

READINGS

For Sunday, Nov. 8

Elijah at Mount Carmel, 1 Kings 18:20-39
Pew Bible: p. 283, Spark Bible: p. 390

For Wednesday, Nov. 11

The Widow's Offering, Mark 12:38-44
Pew Bible: p. 825, Spark Bible: p. 1118

PRAYERS & CARE

Home: Howard Anderson, Don Hickok, Brian Rebhahn, Terry Lee

Military: Jack Vilim, serving in Turkey.

Global Missionary: Aliyah Richling, serving in Hungary

Please contact the office if you have any prayers to be lifted up: office@firstlu.org or 608.783.2236

NURSERY AVAILABLE

Members and visitors: our nursery is available for children newborn through age 4. The nursery is staffed Sunday mornings during and between services, and on Wednesday evenings during service and programming. **Please bring your diaper bag.** It will also be staffed during some church events and will be advertised as such when available. We hope you take advantage of our services while here at First.

HOSPITAL REMINDERS

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

For Mayo/Franciscan Healthcare: it is important that you or a family member contact us directly at the church office: 608.783.2236. Mayo no longer gives out information regarding who is hospitalized.

Please make every effort to keep food and beverages in the narthex. Thanks!

SERVING:

Pastor Jason Stanton, Pastor Karyn Bodenschatz
Organist: Gabe Hicks; Nursery Attendant: Crystal Miller;
Bread Baker: Peggy Daleki; Treat Providers: Nicole Garbers, Derrick & Rachel Knight, Jennifer Johnson, Ally Kratochwill

SUNDAY, NOV. 8, 8:00am

Acolyte: Conner Haggerty; Communion Servers: Jennifer Wiesjahn, Tami Tooke; Reader: Nancy Beguin; Ushers: Kathy & Katie Olson; Projectionist: Larry Schreiner

SUNDAY, NOV. 8, 10:30am

Communion Servers: Todd Lofald, Shaun Gibbs; Reader: Sheri Betz; Ushers: Alberts Family, Wehrenberg Family; Projectionist: Renee Thies

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11, 6:15pm

Nursery Attendant: Madalyn Olson
Projectionist: Larsen Birdsong

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AT FIRST LUTHERAN

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUN., NOV. 8 & WED., NOV. 11

WELCOME GUESTS!

The 1,800 baptized members of First Lutheran hold hospitality to visitors among our greatest priorities. We understand that visiting a church can feel overwhelming. **Please know that ALL are welcome to worship, commune and participate in all church activities, programs and events.**

We hope you can make time to stop at the Connecting Point table in the front entry where we have a gift for you. It's also a great place to ask questions, gather information and share ways that we may keep in touch with you. **We're glad you're here!**

COMMUNION CARDS

"Holy Communion" cards help the staff keep in touch with the needs of members and visitors alike. **Please fill out a communion card each week,** complete with prayer concerns and anything else you'd like the Pastors to know. Hand it to an usher on your way forward for Communion, or place it in the offering plate. Thanks!

PREPARING OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Please consider using your time in the sanctuary before worship as a time of personal preparation for an encounter with God. Our musicians seek to create a prayerful time and space meant to assist in your preparation. Conversation is, of course, an essential part of our fellowship that deserves its own time and space. Our entry area (narthex) is perfect for those conversations before and after worship services.

THANKFUL SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

We are all blessed with God's graces. Let us spend this month doing our best to pass on God's grace to those in need. Please join in collecting as many items as possible this month for the Onalaska Food Pantry. Bring food items with you anytime you visit this month and put them at the display in the narthex or at the altar during offering. On Sunday, November 29, our youth will spend the Sunday school hour packaging these items. We could use lots of adult and high school volunteers at this intergenerational event! If you are able to help, contact sundayschool@firstlu.org or call the church office and leave a message.

Butter Braids

This fund raiser is now available to ALL YOUTH going to Bible camp or on mission trips this summer. Order forms are available in the office—pick one up and start selling! **Forms need to be returned by Nov. 15.** What? You just want to EAT a Butter Braid? Just purchase one from a youth, or speak with Tina!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please take time before worship and go to the narthex to write down any prayers you want to lift up, so we can be certain to include them in worship today!

CARING CONNECTIONS

Be part of this wonderful ministry that offers support and friendship to our young adult members. Simply select a manila envelope for one of our young adults; available for pick-up in the narthex. More info at firstlu.org/caringconnections.

Young adults: It's not too late to be included in Caring Connections! Whether you are college-bound or not, stop in the church office or email grads@firstlu.org your new address so that we can keep you connected in our Caring Connections Ministry!

