

2018-19 CHILDREN/YOUTH REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Register now online at www.firstlutheranalexandria.com on the Children & Youth Ministry page for the 2018-19 programming year!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Wednesday, August 29 | 6:00-7:00pm | Family Room

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Lutheran Church or just interested in learning more about our ministry and congregation, we invite you to join us for this New Member Orientation. The orientation is a time to get to know others, ask questions, and learn a little more about our background and ministry as a congregation. Please sign up at the Welcome Center by Sunday, August 26. Light snacks provided. Childcare will be available.

WELCA POTLUCK SALAD LUNCHEON: "MUSIC BY PAM ANDERSON"

Thursday, Sept 6 | 12:00-2:30pm | Fellowship Hall

WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) is a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Women of all ages are encouraged to attend the monthly WELCA gatherings. For more details, contact Mary Morken at 320.763.7933.

SPIRIT FEST

Sunday, September 9 | First Lutheran Church

Join us for Spirit Fest Sunday 2018! This is our opportunity to come together as a church family to celebrate the start of a brand new programming year here at First Lutheran. There will be several activities including a breakfast buffet from 9:00-11:00am.

MATT KJELLAND MEMORIAL WALK/RUN

Sat, Sept 15 | 8:00am-1:00pm | Alexandria City Park

Join us as we remember our dear friend and family member for a 5K run, 5K walk, 1 mile fun walk through the park, and kids fun run. There will be celebration, fellowship, coffee, food and live music, silent auction and fun activities for the kids. All spectators, friends and visitors are welcome. All proceeds go to The Matt Kjelland Scholarship Fund. For more information, see the Parish Health bulletin board.

A TRIP TO CHANHASSEN

Wednesday, Oct 10 | 8:45am departure

COST: \$94 per person and includes lunch at Chanhassen before the 1:00pm show. Join us for this production of Irving Berlin's *Holiday Inn* at Chanhassen Dinner Theatre. Sign up deadline is September 10. Call Hart Travel at 877.250.8857 to sign up, pay, and for further details.

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 | 08.18.18
SUNDAY | 08.19.18

WELCOME AND GREETINGS**GATHERING SONG***You Servants of God*

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**P:** *We worship as we live, in the name of the Father, †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."***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, your love never fails and you invite each of us into a deeper relationship with you. Help us to trust in your grace, to welcome the work of your Spirit in our lives, and to use the gifts you've given us for the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord. Amen.**SPECIAL MUSIC**

(5:00) Special Music

(8:30) Four On The Floor

(9:45) Paula Odland

CHILDREN'S TIME(8:30/9:45/11:00) Congregation sings *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* as children come forward.**SCRIPTURE READING** See insert.

First Reading: Joshua 1:9

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

Second Reading: Jeremiah 29:11

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

Paige Mackedanz

SERMON SONG*Lead Me, Guide Me*

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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. In Jesus' name. Amen.**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** (8:30/9:45)**LORD'S PRAYER**

See back cover of ELW

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.***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***I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

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PRAYERS**BAPTISM:** (5:00) Brynn Darlene Haugen, daughter of Christen & Josh Haugen**HOSPITALIZATIONS:** Paul Thompson**SYMPATHY TO:** Roland and Becky Ellis on the death of Roland's sister, Charlene**RADIO BROADCAST**

Today's broadcast is given by Lillian Schuneman in memory of her husband, Harlan Schuneman, and her grandson, Ian Lo.

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!

LAST WEEKEND FOR WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Sunday, September 2 is the last Sunday this summer for Worship in the Park! Please join us back at the church for 11:00am worship (and for Spirit Fest!) beginning Sunday, September 9.

FLC RECRUITMENT NIGHT**Wednesday, August 22 | 3:00-7:00pm**

As a new church season begins at First Lutheran, we will be conducting a series of Recruitment Nights. Members of staff, along with various boards and committees, will gather each quarter to do a calling blitz to the members of our congregation to chat about the various programs offered and the many different ways in which you can use your gifts to serve the First Lutheran faith community. Please be expecting a call from our recruitment team!

GIVING TREE**August 4 - September 2 | West Entry**

The Lutheran World Relief Giving Tree is now up by the West Entry. The "leaves" on the tree indicate items for the school kits, baby care kits, health kits or sewing kits that we will send to LWR. Please return items to the box by the tree by Sunday, September 2. Thank you for your generosity!

WHAT I DID THIS SUMMER**Wednesday, August 29 | 9:00-10:00am | Family Room**

You're invited to join Pastor Greg for a cup of coffee and to hear about his trip this summer to South Korea with his son, Aaron.

CHURCH NURSERY

During the summer, our nursery is unstaffed but open for families to use as needed. There is a speaker to listen to the worship service in the room.