

### CHRISTMAS STORE DONATIONS

Please donate any new or gently used items that would be appropriate for a child to give as a gift. Collection bins will be located by the Welcome Center. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please drop it off at the church office. Thank you for your support!

### 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.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Thurs, Nov 8 | 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.

### 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.

### FAITH & LIFE FORUM: RUNIC INSCRIPTIONS

**Tuesday, Nov 13 | 9:00-11:00am | Sanctuary**

This presentation will provide an overview of the thousands of runestones existing today. Our speaker, Loraine Jensen, is an Alexandria resident and is the President and founder of the American Association for Runic Studies (AARS), a nonprofit organization based in Minneapolis, MN, promoting scholarly research on runes and runic inscriptions in Europe and North America.

### 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  
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THANKS FOR JOINING US



**SATURDAY | 10.20.18**  
**SUNDAY | 10.21.18**

**WELCOME AND GREETINGS****GATHERING SONG***Sweet Hour of Prayer*

(See insert for lyrics.)

**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 for reflection.***P:** *God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.***C:** Amen.**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...Christ may live in your hearts through faith.***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:** Gracious God, create in us clean hearts and put a new and right spirit within us. Do not cast us away from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain in us a willing spirit. Amen.**CHILDREN'S TIME**(8:30/9:45/11:00) Congregation sings *Jesus Loves Me* as children come forward.**SCRIPTURE READING** See insert.First Reading: *2 Samuel 11:1-11, 14-17, 26-27*  
*Word of God. Word of Life.***C:** Thanks be to God.Second Reading: *Psalms 51:1-3, 10-12**The Gospel of the Lord.***C:** Thanks be to God.**SERMON**

Pastor Greg Billberg

**SERMON SONG***What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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**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, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** (8:30/9:45/11:00)**LORD'S PRAYER**

See back cover of ELW

**DISTRIBUTION** (8:30/9:45/11:00)*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** (8:30/9:45/11:00)**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***May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You* (See insert for lyrics.)**PRAYERS**

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Larry Holverson, Dennis Lund

SYMPATHY TO: Family and Friends of Diane Huber; Joan and Larry Holverson on the death of Joan's Brother, Dennis Jans

**RADIO BROADCAST**

This week's radio broadcast is given by Jean Erickson &amp; family in memory of Chuck Erickson.

**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.

**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.

**TRUNK-OR-TREAT****Wednesday, October 31 | 4:30-6:30pm | FLC Parking Lot**

CANDY DONATIONS ARE NEEDED and 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 31**

Please note there will be no Wednesday programming, meal or worship on October 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.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS****Sunday, November 4**

Don't forget to turn your clocks back!