



PRESENTS

# Songs of Faith

**WEEK ONE (JULY 8-9):  
"THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD"**

**WEEK TWO (JULY 15-16):  
"COME THOU FOUNT OF  
EVERY BLESSING"**

**WEEK THREE (JULY 22-23):  
"IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL"**

MUSIC HAS ALWAYS BEEN AT THE HEART OF  
WHO WE ARE AS A CHURCH. WRITE DOWN  
YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS AND TURN THEM INTO  
THE CHURCH OFFICE!

## Welcome

**Visitors:** Welcome to First Lutheran, we are glad you are here! We would appreciate you taking the time to fill out the blue welcome card located in each pew, and placing it in the offering plate, or turning it in at the Welcome Center. We also invite you to stop by the Welcome Center and pick up a *Welcome Gift Bag*. Thank you for worshiping with us and we look forward to seeing you again!

**My Offering Pew Envelopes:** *My Offering* pew envelopes are located in each pew. Place your cash or check in the envelope, then place it in the offering plate during worship. If you would like your offering recorded on your member record, please include your name on the pew envelope.

**Nursery:** Our nursery is open during the 8:30am and 9:45am worship. The nursery is located on the preschool level of the building. Please note, it is not staffed during the summer.

**Large Print bulletin and Hearing Assists** are available for worship. An usher can help you locate these.

**Check out the Children and Youth area in the back of the church.**

**Busy Bags and Children's Bulletins** are available for children to use during worship and are located at the back of the sanctuary. An usher can assist you in finding these if necessary.

**FLY Sermon Notes and KICK Worship Notes** are available on the shelves for easy access.

**Lost and Found:** Misplaced something? Please check the box and coat rack near the elevator.

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**Radio:** Every Sunday the 9:45 AM worship service of First Lutheran is broadcast on station KXRA 1490 AM (100.3 FM within 15 mile radius of Alex). OR go to www.KXRA.com for live streaming of the 9:45 AM worship service, in the upper RIGHT hand corner located just above the menu bar click on "Listen Live". For weather-related announcements—"LIKE" us on our Facebook page or sign up for text alerts at www.facebook.com/firstlutheranalexandria

**E-news:** If you have not yet signed up for our e-news but are interested in receiving it, please email kari.vanwakeren@firstlutheranalexandria.com so that you can be added to our e-news e-mail group. This e-news is different from the Focus in that it offers just a snapshot of the upcoming week's activities.

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## Summer Worship Schedule

**Saturday:** 5:00 p.m.      **Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. & 9:45 a.m.

**Lake Carlos State Park Worship:** Sunday, 10:30am      **City Park Worship:** Sunday, 11:00am

\*\*In the case of inclement weather, please listen to KXRA 1490 AM for any announcements.

**All weekend bulletin announcements** are due to Ruth Nelson, Administrative Assistant, by 12:00pm on Friday, one week prior to the bulletin, (8 days before the bulletin date). Please send to admin@firstlutheranalexandria.com

**If you have any sign-up sheets, information, or posters/flyers** you would like added to the Welcome Center Happenings, please email Steve Heseltine, Shared Ministry Coordinator, at steve.heseltine@firstlutheranalexandria.com or visit him in the Church Office.



July 22-23, 2017

5:00pm, 8:30 & 9:45am Worship

**Mission Statement:** *First Lutheran is a vibrant Christian community committed to connecting faith and life for people of all ages through worship, learning, and serving in Jesus' name.*

Congregation (☑) responses are shown in **BOLD** print...

When response is needed for specific services it will be indicated as 5=5:00, 8= 8:30, 9=9:45.

We ask that you please silence your cell phone during the worship service. Thank you.

## Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PRELUDE**

Randy Morken

**BELL**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Alexienne's

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING SONG ELW #838**

**"Beautiful Savior"**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

☐ In the spirit of our worship today we sing our confession.

ELW #801 **"Change My Heart, O God"**

Refrain: **Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

**You are the potter; I am the clay.**

**Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. (Refrain)**

☐ Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, and too deep to undo on our own. It is only by your grace and mercy that we can be forgiven and changed. Thank you for knowing, and understanding us. Forgive us, that we might be freed and changed, in Jesus' name.

