

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. If interested in donating items to the silent auction, please also let Terri know.

CHURCH BRUNCH YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Sunday, March 31 | 9:00-11:00pm | Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy a tasty breakfast and support our youth going on the Youth Mission Trip to Chicago in July 2019.

LENT SOUP SUPPER HELP NEEDED

Families and individuals are encouraged to participate! Sign up at the Welcome Center or in the Fellowship Hall.

WELCA MARCH LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 4 | 12:00pm | Family Room

Women of all ages are encouraged to attend the monthly WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) gatherings.

EASTER GARDEN

If you wish to remember or honor a loved one by purchasing an Easter plant in their name, you may do so by completing the form located at the Welcome Center. Mail it, bring it to the church office, or drop it off at the Welcome Center when completed. All orders received by Sunday, April 14 will be published in the Easter bulletin. If you are ordering more than one plant, please use a separate order form for each additional plant. All plants will be \$20 and payment is required with your order. Please make checks out to First Lutheran Church with Easter Garden in the memo line.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

Steve Heseltine has resigned his position as our Shared Ministry Coordinator effective March 18th, 2019. In the interim, Loretta Lundy and Corliss Stark will be filling in recruiting volunteers for worship and other activities. We wish Steve well in his future endeavors.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 14 - Palm Sunday (regularly scheduled worship)

April 17 - No Wednesday 12:10/6:15pm worship or meal

April 18 - Maundy Thursday

- 12:10pm Worship | 6:15pm Worship

April 19 - Good Friday

- 10:30am Children's Worship | 12:00pm Joint ELCA Worship at Shalom | 6:15pm Worship at FLC

April 20 - No 5:00pm Worship

April 21 - Easter Sunday

- 7:00am Worship/Communion | 8:30am Worship/Communion | 9:45am Worship/Communion | 11:00am Worship/Communion

SUMMER WORSHIP (MEMORIAL DAY - LABOR DAY)

Saturdays: 5:00pm (Sanctuary)

Sundays: 8:30am (Sanctuary), 10:00am (Legacy of the Lakes Museum - rain or shine!), 10:30am (Carlos State Park)

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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WELCOME
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE



SATURDAY | 3.23.19
SUNDAY | 3.24.19

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* #858
(11:00) *Open the Eyes of My Heart* (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: we often misunderstand your call on our lives and seek importance over service. Help us to roll up our sleeves and lend a hand to those in need. Give us the grace to live out our lives as your humble servants. In Jesus’ name, amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Carolyn Giannone
(8:30/9:45) *Behold the Lamb.....arr. Nolan* Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S TIME

(8:30/9:45) Congregation sings *He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands* as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

First Reading: Psalm 46:1-7
Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:20-28
The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Greg Billberg

SERMON SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45/11:00) *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* #659

BAPTISM (11:00)
Pages 228-231

BAPTISM SONG (11:00)

Raindrops, oceans, lakes and rivers; welcome, child of God.
Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters; welcome, child of God.
When the world feels wide around you, when the dark of night surrounds you, we are here to tend and guide you. Welcome, child of God.

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: *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) *Lead Me, Guide Me* #768
(11:00) *All the People Said Amen* (lyrics on screen)

PRAYERS

BAPTISM: (11:00) Merick Lind Olson son of Matthew and Tasha Olson

SYMPATHY TO: The family of Art Haug; The family of John Hagstrom, Nathan Hansen and family on the death of Paul Hansen; Mary Beth and Sean Farrow & family on the death of Mary Beth’s Brother, Jon Conner

RADIO BROADCAST

This week’s radio broadcast is given by the family of Arnie Gunness in honor of Arnie’s 90th birthday.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

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

TAKE STOCK

March 16-24 | West Entry

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 to Chicago. The minimum asking price is \$10. There will be a table set up in the West Entry.

LENT WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Wednesdays, March 6 - April 10 | 12:10pm & 6:15pm

Please feel free to join us for soup suppers from 4:45-6:00pm prior to 6:15pm worship.

March 27 - Fear and Personal Relationships (Unafraid, ch. 9-12)
April 3 - Anticipating the Worst Case Scenario (Unafraid, ch. 13-16)
April 10 - Living with Fear, Yet Unafraid (Unafraid, ch. 17-20)

DOUGLAS COUNTY FOOD SHELF MONTH

March is Douglas County Food Shelf month at First Lutheran. 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.