

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.

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.

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 8. 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.

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.

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.

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.

TEDDY BEAR UPDATE

Thank you First Lutheran Church in helping our preschool surpass our goal!! We collected 204 stuffed animals for the local North Ambulance. The medics were VERY happy and our children filled with joy in helping others.

NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped with the Neighborhood Picnic on Wednesday, May 2. There were 420 neighbors and members of FLC in attendance. It was a wonderful evening of food, fellowship, and worship!

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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Welcome

GREAT TO SEE YOU!



SATURDAY | 05.05.18
SUNDAY | 05.06.18

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *We Are Called* #720
(11:00) *Everlasting Love* See Screen

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.)

C: 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.

P: *God who is rich in mercy...*
...that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
C: Amen.

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: Gracious God, we give you thanks for your love which knows no limits. Help us to extend that love to those around us. Give us hearts that are willing to pardon and reflect your grace and love each day. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Roger and Barb Riley
(8:30/9:45) *Jesus Loves Me*...arr. Raney Chancel Choir

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

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.
1 Corinthians 13:4-13
Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17
The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Greg Billberg

SERMON SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45/11:00) *All Are Welcome* (vs. 1, 3, 4, 5) #641

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

LORD’S PRAYER
See back cover of ELW hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION (8:30/9:45/11:00)
All are welcome. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request.

COMMUNION SONG (8:30/9:45/11:00) *Lamb of God*, p. 112

COMMUNION BLESSING (8:30/9:45/11:00)

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) *Love Divine* #631
(11:00) *We Are Called* See Screen

PRAYERS

BAPTIZED: (5:00) Ervyn Timothy Bolstad, son of Jason & Jessica Bolstad

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Barb Schuldt, Jason Stratton

SYMPATHY TO: Evangeline (Vannie) Kuehl and family on the death of her husband, Otis

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.

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.

MEN’S BREAKFAST

Thurs, May 10 | 6:30-7:30am | Fellowship Hall
Join other men from First for a great breakfast. All men are welcome!

TEDDY BEAR BRUNCH

Sat, May 12 | 10:00-11:30am | Fellowship Hall
For mothers, children & friends of all ages.
COST: 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 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.

THANK YOU FROM FLC YOUTH

Thanks for supporting our youth through Take Stock and our Brunch fundraisers.

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).

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.

HOTDISHES FOR HOPE

Friday, May 18 | 5:00-7:00pm | Holmes City Trinity Lutheran
A hotdish dinner fundraiser in support of the outreach Sole Hope. Free will offering. [Www.solehope.org](http://www.solehope.org).