

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, Feb 10

Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00am-12:30pm and the meeting will be held in the Sanctuary from 12:45-1:45pm.

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.

ULTIMATE DATE NIGHT WITH JAY & LAURA LAFFOON

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

Don't miss this hilarious glimpse into married life! This Thrivent sponsored event is full of laughter, entertainment and ministry as they 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 Mustard Seed Market (405 50th Ave W, Alexandria). Call the church office during business hours to sign up for child care by Friday, January 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

ADVENT OF GRATITUDE: THANK YOU

Your generosity led to a total of \$2,139.82 being donated to the ELCA World Hunger Good Gifts program! This number represents the following gifts to communities in need around the world, offering them a hand-up towards a sustainable future: 8 goat pairs; 3 honeybee colonies; 1 rooster; 2 Bibles; 5 sets of 10 chicks; 5 packages of school supplies; feeding one refugee family; 8 pigs; 1 water filter; 6 school uniforms for girls, and 1 cow! Wow! We are a church who blesses others!

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 | 1.5.19
SUNDAY | 1.6.19

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *Bright and Glorious Is the Sky* (vs. 1-4) #301
(11:00) *Shine, Jesus, Shine* (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 brings light into our world.*
C: Amen.

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power. Silence 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. Teach 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 of Grace, you sent magi with generous gifts to visit the baby Jesus and proclaim his reign to all the world. Make our voices heard when we proclaim God's love to all. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Nicole Barnett
(8:30/9:45) Lydia Renney

CHILDREN'S TIME

(8:30/9:45) Congregation sings *This Little Light of Mine* as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

First Reading: Psalm 96:10-13
Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12
The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Ben Jacobson

SERMON SONG

We Three Kings (vs. 1, 2, 5) (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: *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 (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: *God, creator of all things, bringing life and hope to the world; 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) *Shine, Jesus, Shine* #671
(11:00) *Go Light Your World* (lyrics on screen)

PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Warren Olson, Louise Nelson

SYMPATHY TO: Karen (Heinrich) Anderson on the death of Karen's Mom, Lillian Heinrich

BUILDING TRANSITION UPDATE

Sunday, January 6 | 9:45-10:30am | Choir Room
Please join us for this opportunity to hear updates and see pictures of our new construction in progress. There will also be a chance to discuss and ask questions regarding our transition from our present building to the new location.

WEDNESDAY PROGRAMMING

Our regular Wednesday schedule will resume on Wednesday, Jan 9.

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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Thurs, January 10 | 6:30-7:30am | Fellowship Hall
All men are welcome!

BAPTISM CLASS

Tuesday, January 8 | 6:30-7:00pm
This class is for anyone interested in baptism at First Lutheran. Please sign up by contacting the church office.

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 Sunday, January 13. 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.