

## 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.

## 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!

## 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 Tvrdik 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. We will be packing the old and setting up the new. You can still reach us by phone by calling 320-762-2196. Our updated moving timeline is as follows:

**July 24 & 25:** Our 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

**Sunday, August 4:** *On Our Way Rejoicing* Worship

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

## 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.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://firstlutheranalexandria.com).

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**SATURDAY | 7.6.19**  
**SUNDAY | 7.7.19**

## WELCOME AND GREETINGS

## GATHERING SONG

*Joy to the World* #267 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

## 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:** *Gracious God,*

**C:** When we grow weary or are tempted to lose heart, remind us of the joy that is ours in You. Renew our spirit Lord, and give us the confidence to trust You for each new day. Amen.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Roger and Barb Riley

(8:30) Jan Holverson

## CHILDREN'S TIME

(8:30) Congregation sings *I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy* 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 15:1-10

*The Gospel of our Lord.*

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## SERMON

Pastor Greg Billberg

## SERMON SONG

*Let All Things Now Living* #881

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 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

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* #888 (vs. 1 & 3)

## PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZED: Dorothy "Dot" Swanson, Jerome "Doc" Hanson

## RADIO BROADCAST

This week's radio broadcast is given by Jerry and Joyce Hansen in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary and in honor of their family.

## LEGACY GARDENS WORSHIP SPONSOR

Today's Legacy Garden Outdoor Worship is given by Kathryn and Loren Liesemeyer in honor of and thanks to all of the dedicated folks who put together this church service at the Legacy Gardens.

PREACHING SERIES: **PACKING OUR 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. Look for the Kid at Heart Spirit Challenge each week in your outdoor worship booklet insert.

## 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. 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. 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.

## 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!