

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. The walk through will take place from 3:00-3:45pm. The 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.

THANKS FOR GIVING

November 10-20, 2019

We are raising funds to help with Children and Youth activities and scholarships for the many young people who participate in FLC programming. Choose an envelope with a number and fill it with that dollar amount. Take as many envelopes as you want. You can pay cash, by check (made out to FLC with “TFG” in the memo line) or online in the Thanks for Giving category on our website. Payments can be turned in through the office or offering plate.

MISSION QUILTERS THANK YOU

The boxes for Lutheran World Relief and Global Health Ministries have been packed! All totaled, there were 45 baby care kits, 66 quilts, 33 blankets, 29 personal care kits, 56 school kits, 2 fabric kits, 10 newborn kits, 10 hospice kits, 49 lab coats, 8 boxes of rolled bandages, and 1 box of pillowcases. Every number represents a real person that you have shown God’s love to. Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKEND HOSPITALITY POSITION OPENING

This part time, rotating, position will be responsible for locking and unlocking the building for weekend worship and events, preparing the coffee and treats that will be used for fellowship time before and after worship services, lighting candles, securing the offering and cleaning up before and after worship, overseeing the scheduled volunteers and be alert to the needs of the congregation. If this position interests you, please pick up an application at the Welcome Center or reach out to Greg Tvrdik with any questions.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MUSIC CLASS

Friday, December 6 & 20 | 8:45-9:30 am | Room 1B

COST: FREE and bring your friends! Musik Garden curriculum is used for this energetic time for children (ages 18 months-3 years old) and caregivers to enjoy elements of music through movement, rhythm, tonal patterns, and instruments. No registration necessary.

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.

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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For more information, visit us online at firstlutheranalexandria.com.



SATURDAY | 11.09.19 | 5:00PM
SUNDAY | 11.10.19 | 8:30AM

WELCOME AND GREETING

GATHERING SONG

Jesus Loves Me! #595

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: Faithful God,
C: You call us sons and daughters of your family and remain faithful even when we wander from you. Thank you for never giving up on us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Randy and Mary Morken
(8:30) Alleluia Ringers Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart...arr. Hanore

CHILDREN’S TIME

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

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading: Hosea 11:1-9
Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:13-14
The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Kari van Wakeren

SERMON SONG

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love #708

CONFESSION OF FAITH WE CONFESS OUR SHARED FAITH.

Apostles’ Creed

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) Lamb of God

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

Go, My Children, with My Blessing #543

PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Bill Riggs
SYMPATHY: Jenny and Tom Quam on the death of Jenny's Mom, and Joel and Brandy Quam on the death of Joel's Grandma

RADIO BROADCAST

This week’s radio broadcast is in loving memory of Olive Leland, given by Don Leland.

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 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.

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.

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.

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 one hour prior to worship. If you are interested in participating in the choir, please email Ruth Blom at shalomdeacon84@gmail.com. There will be no Wednesday night programming, meal, or 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.