

### STRENGTHSFINDER COUPLES RETREAT

**Sat, Nov 10 | 9:00am-3:00pm | Fam Rm & Fellowship Hall**

This StrengthsFinder Couples' retreat is for anyone who wants to grow in their communication and connection as a couple. Cost is \$100/couple and includes materials, breakfast, lunch, and snacks. StrengthsFinder codes are an extra \$20/person if needed. If cost is an issue or if you have questions, please contact Pastor Kari. Sign up and pay at the Welcome Center by Sun, Oct 21. Please make checks payable to FLC and put "Couples' Retreat" in the memo line.

### FLC POLKA FEST WEEKEND

**Saturday 10/20 & Sunday 10/21**

Our annual Polkafest Weekend will be October 20 & 21. This will be our 12th annual Polka service. We'll have Polka music at all 4 weekend services. We'll be serving homemade kolaches again this year so plan to attend!

### BLANKET WEEKEND

**Saturday 10/20 - Sunday 10/21 | Altar**

New or gently used twin blankets will be included with our quilts and kits to Lutheran World Relief. Please bring them to the altar the weekend of 10/20-10/21. Thank you for showing Christ's love with warmth.

### LUTHERCREST MARKETPLACE & APPLE BAKERY

**Sat, October 20 | 11:00am-6:00pm | Carlos Creek Winery**

Join us for this special day of family fun and fund-raising. All proceeds will enable more children, youth and families to experience the programs we offer year-round!

### CONCORDIA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Sunday, December 2 | 11:45 Bus Departure From FLC**

Please join us for this bus trip to the Concordia Christmas Concert in Moorhead. Cost is \$53 and includes concert, meal, ticket, dinner and transportation. Sign up at the Welcome Center by Sunday, October 28.

### CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

**Sunday, October 28 | 1:00 & 3:00pm | Sanctuary**

We will be confirming 42 10th grade students. They have all completed instruction in Christian faith and have chosen to publicly confirm their faith.

### 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](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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THANKS FOR JOINING US



**SATURDAY | 10.13.18**  
**SUNDAY | 10.14.18**

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #631  
(11:00) Beautiful One 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...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 deliverance, you saved the people of Israel and chose Joshua to lead your people to the Promised Land. Choose us, and equip us to live with faith and peace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00)  
(8:30/9:45) Alleluia Ringers

CHILDREN’S TIME

(8:30/9:45/11:00) Congregation sings Jesus Loves Me as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-15  
Word of God. Word of Life.  
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:8-10  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Ben Jacobson

SERMON SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) Be Thou My Vision #793  
(11:00) Oh Come to the Altar Lyrics on Screen

BAPTISM (9:45)  
Pages 228-231

BAPTISM SONG (9:45)

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: God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: 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

Praise and Thanksgiving #689

PRAYERS

WEDDING: Stephanie Meyers & Nicolas Anderson

BAPTISM: (9:45) Hensli Bea Randt, daughter of Briana and Brian Randt

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Bill Kuhnau; Barbara Hagen

RADIO BROADCAST

This week’s radio broadcast is given by the Thursday 7:00am FLC Women’s Bible Study Group.

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.

BIBLE IN A NUTSHELL

Mondays: Oct 1, 8, 15 & 22 | 10:00-11:00am | Family Room  
Fasten your seatbelts as we make our way through the Bible in four weeks! All are welcome.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Wednesday, October 31 | 4:30-6:30pm | FLC Parking Lot  
CANDY IS NEEDED! Candy donations can be placed in the cauldrons at the Welcome Center. Sign up for your trunk at the Welcome Center by Sunday, October 28. Trunks arrive for set up at 3:30pm. There will be a trunk decorating contest! We invite trick-or-treaters to bring boxes of granola bars for The Shelf at DMS.

NO WEDNESDAY PROGRAMMING OR WORSHIP

Wednesday, October 17 & 31  
Please note there will be no Wednesday programming, meal or worship on October 17 and 31.

WELCA DESSERT & COFFEE

Thursday, November 1 | 1:00-3:00pm | 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.