

### 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. For more information, see the Parish Health bulletin board.

### 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!

### GOLF SCRAMBLE AND FUNDRAISER

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

COST: \$100. Pay at clubhouse. Cost includes golf, cart, and meal. Sign up at the Welcome Center by 9/16. This event is held to raise funds to build a garage at our new site. Registration is 12:00-1:00pm. Shotgun start at 1:00pm.

### 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](http://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!

### OPEN POSITION APPLICATION AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER

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 schedule. Roger Apodaca has accepted the Wednesday cook position. Welcome, Roger! It's great to have you on staff.

### ELDEN'S RECEIPTS FOR COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

Help the Community Preschool by collecting Elden's receipts at the store and here at church in the recycling center.

### BAPTISM CLASS

Tuesday, September 11 | 6:30-7:00pm | Sanctuary

This class is for anyone interested in baptism at First Lutheran. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

### SCANDINAVIAN TOUR INFORMATIONAL MEETING

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

We're traveling to Denmark, Norway and Sweden in May 2019. Join us for this informational meeting.

### 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](http://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).

### 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 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 | 09.08.18  
SUNDAY | 09.09.18

**WELCOME AND GREETINGS****GATHERING SONG**

*I've Got Peace Like a River* (lyrics on screen)

**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, confess our sins, and receive God's forgiveness. Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** *Most merciful God,*

**C:** 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...through the Holy Spirit."*

**C:** Amen.

**GREETING**

**P:** *The Lord be with you.*

**C:** And also with you.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of promise, you set your rainbow in the sky as a reminder that you will never again forsake your creation. Make us ever mindful of your promise, and help us to see our place in your story, that we might honor our covenant with you. In Jesus' name, amen.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

(5:00) Carolyn Giannone

(8:30/9:45) *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*...arr. Leavitt Chancel Choir

**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: Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

*Word of God. Word of Life.*

**C:** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:24-27

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

Pastor Kari van Wakeren

**SERMON SONG**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #807

**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**

**P:** *Blessed are you,*

**C:** O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love. In Jesus' name, 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:** *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.*

**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 the Church* (lyrics on screen)

**PRAYERS**

WEDDINGS:

- Stephanie Redmond and Grady Ries
- Justine Trumm and Samu Miller

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Joyce Meyers, Lee Meyers, Glenda Nelson, Karin Senstad

SYMPATHY TO: Art Haug and family on the death of Avis

**RADIO BROADCAST MINISTRY IS SUPPORTED BY THE FOLLOWING**

- Anonymous sponsor as a special gift
- Donald Leland in memory of Olive Leland
- Dan and Deb Loken in honor of our 45th Wedding Anniversary
- Dolly Lantz and family in memory of Brad Lantz

**SPIRIT FEST****Sunday, September 9 | First Lutheran Church**

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 many activities including a breakfast buffet from 9:00-11:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

**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.

**FALL PREVENTION MOBILITY CLASS****Tuesdays/Thursdays 10/2-12/20 | 10:00-11:15am | Fellowship Hall**

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

**FALL FUN DAY AT COUNTRY BLOSSOM FARM****Sun, Sept 16 | 2:00-4:00pm | Country Blossom Farms**

This event is for First Lutheran members of all ages. Those who bring a box of cereal or jug of juice for the Discovery Middle School Shelf will be given a discounted rate of \$5 off the regular price for wristbands. For planning purposes, we would like you to please sign up at the Welcome Center by 9/16.

**A TRIP TO CHANHASSEN IRVING BERLIN'S HOLIDAY INN****Wednesday, Oct 10 | 8:45am departure**

COST: \$94 per person and includes lunch at Chanhassen before the 1:00pm show. Sign up deadline is September 10. Call Hart Travel at 877.250.8857 to sign up, pay, and for further details.

**FALL FAMILY MUSIC CLASSES**

Musikgarten 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. Register online at [www.firstlutheranalexandria.com/family](http://www.firstlutheranalexandria.com/family) or in the church office by 9/11.