

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!

THANK YOU

We want to express a huge thank you to those of you who have shared your investment distributions as gifts to First Lutheran. Your intentional giving helps to sustain our ministries!

MATT KJELLAND MEMORIAL WALK/RUN

Friday, September 20 | 7:00pm | Alexandria Tech

"Overcoming Adversity" with keynote speaker, Dick Beardsley. Everyone is invited to attend this event and it is free to the public.

Sat, Sept 21 | 8:00am-1:00pm | City Park

Spectators, visitors and friends are all welcome! Fun for all ages! Registration and donations: runsignup.com/race/mn/alexandria/mattkjellandmemorial5k

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 video installers will be scheduling training sessions in the near future!

FLC GOLF SCRAMBLE SAVE THE DATE

Sun, Sept 22 | 12:00-12:30 Registration | Minnewaska Golf Club

No experience necessary. A great opportunity to have fun golfing with your First Lutheran friends!

CASH & CARRY SALE SAVE THE DATE

August 26-28 | 9:00am-4:00pm | FLC (822 Douglas St)

First come, first served.

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 where faith and life meet 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.

LEARN MORE AT

[FIRSTLUTHERANALEXANDRIA.COM/EVENTS](https://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
Randy Morken, Director of Music and Liturgy



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SATURDAY | 8.3.19
SUNDAY | 8.4.19

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #631

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: *Oh God,*
C: we give thanks that when you call us to new things, you show us the way. When there are bumps, you give us patience to pause and the perseverance to move forward. Walk with us today and always. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Roger and Barb Riley
(8:30) Chloe Roed

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: Colossians 1:24-29
Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:36-42
The Gospel of our Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Ben Jacobson

SERMON SONG

When Peace Like a River #785

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #858

PRAYERS

WEDDING: Kaitlyn Edenloff and Randy Swanson on August 3, 2019

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Bradley Holmen, Lyle Nelson

SYMPATHY: Randy Johnson and family on the death of his wife, Deb Johnson

RADIO BROADCAST

This week's radio broadcast is given by Sheryl Hocum and family in memory of Bob Hocum.

LEGACY GARDENS WORSHIP SPONSOR

Today's Legacy Garden outdoor worship is given by John and Marie Stellner in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

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!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS STORE

We have appreciated your support of the Children's Christmas Store for the past 20 years. Because of our move to the new church building, the Children's Christmas Store will NOT be taking place this year as we re-evaluate and reimagine it in our new space.

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.