

SCANDINAVIAN TOUR

May 12-26

If you are still interested and considering going on the Scandinavian Tour, please register through Bursch Travel by November 15. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Greg or Bursch Travel.

WELCA DESSERT & COFFEE

Thurs, 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.

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 through December 2. 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

Sun, 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.

COMMITMENT WEEK

November 10-14

WE ARE THE CHURCH. YESTERDAY—TODAY - TOMORROW. You can look for your stewardship packet in the mail November 1.

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.

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
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Randy Morken, Director of Music and Liturgy



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STEWARDSHIP 2018



SATURDAY | 10.27.18
SUNDAY | 10.28.18

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kids Choir

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* #708
(11:00) *Lord, Reign in Me* Lyrics on Screen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: *Blessed be the † Holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.*
C: Amen.

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power. Silence is kept for reflection.

P: *Source of all life,*
C: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P: *God hears our cry...in the name of Jesus Christ.*
C: Amen.

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference. In Jesus' name, amen. (The Serenity Prayer by Reinhold Niebuhr)

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Leigh Mattox
(8:30/9:45) Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME

(8:30/9:45/11:00) Congregation sings *I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy* as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

First Reading: *1 Kings 3:4-15*
Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: *Matthew 6:9-10*
The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Kari van Wakeren

SERMON SONG

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

BAPTISM (9:45/11:00)

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BAPTISM SONG (9:45/11:00) Lyrics on Screen

CONFESSION OF FAITH WE CONFESS OUR SHARED FAITH.

(5:00/8:30) Apostles' Creed: on back cover of ELW hymnal.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING WE RETURN TO GOD A PORTION OF OUR BLESSINGS.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: *God of Life,*
C: you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. 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: *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

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* #858
(11:00) *To Be Alive* Lyrics on Screen

PRAYERS

BAPTSIM:

(9:45) Wes Thomas Gibson, son of Emalee Erickson and Cody Gibson
(11:00) Ezra Fenris Murray, son of David and Tiffani Murray

US/MEXICO BORDER TRIP: Alice Anderson, Janna Lindoo, Bonnie Miller, Jenny LeBas, Sherri Bruckner

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Lola Anderson

RADIO BROADCAST

This week's radio broadcast is given in memory of Ruth Martinson by family and friends and given by Don Leland in honor of his 94th birthday.

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. Happy Halloween!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

Sunday, November 4

Don't forget to turn your clocks back!

BAPTISM CLASS

Tuesday, November 6 | 6:30-7:00pm

Tuesday, September 11 | 6:30-7:00pm | Sanctuary
This class is for anyone interested in baptism at First Lutheran and for parents interested in baptism for their child/ren. Please sign up by contacting the church office.

STRENGTHSFINDER COUPLES RETREAT

This event has been cancelled due to lack of interest.