

BAPTISM CLASS

Thursday, March 6 | 6:30-7:30pm | Sanctuary

This class is a half hour class for new or expectant parents who would like their baby baptized at First Lutheran. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend.

RELAY FOR LIFE FISH FRY & SILENT AUCTION

Friday, March 9 | 5:00-8:00pm | Holiday Inn

Team First Lutheran is participating in the Relay for Life Fish Fry and Silent Auction to benefit the American Cancer Society. If you would like to purchase a fish fry ticket (advanced sales only) please contact Terri Bouressa at 612-749-0770 or terrileelee727@icloud.com. Tickets are \$10. Donations of new items for the auction can be placed in the tub located in the West Entry and will be accepted through March 6.

TEDDY BEAR TEA PARTY

Sunday, March 11 | 1:00-2:30pm | Family Room

Bring your favorite teddy bear or stuffed animal and learn about the flexible ways to be a Girl Scout. Girls will play learning games, sing songs, and make a beautiful teddy bear wand. This is a free public event.

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 West Entry 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.

MONTHLY FINANCIALS

Thank you for your ongoing support of our day to day ministry. It is only through your generosity that we are able to carry out our mission. A monthly updated financial report can be picked up at the Welcome Center.

MADE WITH LOVE BAKE SALE UPDATE

Thank you to all who donated, set up, and purchased goodies at the Made With Love Bake Sale. We raised \$1,623.00 which will go toward the Building Fund.

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 or stop by the Welcome Center for our Weekly Calendar.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please call (320.762.2196) or email (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.

OUR PASTORS

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



For more information visit us online at firstlutheranalexandria.com.

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Welcome to Worship

We're Glad You're Here



SATURDAY | 02.17.18
SUNDAY | 02.18.18

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

(5:00pm/8:30am/9:45am) *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* ELW #742
(11:00am) *You Are My All in All* (See Screen)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Merciful God,
You sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, when we are confronted by temptation, renew in us the promise of our baptism: that you are always by our side and that your holy angels will be with us, and that the wicked one will have no power over us. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, amen

CHILDREN’S TIME

Congregation sings *Jesus Loves Me* as children come forward.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00pm)
(8:30am/9:45am) Chancel Choir, *The Holy Wings*...arr. Erickson

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 9:8-13
(Reader) Word of God. Word of Life.
(Congregational Response) Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15
(Reader) The Gospel of the Lord.
(Congregational Response) Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Greg Billberg

SERMON SONG

(5:00pm/8:30am/9:45am) *You Are Mine*, ELW #581
(11:00am) *You Never Let Go* (See Screen)

BAPTISM (9:45am)
ELW pages 228-231

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

Apostles’ Creed: see back cover of ELW

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING WE RETURN TO GOD A PORTION OF OUR BLESSINGS.

OFFERING PRAYER

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (8:30am/9:45am/11:00am)

LORD’S PRAYER

See back cover of ELW

DISTRIBUTION (8:30am/9:45am/11:00am)

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

COMMUNION SONG (8:30am/9:45am)

*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 (8:30am/9:45am/11:00am)

BENEDICTION GOD’S BLESSING IS SPOKEN OVER US.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL WE DEPART TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD.

SENDING SONG

(5:00pm/8:30am/9:45am) *Lead Me, Guide Me*, ELW #768
(11:00am) *God Will Make a Way* (See Screen)

PRAYERS

BAPTIZED: Leyna Mae Olson, daughter of Landon and Lisa Olson, is brought to the Lord in Baptism at the 11:00am service.

NEW HOSPITALIZATIONS: Paul Thompson, Judy Hyatt

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

RADIO BROADCAST

This week’s Radio Broadcast is given in honor of Teri Sonstegard, given by Greg, Nancy, Scott and Shelli-Kae.

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

All bags have been taken. Donations will be accepted through February 28. Thank you to all who have generously responded.

LENT 2018: LIVING OUR BAPTISM DEEP & WIDE

- Monday Adult Forums will be Feb 12 - March 19 in the Family Room at 10:00am. This week’s forum, titled “Live Among God’s Faithful People”, will be led by Julie Critz and Dave Holtz.
- Lent Wednesday worship services at 12:10pm & 6:15pm.
- Chef-prepared weekly Lenten dinners are served from 4:45-6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

WELCA MARCH DESSERT & COFFEE

Thursday, March 1 | 1:00pm | Fellowship Hall

Hear the inspiring story, “A Gift With No Strings Attached” of living organ donation, presented by Darla (Anderson) Engstrom and Jim Winkels. Dessert and coffee will be served by the Hannah Bible Study Group.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Since the program started in 2010, Thrivent Financial Members have granted \$115,546 towards FLC. Thrivent Financial members have until March 31 to direct their 2017 Choice Dollars before they expire.