groups:

Courageous Men

Coffee with
Pastor Karyn

Sunday Morning
with Coffee

Monthly Groups:

Garden Group

Grief Support Group
(daytime)

Grief Support Group
(evening)

Rebekah Circle

Elizabeth Circle

Naomi Circle

Deborah Circle

Dorcas Circle



June 2, 2017

These are politically charged times. This very sentence in the presiding bishop's column is likely to raise eyebrows.

Across this church I've heard stories of parishioners disturbed by the Gospel read on Sundays, believing the pastor chose the passage as a critique of the current administration. The Beatitudes seemed to provoke the most attention. In a way, this is good—maybe we are all hearing Jesus' words with fresh ears. But really, the Beatitudes have been the appointed Gospel for the fourth Sunday of Epiphany (year A) for as long as we have been using the lectionary.

In these charged times it's helpful to consider two things: the relationship between church and state, and how Lutherans participate in civil society. Often, we speak about the "separation of church and state." This principle is usually raised when parishioners feel the pastor (or the synod, churchwide organization or bishop) is being "political." There is the assumption that the church should only deal with the spiritual and that it should have nothing to do with civil and political life. The First Amendment says: "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The separation of church and state is intended to protect religious liberty and keep the government from interfering in the church.

We Lutherans also cite Martin Luther's doctrine of the two kingdoms—the temporal and the spiritual. This has been misinterpreted to mean that the temporal realm is inferior to the spiritual realm—or that

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God, and therefore the faithful, should not be as concerned with the temporal, should not allow the temporal into the church, and really need not be too engaged in the public square.

But our understanding as Lutherans is that the church and the state, the spiritual and the temporal, are both established by God and are both part of God's twofold rule. When we pray, "Give us today our daily bread," we are also praying that God send us the gift of good government (Luther's Small Catechism).

Both church and state are good gifts from God and have been established for specific purposes. The proper work of the church is to "preach the gospel in its purity and administer the sacraments according to the gospel" (Augsburg Confession VII). The proper work of the state is to keep peace and order and to support and nourish the lives of its citizens. And since we confess that God entered human life through the incarnation of Jesus Christ, who took our flesh upon him, we do not

have a hierarchy of value that places the spiritual above the temporal.

Active participation in public life and the duty of government to care for its people, especially the most vulnerable, have been part of the Lutheran movement from its beginning. In his explanation of the petition "Give us today our daily bread," Luther said: "It would be therefore fitting if the coat of arms of every upright prince were emblazoned with a loaf of bread instead of a lion" (Large Catechism). He also wrote that the "second virtue of a prince is to help the poor, the orphans, and the widows to justice, and to further their cause."

Lutherans don't withdraw from public life. In fact, our constitution pledges us to "work with civil authorities in areas of mutual endeavor, maintaining institutional separation of church and state in a relation of functional interaction." Lutherans fulfill our baptismal vocation when we show up.

So why are we so tense? I think we've been influenced by a divisive culture. We forget that we are one people. I think we fail to recognize Christ in others, whether the other is across the pew or across the world. We forget that we all—whatever our politics—stand under the judgment of God and that only God's promise of reconciling love in Jesus can save us. Set free by that promise we can find a way to serve the neighbor.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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SUGAR CREEK GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

*Saturday, August 26,
Drugan's Castle Mound*

For more info and registration contact
the camp directly: 608.734.3113 or
camp@sgrcreek.org

CRAFTERS' RETREAT

September 14—17

Calling all stampers, scrappers,
quilters or whatever your craft! Get
away for a weekend dedicated to
working on your craft and enjoy some
fun retreat activities like campfires,
devotions, worship, and more. We'll
give you half of an 8 ft table, plenty
of good food and a place to lay your
head. Just bring yourself, bedding,
toiletries and all your supplies. We'll
have morning and evening devotions
and a worship service on Sunday.

2017 ADULT BUS TRIPS

- **Aug. 23:** Fireside Dinner Theatre:
"Church Basement Ladies"
- **Oct. 1-7:** Washington D.C. and
Gettysburg Tour
- **Nov. 26—Dec 2:**
Nashville Christmas Tour
- **Nov. 21:** Fireside Dinner Theatre:
"Miracle on 34th St."

2017 WISH LIST

Your gift can be tax deductible, and
Sugar Creek can provide you a receipt.

