

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
**Thurs, February 14 | 6:30-7:30am | Fellowship Hall**

Join us on the second Thursday of each month (September through May) for a great breakfast and speaker! All men are welcome.

**COMMUNION EDUCATION CLASS**  
**Sun, February 17 | 9:45-10:45am | The Garden**

Families interested in having children commune before the 5th Grade Communion Milestone or families with children older than 5th grade who have not completed the Communion Milestone are invited to this Communion education class. This class is not a replacement for the 5th Grade Communion Milestone. Email Randi Rach by 2/15 to sign up at [randi.rach@firstlutheranalexandria.com](mailto:randi.rach@firstlutheranalexandria.com).

**FAITH AND LIFE FORUM**  
**Thursday, February 21 | 2:00-4:00pm | Sanctuary**

Our guest speaker, Paul Johnson, has designed the Concordia College Christmas Concert mural for the past ten years. Along with telling the story of all that goes into creating these beautiful and inspiring murals, Paul will also provide visual examples of his work. Paul has been a professional designer, illustrator and photographer for 30 years.

**LINKING OUR PAST WITH OUR FUTURE**  
**Sunday, February 24 | 2:00pm | Sanctuary**

Join us for this celebration of our church's history and future. There will be something for all ages including drama, music, humor, special memories and a drawing. Coffee and treats will follow. (All contributed photos for this event have been displayed and can now be picked up at the Welcome Center.)

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

Each year Thrivent members are granted Choice Dollars to direct to the non-profit of their choosing. Thrivent members have until March 31 to direct their 2018 Choice Dollars before they expire.

**SHEETS NEEDED**  
Mission Quilters is looking for your used bed sheets for "middles" in quilts. Please place used sheets (in any condition) in the bin by the Welcome Center by Sunday, February 17. We welcome anyone to join us at our gatherings the third Tuesday every month. Come anytime between 8:00am-12:00pm, coffee is at 10:00am.

**LENT SMALL GROUP BOOKS AVAILABLE NOW!!**  
Our theme for Wednesdays in Lent this year is *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*. This series will be based on a book by Adam Hamilton by the same name. If you would like to buy a copy of the book, you may do so at the Welcome Center or in the church office. Books are \$17 and must be paid for at the time of pick up. There will be an opportunity in the coming weeks to sign up to be part of a small group during the season of Lent to discuss the book and reflect on the sermon themes each week. These times will be made available soon. If you would like to lead a small group, please let the church office know.

**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](http://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](mailto:admin@firstlutheranalexandria.com).  
\*Please note that hospital visitor restrictions are currently in place due to the spike in Influenza cases.

**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](http://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 | 2.9.19**  
**SUNDAY | 2.10.19**



WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) Come All You People #819  
(11:00) Holy Spirit (lyrics on screen)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
C: Amen.

At this time we take a moment to be still, confess our sins, and receive God’s forgiveness. Silence for reflection.

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 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

P: Gracious God,  
C: you have encouraged us to live our lives grounded in faith, patience, and love. Help us to love others without judgement, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Gospel 4+  
(8:30/9:45) Draw Me Close...arr. Schrader Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S TIME

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

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

First Reading: Psalm 37: 16-18  
Word of God. Word of Life.  
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 7: 1-5, 12, 24-27  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Greg Billberg

SERMON SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) Healer of Our Every Ill #612  
(11:00) My Lighthouse (lyrics on screen)

CONFESSION OF FAITH WE CONFESS OUR SHARED FAITH.

Apostles’ Creed: on back cover of ELW hymnal.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

#814  
Congregation sings refrain after each petition.  
Take oh take me as I am;  
Summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart  
And live in me.

OFFERING WE RETURN TO GOD A PORTION OF OUR BLESSINGS.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you,  
C: O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

(5:00/8:30/9:45) My Hope is Built #597  
(11:00) Forever (lyrics on screen)

PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Louise Nelson, Sheryl Hocum, Gene Simpson, Becky Husen

SYMPATHY TO: Al Moen and family on the death of Ophelia, Sheryl Hocum and family on the death of Bob, Tim and Carrie Urness and family on the death of their nephew, Sam

RADIO BROADCAST

This week’s radio broadcast is given by Bing, Marlene, Collette, Jeneice, Kevin, and their families in memory of Leonard Navratil.

BAGS OF LOVE

Available for pick up beginning February 9 | East Entry Stairs  
We are the Church! Join us for this congregational service project that spreads joy to the older adults in our congregation and/or those going through a time of need. Kids and youth fill the bags with tokens and cards they have made and the congregation delivers them. Bags will be available for you to pick up at the bottom of the office stairs by the East Entry and each bag has a description of where it should be delivered.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 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. Childcare available. First Lutheran was gifted two lots located by Lake Carlos State Park in 2017 with the request of the sale proceeds going to the Building Fund. We have a buyer for both lots and in order to proceed with the sale, we need congregational approval, which will happen at the Annual Meeting. 11:00am worship will be held as usual.

BUILDING AND TRANSITION UPDATE MEETING

Sunday, February 10 | 2:00-3:00pm | Sanctuary  
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. This meeting will take place immediately following the February 10 Annual Meeting.

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Jan 28 - Feb 18 | 9:30-11:00am | 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!

MADE WITH LOVE BAKE SALE

February 10 | 8:30am-12:00pm | Fellowship Hall  
Join us for baked goods, a coffee bar and fellowship! Proceeds of the sale will go toward the garage project at our new building.