

### MYSTERY TRIP SIGN UP

Sign up before/after all worship services on Sunday, May 20 by the Welcome Center. After May 20, sign up in the church office during business hours. Sign up deadline is June 20. Cost: \$55. The Mystery Trip is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20. We will depart from FLC at 8:00am and return around 6:00pm.

### 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.

### 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 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.

### GAME TIME THRIVENT ACTION TEAM

We want to revamp the games in the Den! Purchase a new game to be used for the kids, youth, and family fellowship time. Grab a game tag located in the back entry and return to main office by May 20.

### VBS 2018 SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS

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

Ages preschool through 5th grade. Register at [www.firstlutheralexandria.com](http://www.firstlutheralexandria.com) now!!

### 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.

### 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.

### FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Food & Fellowship is a group of 6-8 people (couples or singles) who meet 3 times during the year and get to know one another over a simple meal. If you are interested in participating in this please sign up at the Welcome Center by Monday, April 30.

### 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](http://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@firstlutheralexandria.com](mailto:admin@firstlutheralexandria.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 [firstlutheralexandria.com/your-gift](http://firstlutheralexandria.com/your-gift).

### OUR PASTORS

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



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# Welcome

GREAT TO SEE YOU!



**SATURDAY | 04.28.18**  
**SUNDAY | 04.29.18**

**WELCOME AND GREETINGS****GATHERING SONG**

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* #367  
 (11:00) *Come, Now is the Time to Worship* 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.*

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. Often we do not live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News, for when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to your ways, and restore us in you. In the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

*Pastor concludes with a prayer and reminder of God's forgiveness in Christ.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
 Amen.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

(5:00) Paula Odland  
 (8:30/9:45) Alleluia Ringers

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

(8:30/9:45/11:00) Congregation sings *Give Me Oil in My Lamp* as children come forward.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 8:26-40  
*Word of God. Word of Life.*  
 Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8  
*The Gospel of the Lord.*  
 Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

Pastor Ben Jacobson

**SERMON SONG**

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *For the Fruit of All Creation* #679  
 (11:00) *Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King* See Screen

**BAPTISM** (5:00)

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**BAPTISM SONG** (5:00)

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 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 are available upon request.*

**COMMUNION SONG** (5:00)

*Lamb of God*, p. 112

**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) *Alleluia! Christ is Risen* #375  
 (11:00) *Blessed Be the Name of the Lord* See Screen

**PRAYERS**

BAPTIZED: (5:00) Maya Eleanor Kraska, daughter of Todd Kraska

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Barb Schuldt, Dorothy Bisek, Joyce Hansen, Lee Lindquist, Jason Stratton

SYMPATHY TO: Kim and Ray Kallstrom and Amy and Travis Seward on the death of Kim's dad.

**MAY DAY BASKETS SERVICE PROJECT**

Baskets are available for you to pick up in the East Entry. Please help us deliver these baskets and spread some love!

**SUNDAE SUNDAY**

**Sunday, April 29 | 9:00-11:00am | Family Room**

Join us during coffee hour for an ice cream treat!

**FLC NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC**

**Wednesday, May 2 | 5:00-7:30pm | FLC**

Please 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!

**FAITH AND LIFE FORUM**

**Thursday, May 3 | 2:00-4:00pm | Fellowship Hall**

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.

**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.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

**Thurs, May 10 | 6:30-7:30am | Fellowship Hall**

Join other men from First for a great breakfast and speaker. All men are welcome! This is the last Men's Breakfast until the fall!

**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/Children's Author. Catered by Luther Crest Catering. Tickets 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.