

THANK YOU
Thank you to the 160 households who have submitted their Plans for Giving for the coming year. Your support is what makes our ministry happen. It's not too late to turn yours in. You can do so online at www.firstlutheranalexandria.com or pick up a form at the Welcome Center.

SABBATICAL OVERVIEW
Thursday, November 29 | 9:00-10:00am | Family Room
Come learn more about Pastor Kari's sabbatical theme and focus, in addition to upcoming events and opportunities for the congregation to explore writing as a spiritual practice.

CHRISTMAS STORE
Sunday, December 9 | 8:00am-1:00pm | Fellowship Hall
Children age 3 - 5th grade enjoy shopping for their loved ones for Christmas! Money raised goes to help families who are going through tough times so they can have a better Christmas. Donate 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. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the church office.

WELCA CHRISTMAS POTLUCK LUNCHEON
Thurs, Dec 6 | 12:00-1:30pm | Fellowship Hall
Women of all ages are welcome to attend this Christmas WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) celebration.

NEW MEMBER SOCIAL
Thurs, Dec 6 | 6:00-7:00 | Family Room
New Members who have joined FLC in the past year are invited to come for a time of fellowship, treats, and the music of the AAHS Carolers!

MEN'S BREAKFAST
Thurs, Dec 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.

CAROLS & CANDLES
Sat, Dec 15 | 5:00pm Worship | Sanctuary
Join us for this special worship service that includes carols, scripture readings and candles.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Monday, December 24
10:30am | Children's Worship
2:00pm | Festival Worship
4:00pm | Festival Worship
6:00pm | Candlelight Worship
9:00pm | Candlelight Worship

POINSETTIAS
Grab a form at the Welcome Center to sign up for a Christmas Poinsetta. Cost is \$20 and can be returned with payment to the church office during business hours.

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.

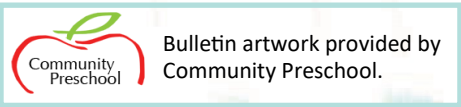
OUR WORSHIP LEADERS
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Ben Jacobson, Associate Pastor
Randy Morken, Director of Music and Liturgy



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WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *This Is My Father’s World* #824
(11:00) *Come Now Is the Time to Worship*

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 to stop and turn our sins over to you, and we thank you for your gift of forgiveness which you so graciously give to each one of us. Take the weight that we have carried and the burdens we have held onto and remove them from us as far as the east is from the west. We receive your gift of mercy and grace,*
C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: God of Grace, you called Jeremiah to speak your word and your truth. Give us faith and courage to be messengers of your grace and mercy in this world and our lives. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Gracie Lewis
(8:30/9:45) “*Come Just as You Are*”.....arr. Harlan Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S TIME

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

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

First Reading: *Jeremiah 1:4-10; 7:1-11*
Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: *Matt 21:12-13*

The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Ben Jacobson

SERMON SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* #596
(11:00) *In Christ Alone*

BAPTISM (11:00)
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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

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: *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
(5:00/8:30/9:45) *Let All Things Now Living* #881
(11:00) *My Lighthouse*

PRAYERS

BAPTISM:
• (11:00) Harriet Pearl Isenor daughter of Zach and Rachel (Montzka) Isenor
• (11:00) Grace Matilda Giannone daughter of Scott and Carolyn Giannone

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Gail Schroeder

SYMPATHY TO: Family and Friends of Glenda Nelson

RADIO BROADCAST

This week’s radio broadcast is given by Gene and Carol Westphal in honor of their 58th Wedding Anniversary.

THANKS FOR GIVING CHILDREN & YOUTH FUNDRAISER

November 7-28 | West Entry
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 West 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!

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 defray the cost of the camels, sheep and donkeys.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS MUSIC CLASSES

December 7 & December 14 | 8:45-9:30am | Fellowship Hall
This free music class is for children ages18mos-4yrs and a parent. Bring your friends! Celebrate the reason for the season with your little ones. Christmas songs, movement, rhythm instruments and treats. Please bring a music-inspired donation (toy instrument, CD, musical books, etc.) for the United Way Toy Shelf. No registration necessary. Come to one or both classes. Instructor: Paula Odland, FLC Children's Music Ministry Director.

ADVENT OF GRATITUDE

November 28-December 24 | West Entry
The Advent of Gratitude Project this year is in support of the ELCA World Hunger ministry through the ELCA Good Gifts Program. Stay tuned for more information to come beginning the weekend of December 1-2.