

WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Thursday, August 15 | 6:30-9:00pm | St. Mary's Church

Pastor Greg Billberg will be presenting on the ministerial panel at this community event. This seminar will discuss funeral planning from a ministerial, funeral home and health care perspective. The event is free and dinner will be provided. Please call St. Mary's at 320.763.5781 to register.

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. Thank you for supporting our ministry!

CHURCH MOVE VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to all those who have signed up to help with our church move! You'll be receiving a reminder postcard in the mail. Please contact Greg Tvrdik in the church office with any questions.

CHURCH LIBRARY MATERIALS

All library materials must be checked out or returned by July 23 at our current church location. You can begin checking out library materials at our new church building beginning Tuesday, August 6.

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.

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.

TECHNOLOGY TEAM

Are you interested in video recording our worship services? How about running the worship PowerPoint slides or manning the sound booth for worship? We have some amazing technology planned in our new sanctuary and we would love to have you involved. Please contact Sara or Greg T. in the church office to get on the team. If you don't know anything about this technology, no problem, we will teach you! Our sound and video installers will be scheduling training sessions in the near future!

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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SATURDAY | 7.20.19
SUNDAY | 7.21.19

WELCOME AND GREETINGS**GATHERING SONG**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee #759

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...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: *Faithful God,*

C: We are going on a journey. Help us as we pack. Guide us with what we should bring, as well as what we should leave behind. Remind us always that you are with us, every step of the way. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ben and Niklas Cook

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: Philippians 4:4-9

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Luke 9:1-6

The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Judy Holmen

SERMON SONG

Just a Closer Walk with Thee (Ref, V 1, 2, 3, Ref) #697

CONFESSION OF FAITH We confess our shared faith.

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 (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 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

My Life Flows on in Endless Song #763

PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZED: Dot Swanson, Bradley Holmen, Pauline Olson, Arlyn Davis, Karin Senstad

SYMPATHY: Family and Friends of Russell Schultz

RADIO BROADCAST

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

LEGACY GARDENS WORSHIP SPONSOR

Today's Legacy Garden Outdoor Worship is given by Elaine and family in memory of Bill Kuhnau.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are in celebration of Paul and Joan Thompson's 50th Wedding Anniversary, given by their children and grandchildren.

PREACHING SERIES: PACKING YOUR BAGS**July 13 through August 4**

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.

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!

WE'RE GETTING READY FOR YOU!

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. New building office hours begin on Monday, August 5 at 8:00am. All worship services will be at our current Douglas Street location through Sunday, August 11.

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!