

**BUILDING & TRANSITION UPDATE**

**Monday, June 3 | 10:00-11:00am | Family Room**

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

**ROAR VBS 2019!**

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

Register your child/ren by May 24 at [www.firstlutheranalexandria.com](http://www.firstlutheranalexandria.com).

**RELAY FOR LIFE LUMINARIES FOR SALE**

Relay for Life Team will be selling luminaries in the West Entry.

**SPONSOR A SUNDAY OF OUTDOOR WORSHIP!!**

Summer worship at the Legacy of the Lakes Gardens provides our congregation with the opportunity to worship outdoors while also providing our community and summer guests a unique worship experience. The cost to sponsor a morning at Legacy Gardens is \$150.00. Contact Karen in the office to select a date.

**RADIO BROADCAST TIME CHANGE**

Beginning Sunday, May 26, the FLC radio broadcast will be moving from 9:45am to its new time at 10:00am. Thank you to all those who support this important ministry.

**FATHER'S DAY CRAZY SOCKS**

**Saturday, June 15 and Sunday, June 16**

Prizes will be awarded in worship for the dad or father figure with the wildest and craziest socks! We will also be collecting sock donations for our middle schoolers to bring to Churches United in Ministry in Duluth. Place donations in the sock drawer of the dresser near the Welcome Center.

**FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP**

This is a group of 6-8 people, couples or singles, who meet and get to know one another 3 times a year over a simple meal. Groups will be formed in June. Please sign up at the Welcome Center by May 31.

**KID AT HEART TIME**

**Sundays | 9:30-10:00am | Sunday Worship in the Gardens**

Calling all people of any age or life stage! Kid at Heart Time will focus on our ability to notice and tell stories all week long between worship. Look for the Kid at Heart Spirit Challenge each week in your bulletin and on Facebook!

**2019 GRADUATES**

Cake and coffee will be served between services in the Family Room in honor of our grads. Please join us as we recognize our graduating seniors today: *Mattie Bogart, Noah Boraas, Anna Brede, Sydney Christenson, Andrew Coopet, Kevin Dau, Ben Dronen, McKenna Ellingson, JJ Foster, Kendra Hardy, Alexis Heckert, Hayley Hocum, Evan Huebner, Devany Johnson, Shawn Johnson, Jeremy Knight, Peyton Larson, Sam Maier, Erin O’Kane, Isaac Peterson, Jadeya Peterson, Addison Rodel, Matt Senstad, Noah Struck, Parker Sukke, and Jaymeson Wolkow*

**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 but unstaffed throughout the summer. 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).

**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 | 5.18.19**  
**SUNDAY | 5.19.19**

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45/11:00) *We Are the Church*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** *In the name of the Father, † Son, and 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...that 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:** *God of all humanity,*  
**C:** you welcomed all - sinners and saints - into your kingdom. Help us to be welcoming and accepting as you. 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) *How Can I Keep from Singing*.....arr. Culloton 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: Romans 1:1-17  
*Word of God. Word of Life.*  
**C:** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:10-13  
*The Gospel of the Lord.*  
**C:** Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** Pastor Judy Holmen

SERMON SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *Here I Am Lord* #574  
(11:00) *Make Me a Servant* (2x) (lyrics on screen)

**BAPTISM** (5:00/11:00)  
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**BAPTISM SONG** (5:00/11:00)  
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.**  
(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, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through 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** (8:30/9:45/11:00) *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 blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.*  
**C:** Amen.

GRADUATION MILESTONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DISMISSAL WE DEPART TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD.**  
**P:** *You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!*  
**C:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**P:** *And all God’s children said,*  
**C:** Amen!  
**SENDING SONG**  
(5:00/8:30/9:45/11:00) *We Are Called* #720  
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**PRAYERS**  
WEDDING: Erin O'Neil and Judd Paffrath  
  
BAPTISM: (5:00) Collin Jacob Thorstad, parents are Jacob and Alexandra Thorstad; (11:00) Vayda Lynn Messer, parents are Craig and Chelee Messer  
  
HOSPITALIZATIONS: Bryan Stoeck, Roger Riley, Tom Searcy  
  
SYMPATHY TO: Betty Hiebel and family on the death of Betty’s sister-In-law (Linda Brezina’s aunt, Patty Putnam’s aunt); Pastor Judy Holmen on the death of her aunt

**RADIO BROADCAST**  
This week’s radio broadcast is given by given by Ken and Cindy Losch in memory of Harold and Betty Ranum, and Ivan Wambheim

**YARD SIGN PICK UP**  
Do you live in a high traffic area? We would love for you to display one of our outdoor worship yard signs in your yard for the summer. Signs are available at the Welcome Center. (We will have 30 signs available.)

**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)

**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!

**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.

**MYSTERY TRIP**  
**Tuesday, June 18 | 7:30am-6:30pm | ??????**  
Calling all "mystery loves"! Sign up and pay for the trip will begin Sunday, May 18, at the Welcome Center. Cost is \$55 per person. Sign up deadline is Sunday, June 9. We will meet at 7:30am at church for coffee and treats. The bus will depart at 8:00am.