

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.

EMERGENCY HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS

Tuesday, November 13 | 12:30-1:30pm | Family Room

All are welcome to attend the next Mission Committee meeting to hear a speaker, Kelli Winter, from West Central MN Community Action talk about emergency housing for the homeless.

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.

THANKSGIVING EVE COMMUNITY WORSHIP

Wed, Nov 21 | 6:30-7:30pm | St. Mary's Church

You are invited as we join St. Mary's and all of the Alexandria ELCA congregations to Thanksgiving Eve worship. There will be a combined choir that will practice 45 minutes prior to worship. If you are interested in participating in the choir, email Randy Morken at randy.morken@firstlutheranalexandria.com.

There will be no Wednesday night programming/meal/worship at FLC.

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!

LIVING NATIVITY

Sat, Dec 1 | 4:30-7:30pm | FLC

Walk-through from 4:30-5:15pm and drive-through starting at 5:15pm. Sign-up sheets for actors/actresses/helpers will be in the East Entry by the stairs. Roles are available for all ages—for individuals or families—and we can't do it without you. Contact Roger Thalman at 320.491.2027 with any questions. Monetary donations are needed to support the cost of the camels, donkey, and sheep. Please mark "Living Nativity" in the memo line of your check.

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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STEWARDSHIP 2019



SATURDAY | 11.10.18
SUNDAY | 11.11.18

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

Praise and Thanksgiving #689

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.

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...that 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, we pray that together our hands and hearts would connect with the needs of this world. Bless, multiply and use both us and the gifts you have so generously given to us. Enable us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Gospel 4+
(8:30/9:45) “We Gather Together Together”...arr. By Page Alleluia 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: Micah 6:6-8
Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Luke 6:37-38

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Greg Billberg

SERMON SONG

We Are Called #720

RITE OF AFFIRMATION (5:00) & BAPTISM (11:00) - Pages 228-231

BAPTISM SONG (11:00) Lyrics on Screen

CONFESSION OF FAITH WE CONFESS OUR SHARED FAITH.

(5:00/8:30/9:45) Apostles’ Creed: on back cover of ELW hymnal.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PROCESSIONAL OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Lord,

C: we thank you for your goodness in our lives. Today as we set our course for the future, we do so with grateful hearts. Teach us to use the good gifts you have given us wisely and generously. We entrust these plans for giving and for living out your love into your strong hands. 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

Take My Life #583

PRAYERS

BAPTISM: (11:00) Grace Frovarp daughter of Dalton and Dana Frovarp

RITE OF AFFIRMATION: (5:00) Kaisa Bosek

Parents: Jeff & Karen Bosek

Mentor: Amy Reineke | Baptismal Date: 4/37/2003

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Nancy (Mrs. Bud) Anderson, Bill Kuhnau

SYMPATHY TO: Carol Serum, Greg and Therese Serum and Family on the death of Dale

RADIO BROADCAST

This week’s radio broadcast is given by Carol Feldmann in memory of parents Doris L. & Robert Feldmann.

COMMITMENT WEEK

November 10-14

It’s Commitment Weekend and we will be doing a processional offering in worship today. Everyone will be invited to come forward with your offering and stewardship forms. We have had a great response from people submitting their Plan for Giving and Time and Abilities forms online. If you forgot your stewardship forms today, you can go to www.firstlutheranalexandria.com and submit them online. Thank you for being people of vision and for your generosity in supporting the work of First Lutheran Church. Because of you, we are able to touch lives and reach out to others every day.

THANKS FOR GIVING CHILDREN & YOUTH FUNDRAISER

November 7-28 | East Entry by Stairs

We are raising funds to help with summer trips and scholarships for the many young people who participate in FLC programming. Envelopes are located by the stairs in the East Entry. Each envelope is marked with a number. Choose a number and fill it with the designated dollar amount. Take as many envelopes as you want! You can pay cash, by check (made out to FLC with Thanks for Giving in the memo line) or online in the *Thanks for Giving* category. Payments can be turned in through the office or offering plate. Thanks for your support!

GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

Thurs, Nov 15 | 2:00-3:30pm or 6:00-7:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Anyone grieving the death of a loved one is invited to this free event. Area professionals will offer suggestions to help ease the anxiety the holidays can bring. Resources will be provided and discussed. Pre-registration is not needed. For questions contact Val Trumm, Parish Nurse at 320.762.2196.