

## 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!

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 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 Music and Liturgy



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WELCOME  
THANKS FOR JOINING US



**SATURDAY | 07.07.18**  
**SUNDAY | 07.08.18**



WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus* #742

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** *In the name of the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*  
**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:** God of hope, in you we live and move and have our being. Give us the courage we need to faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life. In Jesus' name, amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Gospel 4  
(8:30/9:45) Paula Odland

CHILDREN'S TIME

(8:30/9:45/11:00) Congregation sings *This Little Light of Mine* as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

*2 Corinthians 12:8-10*  
*Word of God. Word of Life.*  
**C:** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-13  
*The Gospel of the Lord.*  
**C:** Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Kari van Wakeren

SERMON SONG

*Spirit of Gentleness* #396

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:** 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 (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:** 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.  
**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

*We Are Called* #720

PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Becky Husen, Bev Reque, Marge Thompson, Glenda Nelson, Linda Brezina, Diana Mages, Jurene Gardner

SYMPATHY TO: Mark and Karyn Anderson and family on the death of Leonard Anderson

RADIO BROADCAST

- Given by Rod & Phyllis Haarstad in honor of the wedding of their granddaughter, Alexa Haarstad and Tony Verhoeven, on June 2.
- Given by Pauline & Warren Olson, Judy & Clark Hoffman, Roger & Ruthie Schultz, Marie Daugherty and George & Linda Schultz in honor of our parents, Pauline & Herman Schultz, who would have been 106 and 105, respectively, on July 8th and July 18th this year.

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. \*This event 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 | 12:00pm | Fellowship Hall**

Immediately following the 11:00am 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.