☑ **Repeat "Change My Heart, O God"**

☐ The Lord is compassionate and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness. As far as the East is from the West, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. In Jesus' name,

☑ **Amen.**

**Sung Response: I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

## GREETING

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** God of Grace,
- C** you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with yourself that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## HYMN ELW #742

*"What a Friend We Have In Jesus"*

*As children come forward, we sing "Jesus Loves Me"...*

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Ben

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

(5) Roger and Barb Riley

*Word*

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*





## PSALM: Psalm 103:19-22

- L** <sup>19</sup>The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.
- <sup>20</sup>Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word. <sup>21</sup>Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will. <sup>22</sup>Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul.
- L** Word of God. Word of Life.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL READING

- L** The Holy Gospel according to John the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter, verses 25-27.
- L** <sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

-  The Gospel of the Lord.
-  Thanks be to God.




Pastor Ben Jacobson

**SERMON SONG ELW #785**

***“When Peace Like a River”***

*No flash photography during the service please. An opportunity for photos will be available after the service...*  
**(5) BAPTISM with Profession of Faith on page 229...** **pages 227- 231**

### **(8/9) APOSTLES' CREED**

-  I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.
- I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.



*Meal*

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING**

*An option we now provide is to give by text: 320.500.6014*



## OFFERTORY SONG

*“As the Grains of Wheat”*

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
So may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

- ☒ God of grace, it is our delight to give these gifts to you. All that we are and all that we have are yours alone. Accept this offering as a token of our love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## (5) WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

- ☒ Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

*The table is prepared. All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. As a follower of Jesus Christ, this meal is for you. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are available at your request...*

## (5) COMMUNION

### (5) COMMUNION BLESSING

- ☒ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
☒ Amen.

# Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*



**BLESSING** *The congregation sings the following blessing to the tune of Edelweiss.*

**May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.  
Grant you peace, perfect peace, faith in every endeavor.  
Lift up your eyes and seek his face, and his grace forever.  
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- P** And all God's Children said,
- C** Amen!

**SENDING SONG** ELW #660 vss. 1-2, 4

***"Lift High the Cross"***

## POSTLUDE

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# LIVING OUT LOVE RIGHT HERE



Connecting church and home through praying, blessing, sharing, talking, and reading



Connecting people of all ages to do service projects for the community



Connecting with God through prayer both personally and collectively

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## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS: July 22-23, 2017

### **MINISTRY OF PRAYER AND CELEBRATION...**

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** Hospital policy prevents the pastors and parish nurse from knowing you are a patient unless at the time of admittance you indicate you are a member of First Lutheran and want to be visited. OR call the church office (320.762.2196) to notify us you are/or will be a patient, or have had a child. Your cooperation in this way helps us greatly. Thank you, Greg, Kari, Ben and Val.

**Prayers for those with health concerns:** Palmer Bergner, Dave Bennett, Arlene Carlson, Eleanor Hagstrom, Bob Hocum, Don Kanten, Jim Klug, Steve Knutson, Chuck Knutson, Irene Larson, Kathy Lind, Ted Lohrman, Keith Lundsetter, Evelyn Myrin, Glenda Nelson, Mary and Stan Norlien, Harold Olson, Tom Riley, Kathleen Rittenour, Russ Schultz, Rick Swenson, Judy Williams, Lori Zeman

**Prayers for the FLC sponsored missionary:** Rev. Chandran Paul Martin

**Prayers for those who mourn:** We express sympathy and God's love to:

- ❖ Ken Barros and family on the death of his mom, Joy McWhorter.

**Prayers for those recently baptized:** Oliver Jerry Miller, son of Travis and Heather Miller, is brought to the Lord in Holy Baptism at the 5:00pm service. His sponsors are Melissa Patrick, Scott Ronnei, Jed Burkey, Brett Miller, and Ron Miller.

**We celebrate with:**

- ❖ Jeff and Rachel Pappenfus on the birth of their daughter, Rylee.
- ❖ Carly and CJ Erickson on the birth of their son, Jack.



