

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!

FALL FAMILY MUSIC CLASSES

Musik Garden curriculum is used for this energetic time for children (ages 18 months-3 years old) and caregivers to enjoy elements of music through movement, rhythm, tonal patterns, and instruments. To see class options and to register (by 9/11) go to www.firstlutheranalexandria.com/family or in the church office by 9/11.

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 proceeds go to The Matt Kjelland Scholarship Fund.

FALL FUN DAY AT COUNTRY BLOSSOM FARM

Sun, Sept 16 | 2:00-4:00pm | Country Blossom Farms

All ages are welcome to join us for an afternoon of fellowship and family fun. FLC Family Ministry will have a tent to provide a gathering space, as well as fresh cookies for a treat! Meet at the entrance before paying. To get the special pricing for our group, please bring a non-perishable food item for The Shelf at DMS. Special wrist-band pricing for our group (\$5 less than usual).

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Saturday, October 6 | 4:00pm | Central Lakes Trail

If you are interested please contact Val Trumm, Parish Nurse, at val.trumm@firstlutheranalexandria.com or 320.762.2196 or sign up at the Welcome Center by September 23.

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.

GOLF SCRAMBLE AND FUNDRAISER

Sunday, September 30 | 12:00pm | Minnewaska Golf Club

COST: \$100. Pay at club house. Cost includes golf, cart, and meal. Sign up at the Welcome Center by 9/16. This event is a fundraiser to build a garage on the new building property. Registration is 12:00-1:00pm. Shotgun start at 1:00pm.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERINGS

This fall you are invited to a Neighborhood Gathering to get to know others from First who live in your neighborhood. Each gathering will be an open house format, hosted by members of FLC, and root beer floats will be served. Hosts will be sending out a postcard with the date/time/location of your gathering soon. Stay tuned for more information!

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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For more information visit us online at firstlutheranalexandria.com.

WELCOME

THANKS FOR JOINING US



SATURDAY | 09.01.18
SUNDAY | 09.02.18

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

This Little Light of Mine

#677

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: *In the name of the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

C: 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.

P: *"We thank you for this moment to stop...We receive your gift of mercy and grace."*

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: *O God our strength,*

C: without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

SCRIPTURE READING

 See insert.

First Reading: James 1:17-27

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Ben Jacobson

SERMON SONG

Just a Closer Walk With Thee (Refrain, Vs. 1, 2, 3, Refrain)

#697

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

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)

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: *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

Soon and Very Soon

#439

PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Bill Grover, Glenda Nelson, Linda Pierce

SYMPATHY TO: LaVina Larson and Family on the death of LaVina's daughter, Ruth

RADIO BROADCAST

This week's radio broadcast is given by Marv Trana and family in memory of Marv's mother, Eleanor Hildreth

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.

WELCAPOTLUCK SALAD LUNCHEON: "MUSIC BY PAM ANDERSON"

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

Women of all ages are encouraged to attend the monthly WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) 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. Join us for a breakfast buffet in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00am-11:00am.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Thurs, Sept 13 | 6:30am-7:30am | Fellowship Hall

Join us on the second Thursday of each month (September through May) for a great breakfast and speaker! All men are welcome.

ELDEN'S RECEIPTS FOR COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

Community Preschool will begin collecting Elden's receipts at the store and here at church in the recycling center beginning September 1. When you shop at Elden's, place your receipts in our basket to help us earn free classroom equipment, all donated by Elden's Fresh Foods!

POSITION OPENINGS

- We are looking for one more person to add to our Nursery Staff for the upcoming programming year. This is a paid position and you will be on a rotating Sunday/Wednesday schedule.
- We are looking for a part time (5-6 hours/week) Wednesday evening meal cook.

Applications for both positions are available at the Welcome Center.

SCANDINAVIAN TOUR INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Thursday, September 27 | 6:30-7:30pm | Family Room

First Lutheran will be traveling to Denmark, Norway and Sweden through Bursh Travel in 2019. Join us for this informational meeting to learn more details about this unforgettable trip.