

WE ARE THE CHURCH T-SHIRTS

WE ARE THE CHURCH t-shirts are available to purchase online only through 9/29 at www.bonfire.com/we-are-the-church-1. If you would like assistance ordering, please feel free to stop by the church office during business hours and someone would be happy to help you with your purchase.

NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERINGS

Each Neighborhood 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!

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. Place your receipts in our basket to help us earn free classroom equipment!

SCANDINAVIAN TOUR INFORMATIONAL MEETING

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

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

TANZANIAN MARKETPLACE

Sat 9/29 & Sun 9/30 | Before & Worship | Family Room

There will be a display of Tanzanian-made crafts for sale in the Family Room. These items will also be available on Oct. 6, the day of the walk for Operation Bootstrap Africa.

OPERATION BOOTSTRAP AFRICA

Saturday, October 6 | 10:30am | West Entry

Registration begins at 10:30am and the walk will start at 11:00am. Operation Bootstrap Africa raises needed funds for textbooks for students at the MaaSae Girls School in Tanzania. Refreshments will be served at the church following the walk. Pledge sheets available at the Welcome Center and in the church office.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Thursday, October 11 | 6:00-7:00pm | Family Room

This class is for those who are interested in membership at First Lutheran or just interested in learning more about our ministry and congregation. Sign up at the Welcome Center by Sunday, October 7. Light snack will be provided. Childcare will be available.

FLC GOLF SCRAMBLE

Sunday, Sept 30 | 12:00pm | Family Room

It's not too late to sign up at the Welcome Center!

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

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. Our Lil' Kingdom Kids/Nursery is open and staffed during the 8:30am, 9:45am and 6:15pm worship. It is open for use but unstaffed at the 11:00am worship service. It is located on the preschool level of the building in the Rainbow Room.

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.

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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SATURDAY | 09.22.18
SUNDAY | 09.23.18

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *Great Is Their Faithfulness* #733
(11:00) *Here I Am to Worship* Lyrics on Screen

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 and turn our sins over to you, and we thank you for your gift of forgiveness which you so graciously give to each one of us. Take the weight that we have carried and the burdens we have held onto and remove them from us as far as the east is from the west. We receive your gift of mercy and grace.*
C: Amen.

GREETING

P: *The Lord be with you.*
C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: God of presence, you remained fully with Joseph when he sat long years in a prison for a crime he did not commit. Help us to see that you are always with us, so that we might live faithfully in your world. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Gracie Lewis
(8:30/9:45) “Yes, Jesus Loves Me”...arr. Akers Alleluia Bell Ringers

CHILDREN’S TIME

(8:30/9:45/11:00) Congregation sings *Give Me Oil in My Lamp* as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

First Reading: Genesis 39:1-23
Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:11-12
The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Ben Jacobson

SERMON SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *Light Dawns on a Weary World* #726
(11:00) *Blessed Assurance* Lyrics on Screen

BAPTISM (9:45/11:00)

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BAPTISM SONG (9:45/11:00)

CONFESSION OF FAITH *WE CONFESS OUR SHARED FAITH.*
(5:00/8:30/11:00) Apostles’ Creed: on back cover of ELW hymnal.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING *WE RETURN TO GOD A PORTION OF OUR BLESSINGS.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: *Lord,*
C: be known to us 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 (5:00)

LORD’S PRAYER

See back cover of ELW

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)

P: *The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*
C: Amen.

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

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *Lift High the Cross* #660
(11:00) *Forever* Lyrics on Screen

PRAYERS

BAPTISM: (9:45) Graham Olaf Rudy, son of Chris and Amanda Rudy
(11:00) Sullivan Kevin Gullicks, son of Ethan and Joni Gullicks

MILESTONE: 2nd and 3rd grades worship milestone

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Joe Syvrud

SYMPATHY TO: Pat Pederson, Amy and Steve Deitz and Family on the death of Oscar Pederson

RADIO BROADCAST

This week’s radio broadcast is given by:

- Shirley Fielder in memory of Lee Fielder
- Mike, Sue and Andy Kjelland in memory of Matt Kjelland

SPIRITUAL GIFTS Q&A

Monday, September 24 | 6:30-7:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Please join us for this opportunity to learn more about spiritual gifts, how to take inventories, and how our results can be put to use.

FALL PREVENTION MOBILITY CLASS

Tuesdays/Thursdays 10/2-12/20 | 10:00-11:15am | Fellowship Hall

COST: Free. Classes are based on the FallProof Program and designed to help individuals restore balance, improve safe movement and reduce the risk of falling. Sign up at the Welcome Center by 9/30.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

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

If you are interested in joining our team, sign up at the Welcome Center by September 23.

SNOWBIRD SEND OFF POTLUCK

Sunday, October 7 | 5:30-7:00pm | Fellowship Hall

We would like to get all of our Snowbirds together for potluck meal. Adult Ministry is hosting this event. Please bring your favorite dish to share, beverages provided!

BIBLE IN A NUTSHELL

Mondays: Oct 1, 8, 15 & 22 | 10:00-11:00am | Family Rm

Fasten your seatbelts as we make our way through the Bible in four weeks!

WELCA DESSERT & COFFEE: WITH PASTOR BEN JACOBSON

Thursday, October 4 | 1:003:00pm | 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, Oct 14 | 10:45 | Sanctuary

This meeting will include the election of the Vision Team members and an update of building progress. The 9:45am worship will be shortened to allow time for the meeting. 11:00am worship will immediately follow the meeting.