- Washer/Dryer: large capacity in
good working order
- Money for new countertops in
Retreat Center
- Gravel, Blacktop, or about \$10,000
to complete project
- Tractor/Loader (25-35hp)
- Hay for our Hungry Horses!
- 4 Wheel drive pickup
- 4 wheeler/mule or gator type
- Lumber
- Trees (we take all kinds!) and
perennials (sun or shade)
- Shop equipment
- Steel T fence posts
- Flat bed trailer
- Gentle temperament horses &
tack
- Wood burning furnace
- Commercial kitchen supplies
- Hand held percussion instruments



SUGAR CREEK
BIBLE CAMP



Explorer Day Camp!

Who: Children entering grades 1-5

What: Day Camp!

Where: Sugar Creek

When: Wednesday, July 12, 7:30am-4:15pm

Why: Experience a day at Sugar Creek
(a parent is welcome/preferred).

How: Carpool/van/bus
from First Lutheran!

Additional info: wear tennis shoes and
bring swim suit and towel. Snacks, lunch
and water are provided! **Cost: \$20.**

For more info & RSVP contact Beth Miller:

414.856.5145

sundayschool@firstlu.org

13141 Sugar Creek Bible Camp Rd, Ferryville, WI 54628

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION



A baptism preparation session will be **Saturday, August 5, 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.

NEW-MEMBER SESSIONS

By choosing to become a member, individuals and families commit to being part of a shared mission. People who would like to become members are invited to a 3-week introduction to the church, presented in a small-group setting. The group will meet on these dates: **Sunday, October 22; Sunday, October 29; and Thursday, November 2.** Please call the church office at 608.783.2236 to sign-up.

WEDDINGS

God's blessings to...

- **Lindsey DiNicola & Barthalomew Hand**
- **Carolyn Green & Erik Wodele**

WE CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF HOLY BAPTISM

- **Nolan Jack Buchheit**

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF:

- **LeRoy Hougom Sr.**
- **Richard Fink**
- **David Jones**

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

Thank you for the following memorials:

In memory of

Richard "Steve" Fuhrman

- Designated for the Skogen Memorial Music Fund: A.J. Benson, Gloria Cassel, Beth Curtis, Bev Fuhrman, Helen & Willard Halverson, Margaret Hickok, Curt & Marian Jacobson, Olin & Arlette Knudsen, Mark & Deb Koenig, Ginny & Clay Pollert, Shirley & Mark Sacia, Nancy Thorson, Susan Weber, Lorene & Bob Wehrenberg
- Designated for illuminating the stained-glass window in the sanctuary: A.J. Benson, Gloria Cassel, Beth Curtis, Bev & Bob DiNicola, Bev Fuhrman, Helen & Willard Halverson, Margaret Hickok, Lloyd Hoff, Curt & Marian Jacobson, Olin & Arlette Knudsen, Mark & Deb Koenig, Ginny & Clay Pollert, Pamela Powers, Shirley & Mark Sacia, Robert Smith, Nancy Thorson, Susan Weber, Lorene & Bob Wehrenberg

In memory of John "Jack" Renstrom

- Undesignated: Janice Bolstad, Joann Bredemann, Gaylord & Esther Dolphin, Sharon Miller, Bonne Fidika Olson, Shirley Olson, Bonnie Ziebell

In memory of LeRoy Hougom Sr.

- Designated for illuminating the stained-glass window in the sanctuary: Sig & Marilyn Rudser

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.

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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.

LISTENING HOSPITALITY



I was bagging up my groceries the other day, when I overheard a conversation between a mom and her son. The son kept asking "why?"

with every answer the mom gave. Parents have all been in that situation. I tried to encourage her and let her know that it is exhausting answering all their questions and trying to come up with answers that the child can understand. I hope that she knew I was sympathetic toward her and that just knowing someone had listened and understood what she was going through was helpful.

Listening is a big part of hospitality. Taking the time to listen to the needs of our visitors and members alike. Hospitality isn't so much about selling our church to others, although we still need to let people know what is happening here, but to listen to the needs that they have. Then we need to connect our visitors and members with people or groups that will help them feel engaged and known by others. Everyone wants to be heard and listened to. Knowing someone has listened to one's concerns or needs makes most feel important. We may not be able to meet everyone's needs, but we can listen and sympathize with them in whatever they are going through.

Mostly, I think that hospitality is a doing ministry, like welcoming others, shaking their hands, serving coffee. These things are all good and helpful, but when someone needs to talk, we need to be available to sit down or just take the time to listen to them. This is what makes our church a welcoming

church. James 1:19 tells us "You must understand this, my beloved, let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger." If we all slow down a little and listen to one another, we would become an even more welcoming place to worship and serve our God. Everyone in our congregation can do this. Listen to the person next to you as you leave worship or at a gathering with others from our church. Take the time to stay for coffee hour so that you can invite someone to talk after worship. Connecting with others and making all feel welcomed here at First is what each of us are called to do. Being that listening ear for someone is all that it might take for them to feel known and being known is all we may need to begin feeling connected at First.

