

**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.

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

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

**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.

**FLC ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN**

You will be receiving your Annual Giving Mailing this week with your "Plan for Giving" form and quarterly statement. All members are asked to prayerfully make your plan for your financial support for 2020. Please return your form next weekend in worship during the processional offering. You can also drop your form in the mail or fill it out online at [www.firstlutheranalexandria.com](http://www.firstlutheranalexandria.com) by October 20.

**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.

**FRIENDLY VISITOR SUPPORT GATHERING**

**Thursday, October 10 | 1:00-2:00pm | FLC Room 1B**

Friendly Visitors reach out and provide Christian love and fellowship to First Lutheran members who are more homebound, perhaps lonely, and find it difficult to attend services. Friendly Visitors commit to offering a visit once per month, some of these visits can be done by phone. If you want more information or have questions, contact Val at 762-2196 or [val.trumm@firstlutheranalexandria.com](mailto:val.trumm@firstlutheranalexandria.com).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

**Thurs, October 10 | 6:30-7:30am | Gathering Space**

Join us on the second Thursday of each month (September through May) for a great breakfast and speaker! All men are welcome.

**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 are at the welcome center 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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 | 10.5.19 | 5:00PM**  
**SUNDAY | 10.6.19 | 8:30AM**



WELCOME AND GREETING

TEMPLE TALK

GATHERING SONG

Morning Has Broken #556

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:** *Loving Lord,*  
**C:** You gave commandments to your people as a gift. Teach us to be obedient to your word and to care for each other as we do your will. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Jan Halverson  
(8:30) Alleluia Ringers *Let Us Walk Close To Thee*

CHILDREN’S TIME

(8:30) Congregation sings *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9  
*Word of God. Word of Life.*  
**C:** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28-31  
*The Gospel of the Lord.*  
**C:** Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Ben Jacobson

SERMON SONG

Children of the Heavenly Father #781

BAPTISM (5:00)

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BAPTISM SONG (5:00)

**CONFESSION OF FAITH WE CONFESS OUR SHARED FAITH.** (8:30)  
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

BAPTISM: (5:00) Ellianna Meininger, parents are Laura and Mark Meininger  
WEDDING: Congratulations to Madison Groetum & Josh Platt  
HOSPITALIZATIONS: Roger Riley, Barb Golden  
SYMPATHY: Family & Friends of Marjorie (Marge) Thompson

RADIO BROADCAST

This week’s radio broadcast is in honor of Dave and Karen Blom’s 50th wedding anniversary and Karen’s 70th birthday, given by their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

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.

SNOWBIRD SEND OFF

**Sunday, October 6 | 9:30-11:00am | Gathering Space**  
It’s that time of year when our snowbirds begin to head south and west. We will include a special blessing for them in worship on October 6, and hope you can stay for coffee hour. Please remember to update your winter address with the church office.

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.