

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday, May 27 - Sunday, September 2

Another summer of outdoor worship begins on Sunday, May 27 and goes through Sunday, September 2. Lake Carlos worship is at 10:30am and City Park worship is at 11:00am. (7/15 & 7/29 11:00am worship will be at the church due to conflicting events at City Park).

VBS 2018 SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS

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

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

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. Sign up at the Welcome Center and we will reach out to you with further information.

DAY OF CARING

The Discovery Middle School 8th grade students will be partnering with United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties to do the Day of Caring again this year for our community on May 17th. Sign up forms are located on the bulletin board by the water fountain.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION OPENING

Ruth Nelson has decided to step down from her position as our Administrative Assistant. We would like to wish her well with her future endeavors and thank her for her work over the past year. If you have interest in this position please contact Greg Tvrdik in the church office or pick up an application and job description at the Welcome Center.

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@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.

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 firstlutheralexandria.com.

Welcome

GREAT TO SEE YOU!



SATURDAY | 05.12.18
SUNDAY | 05.13.18

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mother's Day Ensemble

WELCOME AND GREETINGS**GATHERING SONG**

(5:00/8:30/9:45/11:00) *I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: 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.)

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: God, you have chosen us as your own, and we thank you. Continue to work in us by your Spirit and grow us in your grace. Protect us from the evil one and lead us in ways that are of you. In Jesus' name, amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Carolyn Giannoni

(8:30/9:45) *Hymn of Promise...* arr. Ferguson Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME WITH BLESSING FOR MOTHERS

(8:30/9:45/11:00) Congregation sings *Deep and Wide* as children come forward.
Alleluia Ringers

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

Gospel Reading: John 17:6-19

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Ben Jacobson

SERMON SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *Lord, Be Glorified* #744
(11:00) *Good, Good Father* 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**

C: 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 the inside 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.

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace and share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: And all God's children said,

C: Amen!

SENDING SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* #774
(11:00) *The Trees of the Field* See Screen

PRAYERS

BAPTIZED: (5:00) Bodie Cruz Habel, son of Justin & Stephanie Habel

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Jason Stratton, Judy Haugejorden, RoxAnne Thompson

RELAY FOR LIFE LUMINARIA BAGS

Luminaria bags will line the track at the Relay for Life event and will be light during the ceremony at dusk July 13th. Each light reflects a life; either taken by cancer, a survivor of cancer, or support for someone fighting cancer. The Relay for Life team of First Lutheran Church will be providing Luminaria bags for a suggested donation of \$10 each. Starting May 12-13 you can have a chance to purchase Luminaria bags at the Welcome Center.

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.

HOLY WEDNESDAYS

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.

MYSTERY TRIP SIGN UP

Sign up before/after all worship services on Sunday, May 20 at the Welcome Center. After May 20, sign up will be 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.

BEER & HYMNS

Tuesday, May 22 | 6:00-9:00pm | Copper Trail Brewing Co.

Grab a group of friends and come and go as you are able. Music will be led by musicians from our congregation.