I encourage each of you to slow down, listen to each other and if needed, connect one to another at First. This is my plan for the summer to slow down after worship, take the time to meet and greet as many people as I can and be a listening ear. I hope you will join me in this, staying for coffee, meeting someone new and listening to their stories. Feeling connected to the others within our congregation makes this a warm and inviting place for all, so let's start connecting with others.

Kathryn Pedretti
Director of Servant Ministries
kathryn@firstlu.org

GO AND DO LIKEWISE LUKE 10:37

SUNSHINE BOYS

The Sunshine Boys meet at First Lutheran on the **first 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, July 25**, 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!
Friday, July 28, at 9am, to assemble the MONTH newsletter. See you there!

HELPING HANDS

If you need help with small jobs around the house or if you need a couple of meals or groceries delivered, just go to the "Helping Hands" board by the nursery and make out a slip with a description of what you need help with and your telephone number. Then anyone who thinks they can help can take the slip and call the number to work out the details. This ministry is open to all in need of help AND to those who can provide the help. There is no set group of "helpers" so we need involvement from all who can be a blessing to someone else. Thanks!

Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

Sun., July 16, noon-2pm
at Shelter #1 in Rowe Park

RSVP at 1stlu.org/vap
We have so many people to thank for all that happens at First!

GET YOUR **Fiesta** ON!!!

STAMP YOUR PASSPORT TO VBS FUN THIS SUMMER!

Vacation Bible School is Sun., Aug. 6 – Thur., Aug. 10 5–8pm nightly

Come join in the fun!

For kids aged 3 (and potty trained) through
those entering grade 5 in the fall.

Register online at 1stlu.org/vbs

HELPERS NEEDED!

Make VBS a blast by helping with food,
nursery, shepherds, crafts.

Email vbs@firstlu.org to help!



REGISTRATION FORM

(One Per Child)

Or register online at 1stlu.org/VBS

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cell phone: (_____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

*A suggested donation of \$15/child or \$40/family is welcome and appreciated
and will help cover VBS expenses. Thank you!*

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YOUNG YOUTH GROUP

If you are in 2nd–5th
grade then
this is your club!

All are welcome!

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." ~ 2 Corinthians 9:8

Leading the young youth of our congregation has been an amazing experience and a continuous string of blessings since I started. Thus, it is with a very sad heart and mixed feelings that I am leaving this ministry. I have enjoyed all the numerous activities that the youth have experienced together. From movie nights, creating blessing bags, cookie decorating, the rake and run, finding our way through the corn maze, volunteering at the Humane Society, Sugar Creek winter fun days, Sugar Creek explorer camp, Noah's Ark, volunteering at Clearwater Farm, and reading to nursing home residents just to name a few. The youth always embrace whatever activity we happen to be doing and work hard to help and do their best with the gifts they been given from God. They've always shown kindness and grace toward one another. Often, I walk away after our time together feeling content and full of joy seeing the hope that our youth has or provides for others. I am so grateful that this position crossed my path so many years ago and that God gave me the vision and desire to accept it. I have learned so much and am a better person for having had the opportunity to work with our youth. Thank you for sharing your children with me and for providing them with opportunities to build on their faith. I will miss them but am looking forward to the next phase of my personal family life as we move into confirmation. May your children always know the gift that they were for me and embrace the memories and community that we formed. Thank you for the beautiful and wondrous years!

Blessed beyond measure,

Katie Everson

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." ~ Philippians 4:7

BLOOD DRIVE



**First Lutheran Church -
Onalaska Blood Drive**
Tuesday, July 25, 2017
12:30pm - 5:30pm



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





Visit bcw.edu/firstluthona or call Diane Shuda 608 386-4270 to make an appointment.

Appointments encouraged.
Walk-ins welcome.



bcw.edu

Please bring a photo ID with your birth date

 [facebook/bloodcenterofwisconsin](https://www.facebook.com/bloodcenterofwisconsin)
 [twitter/bloodcenterwi](https://twitter.com/bloodcenterwi)

#ImAHero

Post your selfie on BloodCenter of Wisconsin's facebook page or twitter with #ImAHero

Be a Hero, Donate Blood

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UPCOMING Youth MISSION TRIP EVENTS

Middle School Mission Trip Sending

July 2

All Sunday Services

Help send off our middle schoolers during Sunday worship before they load up for Kansas City!

