

### **PART TIME HOUSEKEEPING/CUSTODIAN**

20 hours per week. Applications and job descriptions are available at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions please contact Greg Tvrdik in the church office. We will be accepting applications through February 11, 2018.

### **FLC REALTORS**

If you are a realtor in the Alexandria area and a member of First Lutheran Church we would like to ascertain your interest in being our selling agent as we move forward with the sale of our current church building. Please see Greg Tvrdik in the church office for more information (320.762.2196).

### **RAISING THE ROOF DINNER**

**Friday, April 6 | 6:00pm | Fellowship Hall**

Tickets go on sale Feb 17 and will be \$40. They are available for purchase before and after worship services at the Welcome Center and in the church office during business hours. Price includes a four-course dinner, live auction and a chance for prize money. Ticket and auction proceeds will go toward our new church building.

### **LENT 2018: LIVING OUR BAPTISM DEEP & WIDE**

- Monday Adult Forums will be February 12 through March 19 and will meet in the Family Room at 10:00am. This week's forum will be led by Pastor Greg and Pastor Adrian Lederman and will introduce our theme.
- Ash Wednesday worship is February 14 at 12:10pm and 6:15pm with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes.
- Chef-prepared weekly Lenten dinners are served from 4:45-6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### **WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE**

Welcome to First Lutheran Church, where faith and life meet.

### **OUR MISSION**

First Lutheran is a vibrant Christian community committed to connecting faith and life for people of all ages through worship, learning, and serving in Jesus' name.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

Stop by our Church Office during business hours or by the Welcome Center before and after worship services. Volunteers and staff are available before and after worship services to assist you. Children Worship Bags are available for use at the back of the sanctuary.

### **LEARN MORE AT**

[FIRSTLUTHERANALEXANDRIA.COM/EVENTS](http://FIRSTLUTHERANALEXANDRIA.COM/EVENTS) or stop by the Welcome Center for our Weekly Calendar.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please call (320.762.2196) or email ([admin@firstlutheranalexandria.com](mailto:admin@firstlutheranalexandria.com)) the church office if you have a prayer request. If you are hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit please let the hospital staff know that you attend First Lutheran upon admittance.

\*Please note that hospital visitor restrictions are currently in place due to the spike in Influenza cases.

### **GIVING**

Offering envelopes are located in each pew. You can also give by texting 320.500.6014 or by visiting us online at [firstlutheranalexandria.com/your-gift](http://firstlutheranalexandria.com/your-gift).

### **OUR PASTORS**

Greg Billberg, Lead Pastor  
Kari van Wakeren, Associate Pastor  
Ben Jacobson, Associate Pastor



For more information visit us online at [firstlutheranalexandria.com](http://firstlutheranalexandria.com).

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# WELCOME

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**SATURDAY | 02.10.18**  
**SUNDAY | 02.11.18**



WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ELW #631

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of Grace, draw your church together into one, together following Jesus into every walk of life, together serving in Christ’s mission, and together witnessing your love wherever you will send us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME

Congregation sings *This Little Light of Mine* as children come forward.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00pm) Carolyn Giannone  
(8:30am/9:45am) Alleluia Ringers, *Hallelujah*...arr. Cohen/Raney

**SCRIPTURE READING** Hebrews 10:19-24 (NRSV)  
(Reader) Word of God. Word of Life.  
(Congregational Response) Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Ben Jacobson

SERMON SONG

Lord of All Hopefulness, ELW #765

BAPTISM (9:45am)

Profession of Faith, ELW pages 227-231

BAPTISM SONG (9:45am)

*Raindrops, oceans, lakes and rivers; welcome, child of God.  
Mothers, father, brothers, sisters; welcome, child of God.  
When the world feels wide around you, when the dark of night surrounds you, We are here to tend and guide you. Welcome, child of God.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH (5:00pm/8:30am/11:00am)

Apostles’ Creed: see back cover of ELW

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**OFFERING** WE RETURN TO GOD A PORTION OF OUR BLESSINGS.

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts-- ourselves, our time, and our possessions; signs of your gracious love. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (5:00am)

LORD’S PRAYER

See back cover of ELW

DISTRIBUTION (5:00pm)

All are welcome. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice available upon request.

COMMUNION SONG (5:00pm)

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.*

COMMUNION BLESSING (5:00pm)

**BENEDICTION** GOD’S BLESSING IS SPOKEN OVER US.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DISMISSAL** WE DEPART TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD.

SENDING SONG

PRAYERS

BAPTIZED: Ellie and Cora Fuller, daughters of Jeremy & Rebecca Fuller, are brought to the Lord in Baptism at the 9:45am service.

NEW HOSPITALIZATIONS: Paul Thompson

\*Ongoing prayer concerns will be communicated through the Prayer Chain. Please call the church office if you would like to join the Prayer Chain.

SYMPATHY TO: The family of Ruth Arlene Carlson; the family of Phyllis Keith, the family of Judy Janke

RADIO BROADCAST

This week’s Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Ron Domschot, given by Glee and family.

MADE WITH LOVE BAKE SALE

**Sunday, February 11 | 8:30-11:30am | Fellowship Hall**

Drop off items to sell Saturday, February 10 from 10:00am-12:00pm. Proceeds support the building fund. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center if you plan to bring baked items.

FIRST LUTHERAN’S ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, February 11 | 11:30 (lunch) | Fellowship Hall**

**Sunday, February 11 | 12:30 (meeting) | Sanctuary**

The meeting will include reports on our mission and discussion and approval of the 2018 financial plan for ministry.

CUB SCOUTS CHILI FEED

**Tuesday, February 20 | 4:30-7:00pm | Fellowship Hall**

All are invited to the Cub Scouts Chili Feed. Free will offering.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

**Thursday, February 22 | 6-7pm | Family Room**

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member at First, you are invited to sign up at the Welcome Center for our New Member Orientation class. Childcare can be arranged as needed.

THE SHELF AT DMS

It’s time to restock The Shelf at DMS! Yellow bags can be found at the West Entry by the parking lot. There is a grocery list included in each bag with a list of items that are youth and family friendly.