

BLESSING OF THE BUILD CEREMONY

Thursday, July 19 | 4:00pm | 509 Hayes Ave, Brandon

Habitat for Humanity of Douglas County invites you to join in celebrating the beginning of Robert and Katie's home. Come celebrate this milestone with the newest Habitat family!

SENIOR FISHING DAY

Thurs, July 19 | 1:00-5:00pm | Arrowwood & Fairgrounds

1:00-3:00pm: fishing and pontoon rides at Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center

3:00-5:00pm: fish fry at Douglas Fairgrounds 4K Food Stand
This FREE event is open to all seniors in the community and surrounding communities.

FLC HABITAT BUILD DAY

Thurs, Aug 2 | 8:30am | 509 Hayes Ave, Brandon, MN

Join us as we take a day and work on this home. Work day begins with a prayer and lunch is served at 11:30am. Please feel free to join us for all or part of the day. No sign up necessary.

ALL AGES PICNIC & SERVICE PROJECT

Thursday, August 9 | 5:00-6:30pm | Luther Crest

Day Camp families are invited to join us immediately following the closing ceremony! We will begin the service project promptly at 5:00pm and have dinner at 5:45pm. We will put together school supply kits for the Discovery Middle School. If you would like to donate school supplies for these kits, please pick up a list of requested supplies at the Welcome Center. Donations are due by Sunday, August 5 and may be placed in the designated bins in the West Entry.

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!

FAMILY GOLF OUTING

Wednesday, Aug 8 | 4:00pm | Lake Miltona Golf Club

All are welcome to join us for this 9 hole shot gun start family golf outing followed by dinner at the club house. \$30 for golf and meal or \$10 for meal only. Pay at the club house at the time of the event. Sign up at the Welcome Center by Monday, Aug 6.

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 WORSHIP LEADERS

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



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WELCOME
THANKS FOR JOINING US



SATURDAY | 07.14.18
SUNDAY | 07.15.18

WELCOME AND GREETINGS**GATHERING SONG***Precious Lord Take My Hand*

#773

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**P:** *Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.***C:** Amen.*Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another. Silence for reflection and self-examination.***P:** Eternal God our creator,**C:** 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, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins.***C:** Amen.**PRAYER OF THE DAY****C:** O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, and through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**SPECIAL MUSIC**

(5:00) Gracie Lewis

(8:30/9:45) Jeff Lindoo

CHILDREN'S TIME(8:30/9:45) Congregation sings *He's Got the Whole World* as children come forward.**SCRIPTURE READING** See insert.

Colossians 3:12-15

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37

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

Pastor Greg Billberg

SERMON SONG*Lord of All Hopefulness*

#765

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:** 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** (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:** *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. Amen.***C:** Amen.**ANNOUNCEMENTS****DISMISSAL** WE DEPART TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD.**P:** *Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.***C:** Thanks be to God.**P:** *And all God's children said,***C:** Amen!**SENDING SONG***We Walk by Faith*

#635

PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Dorothy Bisek, Mandy Rudy and Baby Boy Graham Olaf Rudy

SYMPATHY TO: Mark and Karyn Anderson and Family on the death of Mark's Dad, Leonard Anderson; Family of Harold Ranum

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!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**Sunday, July 22 | 11:00am | City Park Worship**

Bring your friendly and furry (and maybe not so furry) family members to receive a blessing during worship at City Park. We will thank God for the blessing our pets are in our lives and celebrate their important role in our families. *The blessing will be canceled in the event of inclement weather.

33RD ANNUAL WESTERN BBQ**Wednesday, July 18 | 4:30-7:00pm | Shalom Lutheran Church**

Featuring barbecue chicken and pork chops, hot dogs for kids, special entertainment and bake sale. You are cordially invited to join your friends at Shalom.

FLC ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**Sunday, July 29 | 11:00am | Fellowship Hall**

Immediately following the 9:45am worship service. This is one of the Sundays we are back at church because of an event at the park. We will be grilling and providing all the fixin's. A free will offering is received.

RADIO SPONSOR BROADCASTS

There are numerous Sundays available in the coming months to sponsor a broadcast in honor of or in memory of someone. The radio broadcast of our worship is a very important part of our ministry and reaches many. The cost is \$110.00 per service. Contact the church office for more information and to make arrangements.

NEW MEMBERS

If you are interested in becoming a member at First or learning more about our