**Church Events:**

- **Outdoor Worship:** Please note that there will be NO outdoor worship Sunday, July 30 at Carlos State Park or City Park due to both parks being previously booked. City Park worship will be held in the Sanctuary at 11:00am.
- **Thank You From Pastor Megan Preston:** Thank you so much for hosting my ordination on Saturday, July 8. It was wonderful to be launched into my new role as pastor from the place and the people who taught me the faith and have supported me throughout my formation as a leader in the church. Thank you for a beautiful service, cake and fellowship, and all who were able to attend in person and in spirit. I pray God's continued energy for your love and service to the gospel.
- **Houseboat Sendoff:** Join us at City Park worship on Sunday, July 23 at 11:00am for an official sendoff of our youth as they begin their Houseboat trip.
- **Men's Evening Cookout:** All men of the congregation are invited to come eat and enjoy time together at Pastor Ben's home (2300 Reeds Villa Rd. SW) on Thursday, July 27 from 6:00-8:00pm. Food and beverages will be provided. Please bring a lawn chair.
- **There's Still Time:** We have 6 tickets still available for the Twins Game on Tuesday, August 8. We would love to have you join us! Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office at 320.762.2196. We look forward to a great game against the Brewers.
- **Habitat for Humanity Build Day:** Join us as we put the finishing touches on FLC member Kelsey Foshaug's home. The build day will be on Wednesday, August 9 at 8:30am located at 3646 Pawnee Dr., Alexandria.

**Area Events**

- **Alexandria VFW Auxiliary Salad Luncheon:** Join others in St. Mary's Great Hall (410 Irving) on Thursday, July 27 from 11:00-1:00pm for a salad luncheon. The price is \$7.00.
- **Esther Lutheran Church Annual Ice Cream Social:** Join others on Sunday, July 30 from 2:00-7:00pm in rural Parkers Prairie for homemade ice cream, pie, sandwiches, and a hymn sing. Esther Lutheran is located at 11019 625<sup>th</sup> Ave., Parkers Prairie.
- **Memorial Butterfly Release:** Hospice of Douglas County invites you to attend this annual event on Wednesday, August 2 from 5:30-6:30pm at Alexandria City Park. You may purchase a butterfly in honor of, or in memory of someone, the evening of the release for \$10 each. Ice cream provided by Cub Foods, Music by Terry Kennedy and Al Liefert. Bring a lawn chair. For more information, please contact Lynn at 320.762.3045.
- **Caregiver Support Workshop:** Save the date! This workshop is on Thursday, September 21 from 9:00am to 3:30pm at Ecumen Bethany Chapel. The day will include educational sessions to help and support caregivers and lunch. In addition, care for loved ones will be provided by Adult Day Services free of charge for the day.

# COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL



## REGISTRATION IN PROGRESS FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

LEARN MORE @

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# BEER & HYMNS

Tuesday, August 15

5:00-8:00pm

Copper Trail Brewing

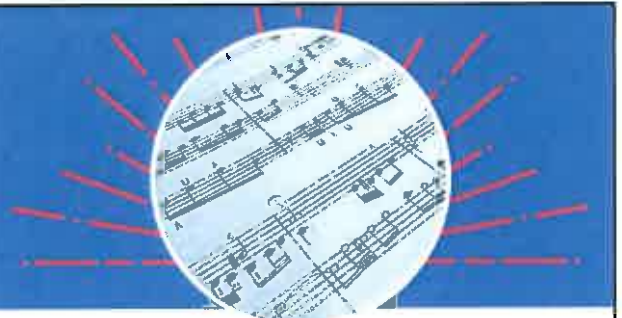
Feel free to come for all or part of the evening!

WWW.LWA.DENVERLUTHERANWORLDRELIEF.ORG  
WWW.CBM.ORG (GENERAL HEALTH MINISTRIES)

## The Giving Tree

TAKE A "LEAF" FROM THE TREE. BUY ONE OR MULTIPLE OF THAT ITEM AND RETURN THEM TO THE BOX IN THE WEST NARTHEX

*Our goal is to fill 50 school bags for Lutheran World Relief.*



## KIDS' CHOIR

Begins Wednesday, September 6  
4:45-5:30pm in the Choir Room

All 3rd-5th graders welcome!  
Rehearsals follow KICK and performances average once a month.  
Questions? Contact Paula Odland at 320.760.5917 or paula.odland@firstlutheranalexandria.com

