

HOLY WEDNESDAYS

May 9, May 16, May 23 | 5:30-6:30 | FLC Front Lawn

We are closing out the last three Wednesday nights in May by trying something new. We are combining supper and worship together. Come and enjoy a light meal and good music as we worship. All ages are welcome.

TEDDY BEAR BRUNCH

Sat, May 12 | 10:00-11:30am | Fellowship Hall

For mothers, children & friends of all ages.

Adults \$10.00, Children (Age 3-9) \$6.00, Ages 2 and under free. Featuring Kari Van Wakeren, Pastor and Children's Author. Catered by Luther Crest Catering. Tickets are available to purchase in the church office during business hours or before/after all worship services through May 6. Bring your teddy bear! Sponsored by the Women of the ELCA.

VBS 2018 SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS

June 11-15 | 8:30-11:30am | FLC

Ages preschool through 5th grade. Register at www.firstlutheranalexandria.com now!! Volunteers are needed. Please email Randi Rach if you are able to volunteer Randi.Rach@firstlutheranalexandria.com.

BAPTISM CLASS

Tuesday, May 8 | 6:30-7:00pm | Sanctuary

This class is for parents who would like their child baptized at First Lutheran. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

MOTHER'S DAY SONG PERFORMANCE

Sunday, May 13 | 8:30 & 9:45am | Sanctuary

Kids of all ages, moms and grandmas are welcome to join us as we sing, "Thank You" during the Call to Worship at the 8:30 and 9:45am worship services. Rehearsals will be Thursday, May 3 at 5:00pm in the Choir Room and Wednesday, May 9 at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary.

PRAYER SHAWL AND LAP ROBE MINISTRY

Thursday, May 3 | 11:30-12:30pm | Family Room

In thankfulness and in appreciation to those that so faithfully and prayerfully knit or crochet the shawls, lap robes and baby afghans, there will be a lunch served at 11:30 a.m. We will resume again next fall.

CITY PARK HOSPITALITY

We are looking for 8-12 people to be part of a rotating hospitality team who would assist in welcoming people to City Park Worship this summer. For more information talk with Pastor Greg or Greg Tvrdik.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Please go out of your way to welcome our newest members of our First Lutheran family!

Jeremy & Rebecca (Avery, Ellie, Cora) Fuller

Paige Hausmann

Matthew & Kelsey (Connor, Hannah, Liam) Nelson

Jason & Tonya (Abigail) Karels

Char Schroeder

Matt (Evan, Sophia, James) Radil

Eric & Amanda (Greyson) Nefstead

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's bulletins and 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 | HOSPITAL VISITS

If you have a prayer request or if you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like a visit, please call or email the church office at 320-762-2196 or admin@firstlutheranalexandria.com. For emergency after hours needs please call 320.219.5492.

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



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For more information visit us online at firstlutheranalexandria.com.

Welcome

GREAT TO SEE YOU!



SATURDAY | 04.21.08
SUNDAY | 04.22.08

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

TEMPLE TALK

GATHERING SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *My God, How Wonderful Though Art* #863
(11:00) *New Hallelujah* See Screen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
We take a moment to be still, confess our sins, and get right with God. Silence is kept for reflection.
Pastor concludes with a prayer and reminder of God’s forgiveness in Christ.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Shepherd of all, by laying down your life for your flock, you reveal your love for all. Help us to pay attention to your leading. When we are weak, help us to lean on your strong arm. When the way is unknown, help us to trust in your guiding hand. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Nicole Barnett
(8:30/9:45) Children’s Choir

CHILDREN’S TIME (With Kingdom Kids at 9:45am)

(8:30/9:45/11:00) Congregation sings *Jesus Loves Me* as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18
The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Greg Billberg
¹The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
²He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
³he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name’s sake.
⁴Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
⁶Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

SERMON SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45/11:00) *Shepherd Me O God* (vs. 1-3, and 5) #780

NEW MEMBER WELCOME (9:45)

CONFESSION OF FAITH WE CONFESS OUR SHARED FAITH.
Apostles’ Creed: on back cover of ELW hymnal.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING WE RETURN TO GOD A PORTION OF OUR BLESSINGS.

OFFERING PRAYER

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (5:00)

LORD’S PRAYER

See back cover of ELW hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION (5:00)

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

COMMUNION SONG (5:00) *Lamb of God*, p. 112

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 (5:00)

BENEDICTION GOD’S BLESSING IS SPOKEN OVER US.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL WE DEPART TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD.

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace and share the good news.
Thanks be to God.
And all God’s children said,
Amen!

SENDING SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *Have No Fear, Little Flock* #764
(11:00) *I Am the Good Shepherd* See Screen

PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Sue Johnson, Barb Schuldt, Jason Stratton, Bryan Stoeck, Jerome “Doc” Hanson, Don Borgmann

SYMPATHY TO: Corinne Ehlike and Family on the death of her son-in-law David; Darrel and Margaret Kalina on the death of their brother-in-law Paul

RADIO BROADCAST

This week’s Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Palmer Russeth and Milton Moen given by Richard and Kathryn Moen.

CHURCH BRUNCH YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Sunday, April 22 | 9:00-11:00am | Fellowship Hall
Please join us for the annual Church Brunch Youth Fundraiser.

MAY DAY BASKETS SERVICE PROJECT

Help us reach DEEP and WIDE by spreading joy to the older adults in our congregation and/or those going through a time of need. Kids and youth will make May Day baskets and the congregation will deliver them. Baskets will be available for you to pick up in the East Entry beginning on April 21. Please help us deliver these baskets and spread some love!

BRIDGE BUILDING AROUND IMMIGRATION INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Friday, Apr 27 | 10:30-11:30am | Family Room
A group from First Lutheran is being organized to travel to El Paso, TX and Juarez, MX. Vicki Schmidt, who leads delegations to the border, will be on hand to answer questions and help us plan. This kind of opportunity brings about improved understanding and bridge building between people.

FAITH AND LIFE FORUM

Thursday, May 3 | 2:00-4:00pm | Sanctuary
We are excited to welcome former Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Mark Hanson, to be our speaker for our first Faith and Life Forum. The theme for the day is *Making Our Way Through Transition: Retirement, Health, Housing, Relations and Faith*. This free event is open to the public.

FLC NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

Wednesday, May 2 | 5:00-7:30pm | FLC
Everyone at FLC is invited to join us for this celebration! There will be a bounce house, games, live music, and food. 5:00pm: hog roast, 6:15pm: worship, 7:00pm: rootbeer floats. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and come as you are!

GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 6 | 2:00pm | New Church Site
A warm welcome is extended to all to attend this historic event. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.