

**LEFSE MAKING CLASS**

**Nov. 1 6:00pm | Nov. 2 10:00am | Nov. 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.

**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.

**CONCORDIA CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Sunday, December 8 | 11:45am 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, October 28. Please pay at the time of sign up.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

**Thurs, November 14 | 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.

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**

**Monday, November 18 | 6:30-7:30pm | Room 1A**

Please join us if you are interested in membership at First Lutheran or just interested in learning more about our ministry and congregation. Sign up at the Welcome Center by Sunday, November 17. A light snack will be provided. Childcare will be available.

**BAPTISM CLASS**

**Thursday, November 14 | 6:30-7:00pm | Sanctuary**

This class is for anyone interested in baptism at First Lutheran. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

**COMMUNION CLASS**

**Wednesday, November 13 | 5:30-6:10pm | Large Conference Room**

Families interested in having children commune before the 5th Grade Communion Milestone or families with children older than 5th grade who have not completed the Communion Milestone are invited to this Communion education class. This class is not a replacement for the 5th Grade Communion Milestone. Email Randi Rach by 11/11 to sign up at [randi.rach@firstlutheranalexandria.com](mailto:randi.rach@firstlutheranalexandria.com).

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS**

**Sunday, November 3**

Don't forget to turn your clocks back!

**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. Monthly Financials and Vision Team Meeting Minutes 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](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 | 10.26.19 | 5:00PM**  
**SUNDAY | 10.27.19 | 8:30AM**



**CALL TO WORSHIP** (8:30) Kid’s Choir *Sing and Shout*

**WELCOME AND GREETING**

**GATHERING SONG**  
*All Are Welcome* (vs. 1-4) #641

**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:** *Holy God,*  
**C:** Our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**  
(5:00) Duet: Leigh Mattox & Paula Odland  
(8:30) Chancel Choir *We are Called.....arr. Mayo*

**CHILDREN’S TIME**  
(8:30) Congregation sings *Give Me Oil in My Lamp* as children come forward.

**SCRIPTURE READING** See insert.  
First Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
*Word of God. Word of Life.*  
**C:** Thanks be to God.  
  
Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14  
*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** Pastor Ben Jacobson

**SERMON SONG**  
*A Mighty Fortress is Our God* #503

**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**

**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**  
*On Our Way Rejoicing* #537

**PRAYERS**  
HOSPITALIZATIONS: Robert Thompson  
SYMPATHY: Sheri Platto on the death of her Mom, Elsie Platto; Nicole Doering & Family on the death of her Grandpa Wilfred

**RADIO BROADCAST**  
This week’s radio broadcast is in memory of Jerald Heckert, given by Donna Heckert and family.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**  
The flowers on the altar are in honor of Don Leland’s 95th Birthday, given by Bruce and Jan Leland and family.

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE**  
**Sunday, October 27 | 1:00pm**  
The following 10th graders have been instructed in the Christian faith & have chosen to publicly confirm their faith. The Confirmation service will be held on Sunday, October 27 at a special 1:00pm service. Tristan Bautz, Brennan Brecht, Jenna Domine, Avery Gesell, Holden Hansen, Grace Hedstrom, Cade Huebner, Brady Mages, Maxton Meyer, Kaden Miller, Pieter Mulder, Riley Nyberg, Jordan O’Kane, Shelby Olson, Shelby Peters, Logan Peterson, Sydnee Peterson, Taeren Peterson, Teagan Pfeffer, Ella Risnes, Kaileigh Schneider, Rhett Shercliffe, Gabriella Staples, Mason Stennes, Bryce Sward, Greta Urke .

**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 | 11:30am | 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!

**WELCA LUNCHEON**  
**Thursday, November 7 | 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 for a presentation given by Feed My Sheep Ministry. A Thank Offering will be received.

**LUNCH AND LEARN**  
**Wednesday, October 30 | 12-1:00pm | Room 1A**  
Come learn more about what Pr. Kari did while on sabbatical. Feel free to bring your lunch and eat while she shares.