

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

At a special congregational meeting held September 15, 2019 the congregation unanimously approved hiring Tom Jolivette from Kairos and Associates as consultant of our next capital campaign which will begin in May of 2020. This campaign will be a three year campaign focused to pay off the debt incurred in building phase one of our building project. Paying this debt will free us up as a congregation to expand and enhance the many ministries of First Lutheran.

WELCA OCTOBER LUNCHEON

Thursday, October 3 | 12:00pm | Rm 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: Poems, Songs, and Readings*.

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.

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.

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!

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, and then we will come together for a lefse making day (11/5 & 11/6) to make lefse 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 efse 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.

LUTHERAN ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Over the next couple of weeks members are invited to make a plan for their annual support of our mission and ministry. Commitment week is October 11-20th.

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 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.

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 | 9.28.19 | 5:00PM
SUNDAY | 9.29.19 | 8:30AM

WELCOME AND GREETING

GATHERING SONG

Lift High the Cross #660

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: *Good and gracious God,*
C: As you called Moses to be your hands, feet and voice in a troubled world, use us as well, to work, walk and speak on your behalf. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Paula Odland
(8:30) Kids Choir

CHILDREN’S TIME

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

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading: Exodus 1:8-14, 3:1-8a, 10-12
Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:43b-45
The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Greg Billberg

SERMON SONG

Take My Life, That I May Be #583

BAPTISM (5:00)
Pages 228-231

BAPTISM SONG (5:00)
Raindrops, oceans, lakes and rivers; welcome, child of God.
Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters; welcome, child of God.
When the world feels wide around you, when the dark of night surrounds you, we are here to tend and guide you.
Welcome, child of God.

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 (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
We All Are One in Mission #576

PRAYERS
BAPTISM: (5:00) Emerson Paul Huffington, son of Michael and Jenna Huffington
HEALTH CONCERNS: Jan Struck, Chuck Tillmann
HOSPITALIZATIONS: Randy Morken, Lori B. Johnson, Annie Harding
SYMPATHY: Jeannine & Lee Lindquist on the death of Jeannine's mom; Family and friends of Marge Thompson

RADIO BROADCAST
This week’s radio broadcast is in memory of Gene Westphal, given by friends and family.

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.

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, you can find it 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.

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.