FALL KICK OFF WEEK

Sunday, September 8
Worship | 8:30 & 10:00am | Sanctuary
Brunch | 9:00-11:00am | Gathering Space
Children & Youth Open House | 9:00-11:00am | Multi Purpose Rms 2A & 2B
Monday, September 9
Adult Study | 10:00am | Room 1A
Wednesday, September 11
Meal | 4:45-6:00pm
Children & Youth Open House | 5:00-6:15pm
6:15-7:00pm | Worship
7:00-7:30 | Children/Youth Open House
Thursday, September 12
Men's Breakfast | 6:30-7:30am | Gathering Space

CHANCEL FURNISHINGS

Our new worship space is blessed with items made especially for us. We thank the following for their creativity and partnership:
Chancel altar, pulpit, lectern and baptismal font base: designed by Doug Fliss, built by Jill Arnquist of Bord.
Paraments: designed and created by Janice Hartwig
Stained Glass Window: designed by Doug Fliss, assembled by Michael Orchard Studio
Chancel Cross: designed and built by Swedberg Custom Cabinets

MUSICIANS WANTED

We're looking for more musicians for our 6:15pm Wednesday and 10:00am Sunday worship services. If you enjoy strumming a guitar, plucking a bass, or tapping a drum, we invite you to consider using your talent to help lead our congregation in worship. Please contact Randy Morken at randy.morken@firstlutheranalexandria.com for more information.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, September 15 | 9:30-10:00am | Sanctuary
This meeting is to approve hiring Tom Jollivet of Kairos and Associates to be our consultant on our next capital campaign, which will begin May of 2020. The 8:30am worship will conclude a bit early to accommodate this meeting.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Monday, September 23 | 6:30-7:30pm | Room 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, September 22. Light snack will be provided. Childcare will be available.

FAITH ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN

August 24-September 30
Nearly every day, First Lutheran members gather together to serve, and we want you in on the fun! We want to engage you in a way that fits your gifts and passions. You can get started by filling out the Faith Engagement form on our website, at the Welcome Center, or with the ushers at service. Completed forms can be returned to the Welcome Center or put in the offering plate.

BAPTISM CLASS

Thursday, September 12 | 6:30-7:00pm | Sanctuary
This class is for anyone interested in baptism at FLC. Please sign up at the Welcome Center by 9/8.

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 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 on the tables outside of the Sanctuary.

LEARN MORE AT

FIRSTLUTHERANALEXANDRIA.COM/EVENTS
or stop by the Welcome Center for our 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 available on the tables outside of the Sanctuary. 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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SABBATH:
CREATING SPACE TO LIVE

God's Permission to Stop • Sabbath for God
Sabbath for Relationships • Sabbath for a Fuller Life

SATURDAY | 8.31.19
SUNDAY | 9.1.19

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG
For the Beauty of the Earth #879

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: *God of love,*
C: You have given us people to love and who love us back. Help us to honor those relationships in our lives that are of you in ways that lead to life and peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC
(5:00) Gospel 4
(8:30) Gospel 4

CHILDREN'S TIME
(8:30) Congregation sings *Give Me Oil in My Lamp* as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.
Reading: Luke 10:38-42
Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Kari van Wakeren

SERMON SONG
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love #708

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
Go, My Children, with My Blessing #543

PRAYERS
HOSPITALIZATIONS: Wanda Karrow, Arlyn Davis
HEALTH CONCERNS: Marcy Dilly, Lyle Nelson, Alicia Lein
SYMPATHY: Elrene Rosell on the death of her son Jeff; Glenice Vipond on the death of her husband Bob; Vi Bjelland on the death of her son Michael

RADIO BROADCAST
This week's radio broadcast is given by Bernita Darveaux in thanks for the radio broadcast.

LEGACY GARDENS WORSHIP SPONSOR
Today's Legacy Garden outdoor worship is given by Tim and Lori Anderson in memory of all of their friends and family that have fallen.

LWR SCHOOL SUPPLIES
Lutheran World Relief sends backpacks of school supplies around the world. Especially needed to fill them are 70-sheet spiral notebooks, 12" rulers, blunt scissors, 2 1/2" erasers, boxes of 16 or 24 crayons and pencil sharpeners. Please return items to the Welcome Center by 9/1.

NEW CHURCH DEDICATION & OPEN HOUSE *Date Change!!
Sunday, September 29 | First Lutheran Church
2:00-2:30pm Dedication | 2:30-4:00pm Open House
We will dedicate our new building and have a brief program followed by an open house for the congregation and community.

FLC GOLF SCRAMBLE
Sunday, September 22 | Minnewaska Golf Club
No experience necessary. Proceeds go toward the outdoor project at the church. New this year is a Hole in One Contest, which includes a free trip through Bursch Travel! DONATION: $100/person. DINNER ONLY: $15. No charge for children 10 and under. Sign up at the Welcome Center by 9/18.
12:00-12:30pm | Registration 1:00pm | Shotgun Start
4:30pm | Silent Auction, Putt Against a Pastor, Open Driving Range
5:00pm | Happy Hour 5:30pm | Dinner

FLC HABITAT BUILD DAY
Wednesday, September 4 | 8:00am-4:00pm | 2715 Latoka Beach Road
FLC members and staff will be gathering at a home to install cabinets, trim and hardware for Annual FLC Habitat for Humanity Build Day. Come for the morning, the afternoon or the entire day. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

STOCK THE SHELF AT DMS
Aug 17 - September 15 | WELCOME CENTER
Non-perishable food items (list provided at Welcome Center) can be brought to First Lutheran Church. If a monetary donation is preferred, please make your check out to FLC and include DMS Shelf in the memo line. Look for the yellow bags!

FALL FAMILY MUSIC CLASSES Two Options Available
Wednesdays 10/2-11/27 | 8:30-9:00am | Room 2A
Fridays 9/20-11/22 | 8:30-9:00am | Room 2A
Register online at www.firstlutheranalexandria.com/family or in the church office by September 11. COST: $40 plus $10 for each sibling.