

ROAR VBS 2019!

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

Register today at www.firstlutheranalexandria.com!

RELAY FOR LIFE LUMINARIES FOR SALE

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

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 beginning Saturday, June 1.

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 | 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!

LEGACY GARDENS WORSHIP SPONSOR

Today's Legacy Garden Outdoor Worship is given by Rich and Kathy Moen.

SUMMER CHALLENGE

The Summer Challenge is an opportunity for us to continue our generous support of our shared ministry, even when the summer calls us to head out in various directions. Last summer, when we offered this challenge, your response made all the difference. This summer, your generosity helps support our ongoing mission and these events:

- Vacation Bible School (June 10-13)
- Expanded outdoor Worship at Legacy of the Lakes Museum and Carlos State Park (May 26-September 1)
- Camperships for Luther Crest Bible Camp

Thank you for all you do that allows our ministry to happen!

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.

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

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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Welcome
to worship



SATURDAY | 5.25.19
SUNDAY | 5.26.19

WELCOME AND GREETINGS**GATHERING SONG***This Is My Father's World* #824**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. Silence 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:** *Gracious God,***C:** you have welcomed all people into your kingdom. Remove from us the barriers that we build to keep people from you, so that all might live in your grace and peace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Randy and Mary Morken

CHILDREN'S TIME(8:30) Congregation sings *Give Me Oil in My Lamp* as children come forward.**SCRIPTURE READING** See insert.

First Reading: Romans 5:1-11

*Word of God. Word of Life.***C:** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:28-30

*The Gospel of the Lord.***C:** Thanks be to God.**SERMON** Pastor Ben Jacobson**SERMON SONG***When Peace Like a River* #785**BAPTISM** (8:30)

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BAPTISM SONG (8:30)

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) 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***Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* #836**PRAYERS**

BAPTISM: (8:30) Reagan Gray Becker, daughter of Adam and Katie Becker; (10:00 Legacy Gardens); Henry Tillman Erickson, son of CJ and Carly Erickson

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Pauline Olson

SYMPATHY TO: Anita Renstrom on the death of her brother Alan Alsleben

RADIO BROADCAST

This week's radio broadcast is given in memory of William "Bill" Kuhnau, given by friends.

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)**MYSTERY TRIP****Tuesday, June 18 | 7:30am-6:30pm | ??????**

Calling all "mystery loves"! Sign up and pay for the trip will begin Sunday, May 19, 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.

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.