**Thank You to Those Who Served With Us Today!**

Mike & Barb Golden, Rita Ellenberger, Connie Fields, Ray & Kim Kallstrom, Dan & Linda Zismer, Pat Kalina, Dick & Sandi Telander, Ed Odland, Sandi Benson, Mike Thorstad, Corky Krogstad, Richard & Ann Gail, Denny & Corliss Stark, Gordon & Cheryl Doose, Larry & Beth Pappenfus, Steve Heseltine

**Interested in serving with us next week? The following volunteer positions are available:**

Saturday 5:00pm – Greeter (1), Coffee Host, Communion Assistant (1), Welcome Center Host, Usher (3)

Sunday 8:30am – Welcome Center Host, Coffee Host

Sunday 9:45am – Greeter (2), Scripture Reader, Welcome Center Host, Usher (4), Coffee Host

Sunday 11:00am City Park – Usher (1), Coffee Host

Sign up for an available spot in our new Service Opportunities Binder at the Welcome Center; call Steve Heseltine, Shared Ministry Coordinator, at 320-762-2196; or online through the Sign Up Genius.

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**Attendance Numbers for Worship July 15-16:**

(5) 58 (8) 103 (9) 167 (10-Carlos) 40 (11) 77 – Total Last Week = 445

**Financial Snap Shot**



**Did You Know?**

If you shop on Amazon.com, Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to First Lutheran Church? If you use Amazon frequently for your shopping, that can add up quickly! Simply go to FLC's charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-6008707> and log into Amazon like you usually do. Everything is the same, with the benefit of donating to FLC!

**Budgeted Weekly Need: \$22,995**

**Income last week: \$1,828**

**Expense last week: \$10,141**

# WEEK AHEAD : July 23 - July 30, 2017 CALENDAR

Day/Date	Time	Activity	Room/Location
<b>Sunday, July 23</b>	8:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	9:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Outdoor Worship	@Lake Carlos State Park
	11:00 am	Outdoor Worship w/Communion and House Boat Send off	City Park
<b>Monday, July 24</b>		Luther Crest Week	
		House Boat Trip 2017 (9th-12th)	Orr, MN
	8:30 am	Offering Team (LDM)	Meeting Place
	8:35 am	Departure time to Luther Crest Day Camp (K-5th)	Church Parking Lot
	6:30 pm	Worship Arts Meeting	Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, July 25</b>		Luther Crest Week	
		House Boat Trip 2017 (9th-12th)	Orr, MN
	8:00 am	Mission Quilters	Fellowship Hall
	8:30 am	FOCUS Folders	Meeting Place
	8:35 am	Departure time to Luther Crest Day Camp (K-5th)	Church Parking Lot
	9:00 am	Library Committee	Library
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Meeting Place
	12:00 pm	Doo-Wop Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	2:30 pm	Gospel 4+	Sanctuary
	2:30 pm	Communion	@Grand Arbor
<b>Wednesday, July 26</b>		Luther Crest Week	
		House Boat Trip 2017 (9th-12th)	Orr, MN
	8:35 am	Departure time to Luther Crest Day Camp (K-5th)	Church Parking Lot
	9:30 am	Parents Share	Fellowship Hall
	10:00 am	Staff Coffee	Meeting Place
	10:00 am	Communion	@Edgewood Vista
<b>Thursday, July 27</b>		Luther Crest Week	
		House Boat Trip 2017 (9th-12th)	Orr, MN
	7:00 am	Women's Bible Study	Meeting Place
	8:35 am	Departure time to Luther Crest Day Camp (K-5th)	Church Parking Lot
	8:45 am	Staff Prayer	The Commons
	10:00 am	Communion	@Nelson Gables
	11:00 am	Communion	@Windmill Ponds
	1:30 pm	Care Team Meeting	Meeting Place
	6:00 pm	Men's Evening Cookout	Pastor Ben's Home
<b>Friday, July 28</b>		House Boat Trip 2017 (9th-12th)	Orr, MN
	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	@The Depot
	12:00 pm	Bulletin Announcements Due	Office
<b>Saturday, July 29</b>	5:00 pm	Worship & Healing Service	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, July 30</b>	8:30 am	Worship & Healing Service	Sanctuary
	9:45 am	Worship & Healing Service	Sanctuary
	10:30 am	NO Outdoor Worship at Lake Carlos State Park	----
	11:00 am	Worship & Healing Service	Sanctuary
		NO Outdoor Worship at City Park	----