

SIGN OUR NEW WALLS!

January 1 - 21 | West Entry by Welcome Center

Write a message that will be placed in the walls of our new building. Fill our new church walls with scripture, quotes or your signature.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Tuesday, January 29 | 6:00-7:00pm | Family Room

Please join us if you are interested in membership at First Lutheran or just interested in learning more about our ministry and congregation. Sign up at the Welcome Center by Sunday, January 27. Light snack will be provided. Childcare will be available.

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Jan 28 - Feb 18 | 10:00am-11:00pm | Family Room

Join us on Monday mornings for four weeks as we dive deeper into the Gospel of Matthew. There is no need to sign up. Come as you are, and we will learn together!

RADIO BROADCASTS

The FLC Radio Broadcast is a vital part of our ministry to the surrounding community and the world. Going forward, we will be publishing one sponsorship for a broadcast per week on a first come, first serve basis. If you have a special date you wish to reserve for the coming year, please contact the office so we can get it on the calendar. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

ULTIMATE DATE NIGHT WITH JAY & LAURA LAFFOON

Sat, Feb 2 | 7:00-9:00pm | AAHS Performing Arts Center

This Thrivent sponsored event is full of laughter, entertainment and ministry as we explore the unique reality marriage brings to everyday life! Tickets are \$15/ person and can be purchased online at <https://bit.ly/2RSJ91h> or at the Thrivent office or Common Ground Coffee House. Call the church office during business hours to sign up for child care by Friday, Jan 18.

WINTER/SPRING FAMILY MUSIC CLASSES

Feb 6 - Apr 10 | 8:30-9:00am | Garden Room

Musik Garden curriculum is used for this energetic time for children (ages 18 months to 3 years old) and caregivers to enjoy various elements of music. Register online at www.firstlutheranalexandria.com/family-music-classes or in the church office. Cost is \$40 plus \$10 for each sibling. Scholarships are available. Instructor: Leila Preston

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



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SATURDAY | 1.12.19
SUNDAY | 1.13.19

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *Borning Cry* #732
(11:00) *Come, Just As You Are* (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: *God...In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven and you are made new. Be at peace. In Jesus’ name,*
C: amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: *Loving God,*
C: you sent your son Jesus to be baptized by John in the river Jordan, so that all might hear the proclamation of your love. Make us songbirds of your good news, so that all might know your love through our words and actions. In Jesus’ name, amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Roger and Barb Riley
(8:30/9:45) *Come to the Water*.....arr. Schrader Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S TIME

(8:30/9:45) Congregation sings *Give Me Oil in My Lamp* as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

First Reading: Psalm 2:7-8
Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-17
The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Kari van Wakeren

SERMON SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *Baptized and Set Free* #453
(11:00) *Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone* (lyrics on screen)

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: *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: *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 (5:00/8:30/9:45/11:00) *Go, Make Disciples* #540

PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Louise Nelson; Karin Senstad

SYMPATHY TO: Barry and Sue Ness on the death of Sue’s Dad, Harold Diedrich; Rusty Parkin and Sharron Miller on the death of their brother; Family of Orlyn Struck; Family of Janis Aitchison

FAMILY BLESSING

Next week in our worship, we will offer a Family Blessing at all worship services. This is a unique and meaningful time during which you are invited to receive a personal prayer and blessing as a household unit. Whether you live alone or with others, you are a part of our First Lutheran family and we want to bless and support you in being the person of God you are created and called to be.

LINKING OUR PAST WITH OUR FUTURE

Sunday, February 24 | 2:00pm | Sanctuary
Each First Lutheran household is invited to share ONE photo of a special memory from a baptism, confirmation, wedding or another event held here at our present location over the years. Drop your photo off at the Welcome Center or office no later than **January 13**. Fill out the provided information card to accompany the photo (photos will be returned). The photos will be displayed at this upcoming service to mark this historic time in our congregation.

MORNING MOVIE

Saturday, January 26 | 9:30-11:00am | Grand Arbor Movie Theater
All ages are invited to join us for this annual morning of fun and fellowship. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors! We'll be watching *Small Foot*. Popcorn and lemonade will be provided. This event is hosted by the FLC Family Ministry Team.

ALL AGES OUTING TO THE ANDRIA THEATRE

Sunday, February 17 | 2:00-4:00pm | Andria Theatre
All ages are invited to join us for an outing to see Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr. at the Andria Theatre. Tickets are \$14/person. Sign up by Thurs, Jan 24. Payment is due at the time of sign-up. Mark *Andria Theatre* in the memo line. The Family Ministry is hosting this time of fellowship and will provide treats during intermission.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 10
Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00am-12:30pm (11:00am worship will be held as usual) and the meeting will be held in the Sanctuary from 12:45-1:45pm. Childcare will be available. A Building and Transition Update meeting will follow the annual meeting for all who are interested.