

MEN’S BREAKFAST

Thurs, May 9 | 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.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM: Immigration in the US and Refugee Resettlement

Monday, May 13 | 2:00 & 6:30pm | FLC Sanctuary

Immigration and refugee resettlement are hot button topics these days. Karin Blyth, LSS Refugee Services Program Manager from St. Cloud, will help us sort through the facts vs. fiction of this important system.

BAPTISM CLASS

Tues, May 14 | 6:30-7:00pm | Sanctuary

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

GRADUATION MILESTONE

Sunday, May 19 | 9:45am Worship | Sanctuary

As part of our Milestone Ministry, we recognize our graduating seniors. Cake and coffee in honor of our grads will be served between services in the Family Room.

ALL SCHOOL COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL REUNION

Sunday, May 19 | 2:00-4:00pm | FLC Playground

Everyone is invited (including all current and past Community Preschool students, graduates and staff) to join us as we celebrate the preschool's 40th year association with First Lutheran Church! Please send a note of memories about your experiences with our preschool for a memory book we are putting together to cnskidz@yahoo.com.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Monday, May 20 | 6:30-7:30pm | 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, May 19th. Light snack will be provided. Childcare will be available.

ROAR VBS 2019!

June 10-13 | 8:30-11:30am | FLC

Fun projects, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Register your child/ren by May 24 at www.firstlutheranalexandria.com.

BUILDING & TRANSITION UPDATE

Sunday, April 28 | 10:00-11:00am | FLC

You are welcome to join us for this opportunity to discuss what is happening at the build site, financials and sale of the Douglas Street property.

FLC GENEROSITY

Thank you for blessing First Lutheran Church by directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to our ministries! This past year, Choice Dollars provided a generous boost of \$14,560 given by 82 members, helping to further our good work and supporting our mission.

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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For more information, visit us online at firstlutheranalexandria.com.



SATURDAY | 4.27.19
SUNDAY | 4.28.19

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* #367
(11:00) *Blessed Be the Name of the Lord* (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. Since is kept 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...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: *God of action,*
C: you sent your disciples into the world to preach, teach, and make disciples of all nations. Make us instruments of proclamation, so that all might know of the love you have for humanity. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Jan Holverson | (8:30/9:45) Alleluia Ringers

CHILDREN’S TIME

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

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

First Reading: Psalm 40:9-10
Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20
The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Ben Jacobson

SERMON SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *Thine is the Glory* #376
(11:00) *Forever* (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 (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) *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #807
(11:00) *Go, Make Disciples* (lyrics on screen)

PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Becky Husen, Gene Harstad

SYMPATHY TO: Bill and Chillon McKibbin and Family on the death of Bill’s Mom, Becky McKibbin

RADIO BROADCAST

This week’s radio broadcast is given by Joan Moore in memory of Ruebin Olson.

SUNDAE SUNDAY

Sunday, April 28 | Family Room

You’re welcome to join us between worship services for an ice cream treat to celebrate the close of another fun-filled programming year!

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)

POSITION OPENING: Director of Congregational Life & Engagement

Please visit the Welcome Center for a detailed job description and application for the Director of Congregational Life and Engagement (formerly Shared Ministry Coordinator) position or contact Greg Tvrdik in the church office with questions.

NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC & WORSHIP

Wednesday, May 1 | 5:00-7:30pm | FLC Parking Lot

Please join us for this celebration! There will be a bounce house, games, live music, and food. 5:00pm: brats and root beer floats | 6:15pm: worship. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and come as you are!

WELCA MAY LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 2 | 12:00pm | Family Room

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

INTERGENERATIONAL MOTHER’S DAY SPECIAL MUSIC

Sunday, May 12 | 8:30 & 9:45am Call to Worship

Kids of all ages, moms and grandmas are welcome to join us as we sing during the Call to Worship on Sunday, May 12 at the 8:30 and 9:45am worship. Rehearsals will be in the Choir Room on Thurs, May 2 from 5:30-6:00pm and Wed, May 8 from 5:00-5:30pm. Email Paula.Odland@firstlutheranalexandria.com if interested.

ORGAN AND HYMN FESTIVAL & POTLUCK

Saturday, May 11 | 5:00pm | Sanctuary

This special service will highlight our organ and the gift of music at FLC. You are welcome to join us for the congregational potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall following this celebration.