

June 15-30. 22 campers were sponsored this year, totaling \$2800.00!

2019-20 CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMMING REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for 2019-20 children and youth programming! Register online today at www.firstlutheranalexandria.com.

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 several important events, such as VBS. Thank you for supporting our ministry!

CHURCH MOVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Day #1: Friday, July 26 | 9:00am-12:00pm or 1:00-4:00pm

Day #2: Saturday, July 27 | 9:00am-1:00pm

Day #3: Monday, July 29 | 9:00am-12:00pm or 1:00-4:00pm

Do you have a truck or a trailer? Do you have muscles or packing skills? FLC is in need of your moving skills! We will have various shifts for you to sign up for at the Welcome Center. If you have a truck or trailer we can use, please contact Greg Tvrdek in the church office. If you have any questions please give Greg a call at 320-766-1633. Shifts will begin at the Douglas Street Church for loading.

WE'RE GETTING READY FOR YOU! A MOVING UPDATE

The church office will be closed in both locations the week of July 29 through August 2 for packing and settling. You can still reach us at 320.762.2196. Our moving timeline is as follows:

July 24 & 25: New furniture arrives at the new building

July 26, 27 & July 29: Moving Days (Sign up at the welcome center.)

July 30: Ages 75+ New Church Building Tour

Monday, August 5: Church office hours begin at the new building

Sunday, August 11: *On Our Way Rejoicing* Worship

AGES 75+ NEW CHURCH BUILDING TOUR

Tuesday, July 30 | 2:00am-3:00pm | Gathering Space

If you are 75 years old or older, you are welcome to join us for this exciting opportunity to visit our new church building and to see all that it has to offer. Refreshments will be served.

CHRISTMAS STORE

We have appreciated your support of this wonderful event for the past 20 years! Because we are moving into our new church building and don't know how this would work in our new space, the Children's Christmas Store will NOT be taking place this year. We will evaluate and reimagine what it might look like in the future after we are in the new building.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Monday, August 12 | 6:30-7:30pm | 1A

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, August 11. Light snack will be provided. Childcare will be available.

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

packing your
BAGS

INVITING GOD INTO OUR TRANSITIONS



SATURDAY | 7.13.19
SUNDAY | 7.14.19

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

Be Thou My Vision #793

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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...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: *Oh God of new things,*
C: time and time again our lives begin anew. Change is all around us, yet you are constant through it all. Help us to remember as we plan and prepare for new things that we are yours. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Randy and Mary Morken

CHILDREN’S TIME

(8:30) Congregation sings *He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands* as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

First Reading: Psalm 8
Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Matthew 6:25-34
The Gospel of our Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Ben Jacobson

SERMON SONG

Borning Cry #732

BAPTISM (5:00)

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BAPTISM SONG (5:00)

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) 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 #618
Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

PRAYERS

BAPTISM: (5:00) Throck, Ansleigh, and Donald Lehmann, children of Katie and Isaac Triebold
HOSPITALIZED: Bradley Holmen, Lee Lindquist, Arlyn Davis
SYMPATHY: Mike and Sue Kjelland on the death of Mike's Mom

RADIO BROADCAST

This week’s radio broadcast is given by Pauline & Warren Olson, Judy & Clark Hoffman, Roger & Ruthie Schultz, Marie Daugherty, and George & Linda Schultz in honor of our parents, Pauline and Herman Schultz, who would have been 107 and 106, respectively, on July 8 and July 18.

LEGACY GARDENS WORSHIP SPONSOR

Today’s Legacy Garden Outdoor Worship is given by the Greg Trumm Family in honor of Jenny Trumm's 80th birthday.

PREACHING SERIES: PACKING YOUR BAGS
July 13 through July 28

Whether it’s a new job, the start of college, or the move to our new church home, life seems to be full of change. Join us over the next few weeks as we invite God into all of our transitions.

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.

ON OUR WAY REJOICING
Sunday, August 11 | 9:00-11:30am | Both Church Locations
All are welcome to join us for this historic worship service recognizing our move from our current location (822 Douglas Street) to our new site (1655 18th Ave E). There will be one worship service that morning that will begin at 9:00am at our current location. Midway through the service, the congregation will process out and form a police escorted procession that will proceed to our new building where we will celebrate communion and conclude the worship. Our annual congregational picnic will follow this exciting event at our new church!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11
Due to the *On Our Way Rejoicing* worship event on Sunday, August 11, 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!

MISSION QUILTERS POTLUCK SALAD LUNCHEON
Tuesday, July 16 | 8:00am-12:00pm | Fellowship Hall
You are welcome to join us for our last work day in this building!

CAMPERSHIP THANK YOU
Thank you to everyone who supported our Campership sponsorship