

RELAY FOR LIFE LUMINARIES FOR SALE

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

KID AT HEART TIME

Sundays | 9:30-9:45am | 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 outdoor worship booklet insert.

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.

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 (June 15-30)

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

DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & ENGAGEMENT

We are excited to announce that Molly Comer has accepted the position of Director of Congregational Life & Engagement. Molly and her husband, Clark, are members of FLC. Molly has worked as the Community Engagement Coordinator with Habitat of Humanity of Douglas County for the last three years. Molly will begin her work at First Lutheran on Monday, June 10th.

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS

Monday, August 5 | 3:00pm Departure | Target Field

Reserve your spot night for Lutheran night at the Twins as the Twins play the Atlanta Braves! Sign up and pay (makes checks payable to FLC) at the Welcome Center by Monday, July 8. Cost is \$55 and includes transportation and tickets.

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.

CHURCH BUILDING SUMMER HOURS

The church building will be closing at 12:00pm on **Fridays** beginning May 31 through August 30.

GREETERS WANTED FOR VBS!

We're looking for some friendly, enthusiastic folk to welcome the children to VBS the week of June 10-13 from 8:10-8:35am. Contact Karen Brazel in the church office to sign up.

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
Judy Holmen, Interim Pastor
Randy Morken, Director of Music and Liturgy



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Welcome
to worship



SATURDAY | 6.1.19
SUNDAY | 6.2.19

WELCOME AND GREETINGS**GATHERING SONG***Borning Cry* #732**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: *Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.*

C: Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us take a moment to be still, give thanks for the gift of baptism, and confess our sins. Silence is kept for reflection.

P: *Loving God,*

C: *we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.*

P: *Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty ... Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you.*

C: Amen.

GREETING

P: *The Lord be with you.*

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: *God of resurrection,*

C: You invite us to trust in you. As we remember our baptism today, give us the faith and grace that we need to walk in newness of life. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Roger and Barb Riley

(8:30) Nicole Barnett

CHILDREN'S TIME

(8:30) Congregation sings *I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy* as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

First Reading: Romans 6:1-11

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-22

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Greg Billberg

SERMON SONG

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me #860

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, 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)**LORD'S PRAYER**

See back cover of ELW

DISTRIBUTION (8:30)

All are welcome. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request.

COMMUNION SONG (8:30) *Lamb of God*, p. 112

COMMUNION BLESSING (8:30)

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.

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

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing #545

PRAYERS

HEALTH CONCERN: Pauline Olson

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Arlyn Davis

SYMPATHY TO: Family and Friends of Geneva Anderson

RADIO BROADCAST

This week's radio broadcast is given by Audrey and family in memory of Delmore Gustafson.

LEGACY GARDENS WORSHIP SPONSOR

Today's Legacy Garden Outdoor Worship is given by Greg Tvrđik in honor of the First Lutheran Staff.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in front of the Sanctuary are in honor of Orv and Phyllis Ackerman's 70th wedding anniversary on June 5 given by their children, grandchildren and great grand children.

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 lovers of mystery! 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.

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.