

FLC ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Members should have received your Annual Giving mailing this past week. You can return your "Plan for Giving" form today in worship during the processional offering, at the church office, or online at www.firstlutheranalexandria.com. Your faithful support is appreciated.

SIMPLY GIVING

Simply Giving is a safe, automated giving plan to help you conveniently and consistently contribute financially to First Lutheran. To sign up, call the church office at 762-2196 and ask for Maria Waggoner or Greg Tvrdik.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Thank you for all the school kit items for Lutheran World Relief! Needed now are items for the LWR baby kits and health kits. (Receiving blankets, cloth diapers, Ivory and regular bath size soap, bath towels, wide tooth combs and metal nail clippers are especially needed.) Return items to the basket by the Welcome Center by October 27.

BLANKET WEEKEND

Sunday, October 27

Please bring in twin sized blankets by Sunday, October 27 to go with the quilt kits that will be sent out. Blankets can be placed at the altar prior to worship services.

THANK YOU FROM THE SHELF AT DMS

Thank you to the First Lutheran Church congregation for your generous financial and grocery donations. Currently 45 individuals are benefitting from The Shelf each week which impacts 30 children and 15 adults. Your ongoing commitment to the Discovery Middle School students and their families is greatly appreciated.

CONCORDIA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 8 | 11:45 Departure From FLC

Please join us for this bus trip to the Concordia Christmas Concert in Moorhead. Cost is \$53 and includes concert, meal, dinner and transportation. Concert begins at 2:00pm. Sign up at the Welcome Center by Monday, November 4. Please pay at the time of sign up.

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 children's worship bags are available for use on the tables outside of the Sanctuary. The nursery is available and staffed on Sundays and Wednesdays during worship for children ages 0-5. Hearing assist devices are available at the Welcome Center.

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 | 10.12.19 | 5:00PM
SUNDAY | 10.13.19 | 8:30AM

WELCOME AND GREETING**GATHERING SONG**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #807

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: *In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*
C: Amen.

We take a moment to be still, confess our sins, and receive God's forgiveness. Silence is kept for reflection.

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 all,*

C: You are faithful and your love endures forever. Teach us to show great compassion and to turn to you when we are in need. In Jesus' name, amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Nicole Barnett

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CHILDREN'S TIME

(8:30) Congregation sings *I've Got the Joy* as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading: Ruth 1:1-17

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 3:33-35

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Kari van Wakeren

SERMON SONG

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant #659

BAPTISM (5:00)

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BAPTISM SONG (5:00)**CONFESSION OF FAITH WE CONFESS OUR SHARED FAITH.**

Apostles' Creed

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 (5:00)**LORD'S PRAYER****DISTRIBUTION** (5:00)

All are welcome. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request.

COMMUNION SONG (5:00)**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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

#697

PRAYERS

BAPTISM: (5:00) Caden Thomas Brickweg, parents are Kari and Corey Brickweg

WEDDING: Congratulations to Elizabeth Billberg & Kevin Boike

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Roger Riley

SYMPATHY: Family & Friends of Orrin Johnson

RADIO BROADCAST

This week's radio broadcast is given by John and Dot Swanson, in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE & BAKE SALE

November 8-9 | 9:00am-5:00pm | First Lutheran Church

Join us for crafts, outdoor fresh arrangements, bake sale, queen quilt raffle (\$5/ticket), coffee bar with caramel rolls, lefse demonstrations and sale, musical entertainment and historical 6 foot nutcracker from Germany on display!

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE LUNCHEON

Saturday, November 9 | 11:30pm | Gathering Space

Join us for turkey ala king, apple/pecan salad, cranberry orange shortbread cookies (gluten free options available). Free will offering and door prizes!

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE MERRY MAKERS

Sign up at the Welcome Center by October 18 to make crafts and/or baked items for the Christmas Boutique to be held at First Lutheran on November 8-9.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Wednesday, October 30 | 12-1:00pm

Come learn more about what Pr. Kari did while on sabbatical. Feel free to bring your lunch and eat while she shares.

LEFSE MAKING CLASS

November 1 6:00pm | November 2 10:00am | November 4 8:00am

Marilee Bergerson, Jan Gilbertson and Lois Nelson will be giving free instructional classes. We will come together for a lefse making day (11/5 & 11/6) for the Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale happening 11/8-9.

Please bring a pound of butter or a bag of King Arthur All-Purpose flour. If you have lefse equipment that you no longer use and would like to donate to First Lutheran, please drop it off in the kitchen.

TRUNK OR TREAT

As we transition into our new church home, we have decided to not hold Trunk-or-Treat this year.