

MISSION QUILTERS ITEMS NEEDED

Mission Quilters will be packing Lutheran World Relief kits at the end of April. Needed are bath towels, hand towels, fingernail clippers, diapers, receiving blankets, baby socks, and Ivory soap bars. You can leave items in the box by the Welcome Center.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 14 - **Palm Sunday** (regularly scheduled worship)

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

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

Roar VBS 2019!

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

At Roar VBS, kids discover that even though life gets wild, God is good. Roar is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch and even taste! 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.

SING FOR YOUR SUPPER

Wednesday, April 24 | 5:00-5:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Kids Choir will be helping serve supper while also singing some of their favorite songs.

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, "Thank You" during the Call to Worship on Sunday, May 12 at the 8:30 and 9:45am worship services. Rehearsals will be in the Choir Room on Thursday, May 2 from 5:30-6:00pm and Wednesday, May 8 from 5:00-5:30pm. Email paula.odland@firstlutheranalexandria.com if interested.

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 also send a note of thoughts or memories about your experiences with our preschool for a memory book (First Lutheran Church, 822 Douglas Street, Alexandria, MN 56308 attn: Preschool or email at cnskidz@yahoo.com). We will move this celebration to the Fellowship Hall in the event of inclement weather.

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



*Artwork provided by Syda, a
Community Preschool student.



SATURDAY | 4.6.19
SUNDAY | 4.7.19

WELCOME AND GREETINGS**GATHERING SONG**

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *We Are Called* #720
(11:00) *Forever* (lyrics on screen)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

We take a moment to be still, confess our sins, and get right with God. Silence is kept for reflection. Pastor will conclude with a prayer and reminder of God's forgiveness.

P: *We thank you for this moment to stop and turn our sins over to you. Thank you for your gift of forgiveness which you so graciously give to each one of us. Take the weight that we have carried and the burdens we have held onto and remove them from us as far as the east is from the west. We receive your gift of mercy and grace.*

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: *God of justice,*

C: you have shown yourself in this world in the poor, the hungry, and the needy. Make us willing participants of your grace and generosity, so that when you come again, we will know your face. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Gracie Lewis
(8:30/9:45) Kids 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 98:7-9

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Ben Jacobson

SERMON SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45/11:00) *We Come to the Hungry Feast* #479

CONFESSION OF FAITH WE CONFESS OUR SHARED FAITH.

(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: *God,*

C: all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.

Receive these offerings, and use them, for the sake of your Son, Christ our 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: *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) *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* #774
(11:00) *Go Out and Pray* (lyrics on screen)

PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Gene Westphal, Char Klein, Arlyn Davis, Kyle Pearson, Geneva Anderson

SYMPATHY TO: Linda and Todd Hocum and daughter Haley on the death of Linda's Mom, Dawn Mathison.

RADIO BROADCAST

This week's radio broadcast is given by DiAnn Ness and family given in memory of Dan Ness.

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.

April 10 - Living with Fear, Yet Unafraid (Unafraid, ch. 17-20)

WELCOMING PASTOR HOLMEN

Join us in welcoming Pastor Judy Holmen, the pastor helping out while Pastor Kari is on sabbatical, the weekend of April 13-14. Pastor Judy will be introduced during worship and around to visit during fellowship time. We look forward to having Pastor Judy with us and hope you can join us in sharing a warm First Lutheran welcome.

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

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. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and come as you are!

5:00pm: brats and root beer floats | 6:15pm: worship

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)

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. All orders received by Sunday, April 14 will be published in the Easter bulletin. 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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Thurs, April 11 | 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.