

## MYSTERY TRIP RECAP

The first stop on this year's Mystery Trip was at the McStop in St. Augusta for coffee and treats. The crew then made their way to the Swedish Institute in Minneapolis for a tour and a scrumptious Scandinavian lunch of Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, cucumber and beet salad, lingonberries, and rice pudding for dessert. The next stop was Mount Olive Lutheran Church for an organ concert presented by Mark Spitzacker, who played a variety of selections by David Cherwein and other various composers. A good time was had by all!



## FAITH & LIFE FORUM

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

Please join us for this presentation titled *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.

## WORSHIP ON THE LAWN

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

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

## 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.

## NEW MEMBERS

If you are interested in becoming a member at First or learning more about our ministry, please fill out the blue Connect Card in your pew and indicate your interest.

## 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  
Randy Morken, Director of Liturgy



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WELCOME  
THANKS FOR JOINING US



**SATURDAY | 06.23.18**  
**SUNDAY | 06.24.18**

**WELCOME AND GREETINGS****GATHERING SONG***When Peace Like a River*

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**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS****P:** *Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.***C:** Amen.**P:** *Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.**Silence for reflection and self-examination.***C:** Eternal God our creator, in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**P:** *Since we are justified by faith...**...God † forgives you all your sins.***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:** God of all creation, you are holy and you are good. Help us to delight in you and to trust that you know the desires on our hearts, today and all days. In Jesus' name, amen.**SPECIAL MUSIC**

(5:00) Randy and Mary Morken

(8:30) Paula Odland

(9:45) Bruce Nelson

**CHILDREN'S TIME**(8:30/9:45/11:00) Congregation sings *I've Got Peace Like a River* as children come forward.**SCRIPTURE READING** See insert.

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

*Word of God. Word of Life.***C:** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:35-41

*The Gospel of the Lord.***C:** Thanks be to God.**SERMON**

Pastor Kari van Wakeren

**SERMON SONG***Day by Day*

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**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.**

(8:30/9:45) Apostles' Creed: on back cover of ELW hymnal.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION****OFFERING WE RETURN TO GOD A PORTION OF OUR BLESSINGS.****OFFERING PRAYER****C:** Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. 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.****P:** *May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope.**Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.***C:** Amen.**ANNOUNCEMENTS****DISMISSAL** **WE DEPART TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD.****P:** *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.***C:** Thanks be to God.**P:** *And all God's children said,***C:** Amen!**SENDING SONG***Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

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**PRAYERS**

BAPTISM: (5:00) Lola Jean Johnston; Parents: Sarah &amp; Shane Johnston

WEDDING: Joey Sisser &amp; Maggie Leland

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Erik Bentley, Diana Mages

SYMPATHY TO: Jan Johnson on the death of her husband, Harlan; Kathryn and Loren Liesemeyer on the death of Kathryn's Mom, Donna Lunemann

**RADIO BROADCAST**

- Given by George & LaVerne Dyrstad in honor of their 70th anniversary on 6/29.
- Given by Dennis & Corliss Stark in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on 6/22.

**90 DAY SUMMER CHALLENGE**

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

**WORSHIP IN THE PARK****Sundays through Labor Day**

Carlos State Park worship | 10:30am

City Park worship | 11:00am

**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, you may do so by either writing a check to First Lutheran with DMS Shelf in the memo line, or by going to United Way's website. Thank you to all those who have supported The Shelf at Discovery Middle School this school year!

**RELAY FOR LIFE LUMINARIA BAGS**

Luminaria bags will line the track at the Relay for Life event and will be lit 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 provides Luminaria bags for a suggested donation of \$10 each and can be purchased at the Welcome Center.