

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.

RELAY FOR LIFE LUMINARIA BAGS

Friday, July 13 | 6:00pm | Fairgrounds

The Relay for Life team of First Lutheran Church will be providing Luminaria bags for a suggested donation of \$10 each. Purchase Luminaria bags at the Welcome Center. Everyone is invited to participate in this event.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 due to the Independence Day holiday and will reopen Thursday, July 5.

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 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. 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.

OUR PASTORS

Greg Billberg, Lead Pastor
Kari van Wakeren, Associate Pastor
Ben Jacobson, Associate Pastor
Randy Morken, Director of Music and Liturgy



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For more information visit us online at firstlutheranalexandria.com.



SATURDAY | 06.30.18
SUNDAY | 07.1.18

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

#888

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We take a moment to be still, confess our sins, and get right with God. Silence is kept for reflection. Pastor will conclude with a prayer and reminder of God's forgiveness.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Merciful and understanding God, we come to you today just as we are. You know our hearts and you know our needs. We place ourselves and concerns of this day into Your strong and faithful hands. In Jesus' name, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Dayna Weltzin

(8:30/9:45) Randy and Mary Morken

CHILDREN'S TIME

(8:30/9:45) Congregation sings *Jesus Loves Me* as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

Lamentations 3:22-24

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 5:21-43

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Greg Billberg

SERMON SONG

Healer of Our Every Ill

#612

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)

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

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: *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: *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

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

#535

PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Bev Reque, Diana Mages, Gene Harstad, Hunter Anderson, Karin Senstad, Andrew Coopet, Delores Smith

RADIO BROADCAST

Given by Harold Ranum and family in memory of Betty Ranum.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the front on the altar are in memory of H. Dan Ness given by his wife, DiAnn Ness.

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

Sunday, May 27 - Sunday, September 2

Carlos State Park worship | 10:30am

City Park worship | 11:00am

**7/15 & 7/29 11:00am worship will be at the church due to conflicting events at City Park.

YOUTH DAY AT THE LAKE

Wednesday, July 18 | 1:00-4:00pm | 1402 Maple Dr. SE

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

SUPPORT A CAMPER

First Lutheran has over 100 kids going to camp this summer! Would you consider giving a gift of \$100.00 to help underwrite our camperships that make a week at Luther Crest possible? You can turn in your donation in the offering or at the Camp Table in the West Entry on weekends or in the church office during business hours by Sunday, July 22. Checks should be made out to FLC with "Support a Camper" in the memo line or with a note. Thank you for your support!

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.