High School Mission Trip Sending

July 16

All Sunday Services

Help us bless the high schoolers a week before we send them on their service trip!

Middle School Mission Trip to Kansas City, MO

July 9-14

Our middle schoolers have the awesome opportunity to travel down to Kansas City for a week of service projects, kids programs, and exploring around the area. Please pray for safe travels and open hearts for God to work through us!

High School Mission Trip to Birmingham, AL

July 22-29

Our high schoolers will be traveling to serve in Birmingham. Please keep us in your prayers throughout the summer!



Contact Tina with any questions:
tina@firstlu.org



OWLS

OLDER WISER LUTHERANS

The OWLs got into some serious summer fun in June. On a beautiful night, we had a wonderful dinner at Huck Finns by the water with a fun view of all the boats at the Marina. The special treat for our anniversary outing was attending the La Crosse Community Band Concert for "Circus Night". We were entertained by many magnificent clowns while listening to some great circus music.

July is a month off for the OWLs. With so many of us taking trips or having family visit we like to keep the calendar clear in July. So, look forward to seeing everyone in August.

We will start August out with bang. Holding with tradition we will travel to Lanesboro for a fabulous production of "Steel Magnolias" at the Commonweal Theatre. There we will see the renowned play by Robert Harling. After 30 years, there's still no story that better celebrates the gift of friendship than Steel Magnolias! The close-knit women who frequent Truvy's Beauty Salon have lots of time to gossip, but it's their unshakable bonds that define them. With its mix of quick humor, quirky personalities and touching sentimentality, you'll fall in love all over again with a story and characters that are "as delicate as magnolias but as tough as steel." This not-to-be-missed outing will take place on **Thursday, August 3**. We will leave from the church at 4pm. We will start the evening with dinner at one of Lanesboro's fine establishments followed by the play. Dinner is on your own, the play is \$25 per

person if we have ten or more people. You can pay Brian for the tickets the night of the outing. Please let Brian Narveson know by Monday night July 31 if you are planning on attending: 608.526.9700 or owls@firstlu.org.

The August potluck has been moved to **the fourth Wednesday, August 23**, due to Brian and Mary being out of town. We will meet at noon in Fellowship Hall. Though we will be inside, please bring your favorite picnic food for the potluck. The program will be Ruth Krett from the area food pantry talking about "Hunger in La Crosse County". Ruth will be talking about the needs in the area and how we can help. She has been recommended to us by some of the OWLs who work at the pantry. Come for the food, fellowship and an excellent program.

*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.*



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE


Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Wednesday 6:15 PM

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VISION & LEADERSHIP TEAM

Todd Lofald	President
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Jennifer Wiesjahn	Secretary
Shaun Gibbs	
Larry Schreiner	
Diane Shuda	
Paula Skoy	

weekly events in

JULY

at First Lutheran

SUNDAYS

8:00am Worship

9:15am Sun Morning w/ Coffee

Small Group - MR

10:30am Worship

TUESDAYS

9:30am Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAYS

6:00am Courageous Men - House

6:30am Coffee w/ Pastor Karyn -

Uptowne Cafe, Caledonia St., La Crosse

5:15pm Prayer Shawl Knitters

6:15pm Worship

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

*Events subject to change; up-to-date
information at 1stlu.org/cal*

*Subscribe to our Google calendar at
1stlu.org/calsub*

*Use the QR Codes to quickly add
these events to the calendar of your
smart phone or tablet.*

*Tips: focus the code, hold the device
still, try various distances, & use good
lighting. Need a scanning app?
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Sugar Creek
Explorer Day
Wed, July 12
7:30am-4:15pm



Vacation Bible
School
Sun-Thur, Aug 6-10
5-8pm



Volunteer
Appreciation Picnic
Sun, July 16
12-2pm



Sugar Creek Golf
Fundraiser
Sat, August 26
1-6pm



Blood Drive
Tues, July 25
12:30-5:30pm



Sugar Creek Quilt
& Antique Auction
Sat, Sept 9
8am-1pm

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Middle School Mission Trip to Kansas City, Missouri					Newsletter Deadline	
	7 PM Women of the House Small Group 7 PM AA - FS	1 PM Dorcas Circle - NX 3:30 PM Worship & Music Team - NX 5:30 PM Community Dinner at United Methodist Church	7:30 AM Sugar Creek Explorer Day Camp 12 PM Finance Team Mtg	1 PM Grief Support Group - UR	7 PM AA - FS	
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Wednesday 6:15 PM



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**Volunteer
Appreciation
Picnic**
Sun., July 16,
noon–2pm



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