

LUTHER CREST WOMEN’S WEEK

Mon, June 24 - Wed, June 25 | 9:00am-5:00pm | Luther Crest  
Luther Crest isn't just for kids! Ladies, come hear great speakers, enjoy great food, and make new friends. Cost is \$50/person or \$100/ car load (up to 7 people). Pay at the door. Sign up on the WELCA bulletin board to join a car! Call Luther Crest for more information at 320.846.2431.

SPONSOR A BIBLE CAMP CAMBERSHIP

Saturday, June 15 - Sunday, June 30  
Each summer people from First Lutheran attend Luther Crest Bible Camp. We as a congregation encourage this important experience by offering financial assistance through First Lutheran. You can help "support a camper" with a gift in any amount now through June 30. We have a special camping themed gift to all those who give \$125.00 or more. Check out the camping table in the parking lot entry!

ON OUR WAY REJOICING

Sunday, August 4 | 9:00-11:30am | Both Church Locations  
All are welcome to join us for this historic worship service recognizing our move from the corner of 9th and Douglas to our new site. We will officially transition from our current site to our new church home. There will be **ONE** worship service that morning that will begin at 9:00am and midway through the service, the congregation will process out with hymnals and items from the sanctuary and form a police escorted procession that will proceed to our new building (1655 18th Ave E) where we will celebrate communion and conclude the worship. At least two hours should be allowed for this event. Our annual congregational picnic will follow this exciting event at our new church!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

Due to the *On Our Way Rejoicing* worship event on Sunday, August 4, there will be NO Legacy Gardens 10:00am or Carlos State Park 10:30am worship. Please join us instead for this exciting congregational event in our church’s history!

BAPTISM EDUCATION CLASS

Tues, July 9 | 6:30-7:00pm | Sanctuary  
This class is for anyone interested in baptism at First Lutheran. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Scott Larson; Dolores Larson; Randy and Laura Mickelson; Matt and Victoria VanWatermulen and Hudson; Casey and Robyn Schoenebeck and Ashley and Aidan; Kari Brickweg; Jena Huffington and Owen

USED BOOKS

In preparation for the move, the library committee has gone through our inventory and pulled books that are no longer needed. Please stop by the book tables in the Family Room and take any books that interest you during church office hours and weekends during worship through July 8.

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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LIFE IN THE SPIRIT  
GRATITUDE. GRACE. KINDNESS. JOY.



SATURDAY | 6.22.19  
SUNDAY | 6.23.19

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound #779

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith.

We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ.

Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**P:** *Hear the Good News: God’s Spirit lives in you. Through Christ Jesus, you are forgiven and freed. Go now into the world and live with hearts filled with gratitude, grace, kindness, and joy. In Jesus’ name.*  
**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:** *Dear Lord,*  
**C:** Thank you for the gift of grace which you so generously give to each of us. When we are weak, You are strong. Enable us to be examples of your mercy and patience. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Carolyn Giannone  
(8:30) Pat Kalina

CHILDREN’S TIME

(8:30) Congregation sings *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* as children come forward.

**SCRIPTURE READING** See insert.  
First Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:8-9  
*Word of God. Word of Life.*  
**C:** Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: John 8:2-11  
*The Gospel of our Lord.*

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** Pastor Greg Billberg

SERMON SONG

Jesus Loves Me #595

**BAPTISM** (8:30)  
Pages 228-231

**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 God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.*  
**C:** Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DISMISSAL** **WE DEPART TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD.**  
**P:** *Go in peace. God’s Spirit is with you.*

**C:** Thanks be to God.  
**P:** *And all God’s children said,*  
**C:** Amen!

SENDING SONG

*This Is My Father’s World* #824

PRAYERS

**BAPTISM:** (8:30am) Marlie Mavis Quam daughter of Joel and Brandy Quam

**HEALTH CONCERNS:** Bonnie Thorfinnson, Arlyn Davis, Mayme Olson, Pauline Olson, Marge Thompson

**SYMPATHY TO:** Randi and Dana Rach on the death of Randi’s grandpa and Mary and Glen Roiger on the death of Mary’s dad, Sylvan Buggert; Carol Westphal and family on the death of Gene; Family and friends of Jim Winger; Pat and Haley Kalina & family on the death of Haley’s grandma, Bettie Ries.

RADIO BROADCAST

This week’s radio broadcast is given by Karl and Sandy Bloomquist in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary, which was on June 16.

LEGACY GARDENS WORSHIP SPONSOR

Today’s Legacy Garden Outdoor Worship is given by Pr. Ben and Alyssa Jacobson in gratitude and in celebration for 3 wonderful years at First Lutheran Church.

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)

PREACHING SERIES: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

**June 15 - July 7**  
There are plenty of negative voices around us. During this series, we will explore how the spirit is calling us to bring a new voice to our situations. The weekly themes are gratitude, grace, kindness and joy.

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.

MISSION COMMITTEE THANK YOU

FLC raised \$3,825.00 in March for the Douglas County Food Shelf! This total will feed 5,100 families and 14,300 individuals in Douglas County. Thank you for your support of this important organization.