

**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).

**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP**

**Wednesday, November 27 | 6:30-7:30pm | St. Mary's Church**

You are invited as we join St. Mary's and all of the Alexandria ELCA congregations to Thanksgiving Eve worship. There will be a combined choir that will practice 1 hour prior to worship. If you are interested in participating in the choir, please email Ruth Blom at [shalomdeacon84@gmail.com](mailto:shalomdeacon84@gmail.com). There will be no Wednesday night programming/meal/worship at FLC.

**UNITED WAY COAT DRIVE**

**Now through Wednesday, November 27**

Boots, waterproof mittens, hats, scarves, snowpants...all sizes needed (children, men and adult plus sizes are in short supply)! Donations received will be given to United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties and made available to community members through their Community Coat Room. Donations can be brought to 503 Hawthorne Street or the FLC Welcome Center.

**GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS**

**Thursday, November 21 | 2:00pm or 6:00pm | Room 1A**

Anyone grieving the death of a loved one is invited to attend this event that will present insights and strategies to help ease the anxiety that the holidays can bring. Area professionals will facilitate this discussion time. Two sessions will be offered: 2:00-3:30pm or 6:00-7:30 pm.

**LIVING NATIVITY**

**Sunday, December 8 | 3:00-6:00pm**

You are invited to join us as we bring the nativity story to life. Walk Through will take place from 3:00-3:45pm. Drive Through will begin at 3:45pm and conclude at 6:00pm. The set up of the scenes and backdrops will begin at 9:00am on Saturday 12/7; detailed set-up will happen at noon on 12/8. There are many ways to help. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

**GREEN WARRIORS**

Seeking inter-generational members passionate about helping with a lay-led recycling and organics ministry. Anyone interested can sign up at the Welcome Center or text, call, or email Rita Ellenberger at 320-808-8054 or [ellenbergerrita220@gmail.com](mailto:ellenbergerrita220@gmail.com).

**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](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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For more information, visit us online at [firstlutheranalexandria.com](http://firstlutheranalexandria.com).



**SATURDAY | 11.02.19 | 5:00PM**  
**SUNDAY | 11.03.19 | 8:30AM**

WELCOME AND GREETING

GATHERING SONG

For All the Saints (vs.1,2,6,7) #422

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: Lord of all,  
C: Help us to resist the temptation to place our faith and trust in anything other than you. Receive our worship and strengthen our faith. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Joel Quam, Paula Odland, Ben Jacobson  
(8:30) Chancel Choir Go Rest Hight on that Mountain...arr. Fettke/Grassi

CHILDREN’S TIME

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

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

First Reading: 1 Kings 18:17-19, 20-39  
Word of God. Word of Life.  
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-4  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Ben Jacobson

SERMON SONG

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service #712

REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS

CONFESSION OF FAITH WE CONFESS OUR SHARED FAITH.  
Apostles’ Creed

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING WE RETURN TO GOD A PORTION OF OUR BLESSINGS.  
Roger Riley and Kids Ensemble

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

DISTRIBUTION (8:30)  
All are welcome. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request.

COMMUNION SONG (8:30)

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 #661  
I Love to Tell the Story

PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Bill Riggs  
SYMPATHY: Carol Radil on the death of her son, Tim Radil  
Matt & Katie Radil and Jessica & Jason Bolstad on the death of their Dad, Tim Radil

RADIO BROADCAST

This week’s radio broadcast is in memory of Ivan Wambheim, given by family and friends.

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.

JOIN US FOR LEFSE MAKING  
November 4 8:00am | November 5, 3:00pm | November 6 9:00am  
Please join us for potato peeling for lefse on November 4. We will come together for a lefse making days (11/5 & 11/6) for the Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale happening 11/8-9.

MEN’S BREAKFAST  
Thursday, 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.