

MEAL AND A MOVIE

Sunday, March 24 | 12:30-3:30pm | Grand Arbor

The Adult Ministry Board invites you to join us for this time of food and fellowship. The meal (soup and sandwich bar) will be served in the Pioneer Grill at Grand Arbor at 12:30pm and the movie, *Whale Rider*, will begin at 1:30pm in the G.A. Theater. Cost is \$17.00 (cost includes tax and gratuity). Please pay and sign up by Wednesday, March 20 at the Welcome Center.

LENT WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Beginning Wednesday, March 6 we will once again be offering Wednesday Lent worship at 12:10PM & 6:15PM. Please feel free to join us for soup suppers from 4:45-6:00pm prior to 6:15pm Worship.

- March 6 - Ash Wednesday
- March 13 - The Anatomy of Fear (chpts. 1-4)
- March 20 - Fearing an Enemy We Don't Understand (chpts. 5-8)
- March 27 - Fear and Personal Relationships (chpts. 9-12)
- April 3 - Anticipating the Worst Case Scenario (chpts. 13-16)
- April 10 - Living with Fear, Yet Unafraid (chpts. 17-20)

LENTEN SMALL GROUP AND BOOKS

Our theme for Wednesdays in Lent this year is Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times based on the book by Adam Hamilton. If you would like to buy a copy of the book, you may do so at the Welcome Center or in the church office. You can also sign up by the Welcome Center to be part of a small group during the season of Lent to discuss the book and reflect on the sermon themes each week.

BUILDING AND TRANSITION UPDATE MEETING

Wednesday, March 13 | 7:15-8:15pm | 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.

RELAY FOR LIFE FISH FRY

Friday, March 29 | 5:00-9:00pm | Holiday Inn

Tickets: \$10 each. Please contact Terri Bouressa at 612-749-0770 or terrileelee727@iCloud.com to purchase tickets. There is also a silent auction in connection with the fish fry. If interested in donating something to the silent auction, please also let Terri know. These could include handmade crafts, gift certificates for services, or other items to be included in a basket.

DOUGLAS COUNTY FOOD SHELF MONTH

March is Douglas County Food Shelf month at First Lutheran. The Food Shelf is run by volunteers and entirely on donations and serves 500+ families per month. Cash donations are best and can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office during business hours. (Checks can be made to FLC and include "Food Shelf" in the memo line.) A full list of items needed can be found on the sign attached to the shopping cart. Items can be placed in the shopping cart by the Welcome Center.

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.

*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.

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 | 3.2.19
SUNDAY | 3.3.19

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG
(5:00/8:30/9:45) *Day By Day* #790
(11:00) *Give Me Jesus* (vs. 1, 3 & 5) (ELW #770, 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..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

P: *Gracious God,*
C: remind us always that it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. In Jesus’ name, amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Gospel 4+
(8:30/9:45) *Shine, Jesus, Shine.....arr.* Hayes Chancel Choir

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 41:7-10
Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:24-17:8
The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Greg Billberg

SERMON SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *Take My Life* #583
(11:00) *Seek Ye First* (lyrics on screen)

BAPTISM (5:00)

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BAPTISM SONG (5:00) Lyrics on Screen

CONFESSION OF FAITH WE CONFESS OUR SHARED FAITH.

(8:30/9:45/11:00) Apostles’ Creed: on back cover of ELW hymnal.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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 (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: *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) *You Are Mine* #581
(11:00) *Take My Life That I May Be* (ELW #583, lyrics on screen)

PRAYERS

BAPTISM: (5:00) Morgan Sylvia Smith daughter of Chris and Sarah Smith and Wesley David Rego son of Isaac and Hannah Rego

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Karin Senstad, Ted Lohrman, Marcia Gae Schmitt

HARVEST FOOD PACK

Sunday, March 17 | 11:00am-2:00pm | Fellowship Hall

To celebrate and tithe on our 2018 budget surplus, FLC will join with Harvest Pack to pack meals that will go all over the world to provide food for hungry children. Please join us for this all ages, family-friendly, fun-filled, high energy, packing event. We will be packing in two shifts: one at 11:00am and another at 12:30pm. Please sign up to pack at the Welcome Center or at www.firstlutheranalexandria.com. Childcare will be available for ages 0-5. Together let’s use what God has given us to share the message of Christ with all the world!

WELCA MARCH LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 7 | 12:00pm | Family Room

Women of all ages are encouraged to attend the monthly WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) gatherings. Join us as we listen to Bonnie Miller’s program titled, “Opening Borders.”

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Each year Thrivent members are granted Choice Dollars to direct to the non-profit of their choosing. \$14,390 were contributed to FLC for Thrivent Choice Dollars last year. So far, \$5,769 have been contributed. Thrivent members have until March 31 to direct their 2018 Choice Dollars before they expire.

BAPTISM CLASS

Tues, March 12 | 6:30-7:00pm | Sanctuary

This class is for anyone interested in baptism at First Lutheran. Please sign up by contacting the church office.

MEN’S BREAKFAST

Thurs, March 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.

TAKE STOCK

March 16-24 | Welcome Center

The First Lutheran Youth are inviting the members of the congregation to “Invest in Youth” by purchasing stock to help defray the cost of this summer’s youth trip Chicago. The minimum asking price is \$10. This is our major fundraiser each year for Youth Ministry. Students will be making phone calls and there will be a table set up in the West Entry.