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Sunday, November 8

- 9:15am: Sunday School classes
- 9:15am: 1st Grade Faith Building Block: 10 Commandments - FH (2nd meeting, children with parents/guardians)

Sunday, November 15

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- 9:15am: 1st Grade Faith Building Block: 10 Commandments - FH (3rd meeting, children with parents/guardians)

New registrations welcome any time of the year. Contact Sunday School superintendents Sheri Betz and Tawni O'Rourke at sundayschool@firstlu.org or stop in the Sunday School office in room 206.

HS MOVIE NIGHT

Are you a movie buff? High schoolers, come teach Tina your ways! We will get together once a month to watch a movie and discuss after. Bring popcorn to share!
Tuesday, November 10 @ 6:30-8:30pm

HS RETREAT AT SUGAR CREEK

Nov. 13-15, at Sugar Creek! This high energy retreat is filled with great music, faith-building time and surprises! Cost: \$75 (includes 5 meals & transportation; van leaves church at 5:30pm on Fri, returns approximately 2pm on Sun.). RSVP to Tina: tina@firstlu.org.

DRAWING FROM THE WELL

Next retreat: Sat., November 14, 8:30am-1:30pm

This month is part one of a two-part exploration of Emotional and Intellectual Wellness. We will begin by studying Luke 9:10-17. (Jesus feeds 5,000 plus people!) After some conversation, we will talk about *Strengths Finder* and the power knowing and using our strengths has in our lives. This gathering does carry with it a cost to purchase the book and take the inventory. The book (which includes the code to take the inventory) is \$15 on Amazon (1stlu.org/1Mn86Og). To read a short synopsis about Strengths Finder go to strengths.gallup.com. Lunch will be at the church.



Come join in a fun night of fellowship and games. This is a once a month get-together for those game nerds out there! Bring your own favorite games to share with the group!
High School: Tues., Nov. 17 @ 7 8:30
Middle School: Sat., Nov. 21 @ 6-8:30



The next potluck for the OWLs, a group for those 55+, will be **Wed., Nov. 18, at noon in the fellowship hall**. By popular request Brian and Mary Narveson will show photos and tell stories about their month-long trip following the trail of Lewis and Clark.

ADVENT AROUND THE TABLE

Advent is a season full of rich traditions for both home and church. This year, as a part of our *Come to the Table* year, we invite all members of First Lutheran to join us on **Sunday, November 22, at 9:15am** for our first Advent Around the Table event. We will create advent wreaths for our homes, chrismsons for our trees, peace cranes for our sanctuary and advent calendars to help us keep the days of Advent. Along the way, we will learn more about this season, have great fellowship and grow in our faith as we kick off the Advent season.

COME FOR SUPPER

First Lutheran is assisting with Come for Supper on **Tuesday, November 24**, 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 on the Connecting Point table. Call Gloria Kubiak if you have questions, 608.498.2762.

THIS WEEK: Nov. 8-15

SUN 8

8:00am Worship

9:15am Apostle's Creed Class - Thomas Rm
9:15am Parent Share - Upper Rm
9:15am The Story Small Group - Mary Rm
9:15am 1st Grd Faith Building Block: 10 Commandments - FH
9:15am Sun School & 6/7th Gr Confirmation
9:15am HS Sunday Learning - House

10:30am Worship

11:45am Youth Praise Band Rehearsal - SN
6:30pm High School Youth Group - FH

MON 9

7:00pm AA - FS

TUES 10

9:00am Quilters - FS
9:30am Staff Mtg

1:00pm Dorcas Circle - Upper Rm
3:30pm Worship & Music Team - NX
5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
5:30pm Community Dinner at United Methodist Church
6:30pm HS Movie Night!

WED 11

6:00am Courageous Men's Bible Study - House
6:30am Coffee with Pastor Karyn - Panera
5:00pm 10 Commandments Class - FS
5:00pm Keep Calm and Trust Jesus Class - FH
5:15pm Knitters - NX

6:15pm Worship

7:00pm 8th & 9th Gr Small Groups
7:00pm Senior Choir Rehearsal - SN
8:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal - SN

THUR 12

6:15pm Brene Brown Small Grp - FH
6:15pm NarAnon - FS

FRI 13

5:30pm High School Retreat at Sugar Creek (returning Sun. 2pm)
7:00pm AA - FS

SAT 14

8:30am Drawing from the Well - Upper Rm

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ROOM KEY:

CR = Choir Room FH = Fellowship Hall FS = Fireside Room
NX = Narthex SN = Sanctuary TR = Thomas Room
For more information, visit our website at www.FirstLutheranOnalaska.org