

STEWARDSHIP AND PASSING ON THE GIFTS OF OUR LIVES: A HERITAGE WRITING WORKSHOP

Thursdays, October 10-24 | 1:00-3:00pm | Room 1A

Mara Faulkner, OSB, a retired English professor from St. Ben's, will again be leading this class. All writers and abilities are welcome. We will try out several different ways of putting our experiences into words that will reach across the generations (memoir, letters, poetry, hybrid forms, etc.). Sign up by October 1 at the Welcome Center.

WELCA OCTOBER LUNCHEON

Thursday, October 3 | 12:00pm | Room 1A

Women of all ages are encouraged to attend the monthly WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) gatherings. Join us as we hear from David and Marilyn Bengston's presentation called *A Show of Hands*. Cost is \$5.00.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

You are invited to join the Prayer Shawl Ministry! We meet on the first Thursday of the month, October through May, at 2:00pm in Room 1A.

SNOWBIRD SEND OFF

Sunday, October 6 | 9:30-11:00am | Gathering Space

Join us for this opportunity to gather prior to your winter travels! There will be a blessing during both worship services, and treats will be served in the gathering space. Please remember to update your winter address either in the church office or at this event.

21ST ANNUAL OBA WALK

Sat, October 5 | 10:45am Registration | Shalom Lutheran Church

The walk is approximately 3 miles and a picnic lunch will be served afterward. 1,330 students attend Olchoki Primary School in Tanzania. There is no food or water on the campus and these children are not guaranteed a meal at home. We are walking to raise \$16,000 for a school lunch program. \$31.20 will feed a child a nutritious "stew" of corn, rice and beans for a year. We can help feed these kids!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Due to the excitement of transitioning into our new church, the annual Trunk-or-Treat event will not be held this year.

MAIN ENTRANCE DOORS

The doors on the south side of our building are to be used as the main entrance doors. The west end preschool doors will be locked.

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. Nursery is open and staffed Sundays during worship for children ages 0-5.

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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SATURDAY | 9.21.19 | 5:00PM
SUNDAY | 9.22.19 | 8:30AM

WELCOME AND GREETINGS**GATHERING SONG**

All Are Welcome #641 (vs.1,2,4,5)

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: In baptism, you name us “Child of God”, and promise that you wrestle with the world on our behalf. Stir up your Spirit in our hearts and minds so that we remember these promises every day. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Roger and Barb Riley

(8:30) Chancel Choir *Jacob’s Ladder...arr. Carter*

CHILDREN’S TIME

(8:30) Congregation sings *Jesus Loves Me* as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-30

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 14:32-36

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Kari van Wakeren

SERMON SONG

You Are Mine #581

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.**

(8:30) Kaye Crawford and her brother, Carlos Gutierrez Manzanilla

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

Let All Things Now Living #881

PRAYERS

HEALTH CONCERNS: Bertha Spitzer, Dan Zismer, Tracie Crouse, Karin Senstad, Marge Thompson

SYMATHY: Ruth Amundson on the death of her brother, Bill Thomas; Clarice and Mike Jenzen on the death of Clarice’s mom; Family and friends of Tom Zauche

RADIO BROADCAST

This week’s radio broadcast is given by Ken and Tolly Tessmer in honor of their 70th wedding anniversary.

NEW CHURCH DEDICATION & OPEN HOUSE

**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.

ADULT STUDY: GOD’S STORY. OUR STORY.

Mondays, September 9-30 | 10:00-11:00am | Room 1A

Join us this fall as we dive deeper into God’s word through studying scripture and the promises for our lives.

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 simply interested in learning more about our ministry and congregation. Sign up at the Welcome Center by Sunday, September 22. A light snack will be provided. Childcare will be available.

FAITH ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN

August 24-September 30

We want to engage you in a way that fits your gifts and passions. Thank you to all who have already filled out a Faith Engagement form. If you have not already done so there is one in your bulletin, or on our website, and at the welcome center. Completed forms can be returned to the welcome center or put in the offering plate.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE MERRY MAKERS

Sign up at the welcome center by September 29 to make crafts and/or baked items for the Christmas Boutique to be held at First Lutheran on 11/8-9.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Please consider a donation to help with the devastating impact of Hurricane Dorian. You may make a payment to Lutheran Disaster Response and place it in the offering plate, in the church office, or at elca.org.