

### VBS THANK YOU

We had 150+ kids attend VBS last week! Thank you to the parents who brought treats and 75+ volunteers who helped make this awesome ministry happen!

### WESLEY BELL RINGERS CONCERT

**Monday, June 18 | 7:30-8:30pm | Sanctuary**

The Wesley Bell Ringers are a group of 15 high school students and college freshmen. They glorify God and the sponsoring congregation by their music, appearance, behavior and attitude.

### FIGHT AGAINST SUMMER HUNGER CAMPAIGN

The DMS Shelf fund received a Horizon Health grant for \$1,645 to put toward our efforts to end student hunger in District 206. This money will go directly to supporting United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties Summer Backpack Attack program and Mobile Food Drops. If you wish to donate in support of the fight against summer hunger, please either write a check to First Lutheran with DMS Shelf in the memo line, or go to United Way's website. Thank you to all those who have supported The Shelf at Discovery Middle School this school year!

### YOUTH DAY AT THE LAKE

**Wednesday, June 20 | 1:00-4:00pm | 1402 Maple Dr. SE**

For all 6th-12th graders. Rain or Shine!

### WORSHIP ON THE LAWN

**Saturday, June 30 | 5:00pm | FLC Lawn**

Our annual worship on the lawn will be held on Douglas Street. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION OPENING

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. Please have your application/resume submitted by June 20.

### LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS

**Tuesday, July 31 | 3:00pm departure | Target Field**

Sign up at the Welcome Center. Cost is \$55. Sign up deadline is Sunday, July 1.

### ELCA WORLD HUNGER'S GLOBAL FARM

This weekend you will find a special envelope in your bulletin that will go toward the ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm. This is the recipient of the offering that will be taken during the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, June 27-July 1. After June 16-17, you may write a check and put "World Hunger Global Farm" in the memo line and put in the offering plate.

### 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 or Monthly 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](mailto: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](http://firstlutheranalexandria.com/your-gift).

### OUR PASTORS

Greg Billberg, Lead Pastor

Kari van Wakeren, Associate Pastor

Ben Jacobson, Associate Pastor



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WELCOME  
THANKS FOR JOINING US



**SATURDAY | 06.16.18**  
**SUNDAY | 06.17.18**



WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

*This is My Father's World* #824

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** *In the name of the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*  
**C:** Amen.

*At this time, we take a moment to be still and to confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. 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:** O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Paula Odland  
(8:30/9:45) Nicole Barnett

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

2 Corinthians 5:14-17  
*Word of God. Word of Life.*  
**C:** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34  
*The Gospel of the Lord.*  
**C:** Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Ben Jacobson

SERMON SONG

*Light Dawns on a Weary World* #726

BAPTISM (5:00)

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BAPTISM SONG (5:00)

Raindrops, oceans, lakes and rivers; welcome, child of God.  
Mothers, fathers, 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.

FATHER'S DAY BLESSING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING WE RETURN TO GOD A PORTION OF OUR BLESSINGS.

OFFERING PRAYER

**C:** Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (8:30/9:45)

LORD'S PRAYER

See the inside back cover of ELW hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION (8:30/9:45)

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

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

COMMUNION BLESSING (8:30/9:45)

BENEDICTION GOD'S BLESSING IS SPOKEN OVER US.

**P: Blessing**  
*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace. In the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*  
**C:** Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL WE DEPART TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD.

**P:** *Go in peace and serve the Lord.*  
**C:** Thanks be to God.  
**P:** *And all God's children said,*  
**C:** Amen!

SENDING SONG

*Let All Things Now Living* #881

PRAYERS

BAPTISM: (5:00) Cameron James Steffens, son of Ashley Williams

WEDDING: Kurt Kleespies & Emmy Peltier

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Jane Kasmaker, Orin Lundberg, Diana Mages, Erik Bentley, Evangeline "Vannie" Kuehl, Gene Simpson

RADIO BROADCAST

- Given by Mary Norlien and children: Dawn, Jana, Scott & Kristin in memory of Stan Norlien for Father's Day.
- Given by Karl & Sandy Bloomquist in celebration of their 55th anniversary on 6/16.

90 DAY SUMMER CHALLENGE

Your generosity and support of our mission throughout the summer is what allows us to carry out ministries like VBS this week. Thank you for making a difference!

OFFERING ENVELOPE CLARIFICATION

Oops! For those who receive printed offering envelopes, there was an error in printing. The "Summer Budget Support" envelope will be designated to the general fund, not World Hunger as stated. To support World Hunger, please use the blue envelope.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

**Sunday, May 27 - Sunday, September 2**

Carlos State Park worship | 10:30am  
City Park worship | 11:00am

FATHER'S DAY & CRAZY SOCKS!

**Saturday, June 16 and Sunday, June 17 | Worship**

Prizes will be awarded in worship for the dad with the wildest and craziest socks! We will also be collecting men's and women's athletic sock donations for our middle schoolers to take to Churches United in Ministry in Duluth. Place donations in the sock drawer near the Welcome Center by June 24.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

**Monday, July 9 | 9:00-11:00am| Sanctuary**

Please join us for this presentation called, "Seeking Peace in the Land of Eagles" given by Jill Pearson. Jill is an Alexandria native and daughter of Larry and Pam Pearson. She grew up at First Lutheran. Jill left her corporate law job in 2016 to serve in the Peace Corps. After two years in Albania, Jill is back in Minnesota sharing her experiences.

HOUSTON TRIP BLESSING

**Sunday, June 24 | 11:00am | City Park Worship**

Join us as we bless and send off the youth and adults going to the ELCA gathering in Houston.