

COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL 2019-20 INFO MEETING

This registration is for current preschool families and for First Lutheran Church members only. Preschool registration begins on Thursday, January 23. Please call 320.762.2196 to learn how to register online.

GIVING KIOSK

You are now able to utilize the new giving kiosk located at the Welcome Center. This convenient option allows you to securely make a one time financial payment on your way in or out of worship. Please ask an usher or Welcome Center volunteer for assistance if needed.

PHOTOGRAPHY MINISTRY

Are you an experienced photographer? If so, we'd love to add you to our Photography Ministry! We're looking to build a team of rotating photographers to take pictures of significant church events as well as occasional worship services here at the church. If you're interested, please contact Sara Renney, Director of Communications, at sara.renney@firstlutheranalexandria.com.

SPRING FAMILY MUSIC CLASSES

Tuesdays, Feb. 5-March 26 | 8:30-9:00am | Room 2A

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. Register online at www.firstlutheranalexandria.com/family or in the church office by January 29. Pay in class or in the church office. Scholarships are available. (COST: \$35 plus \$10 for each sibling.)

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

You are invited to join the Prayer Shawl Ministry! We meet on the first Thursday of the month, October through May, at 2:00pm in Room 1A. You can also participate from your home.

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. *Please note that hospital visitor restrictions are currently in place due to the spike in Influenza cases.

GIVING OPTIONS

Offering envelopes are available on the tables outside of the Sanctuary. You can also give by texting 320.500.6014, by using the Giving kiosk located next to the Welcome Center, or by visiting us online at firstlutheranalexandria.com/your-gift.

OUR PASTORS

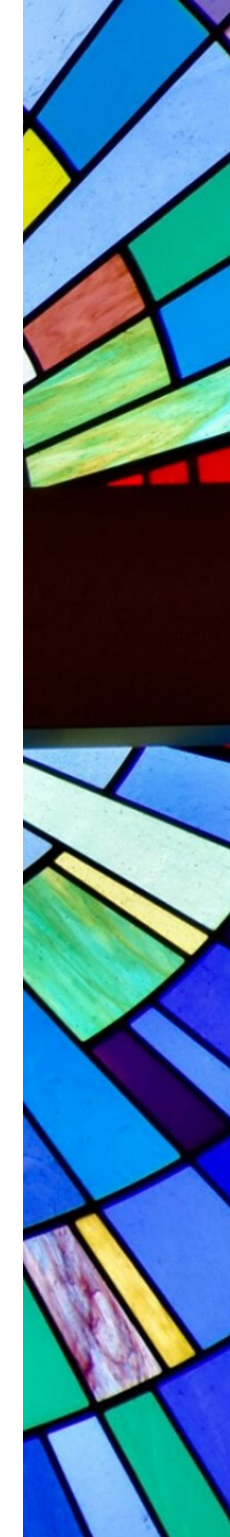
Greg Billberg, Lead Pastor
Kari van Wakeren, Associate Pastor
Ben Jacobson, Associate Pastor



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Emergency After Hours Phone Number: 320.219.5492

For weather related announcements, check our website, Facebook page, KXRA Radio or [Voice of Alexandria.com](http://VoiceofAlexandria.com)



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SATURDAY | 1.11.20 | 5:00PM
SUNDAY | 1.12.20 | 8:30AM



WELCOME AND GREETING

GATHERING SONG

Beautiful Savior #838

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.
C: Amen.

Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another, trusting in God’s endless mercy and love. Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,
C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, 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: Gracious God,
C: you have called us your own and you have gathered us together to share the good news of Christ. As your people, may all that we do tell of who you are. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Paula Odland
(8:30) Chancel Choir Eternal Praise.....arr. by Stevens

CHILDREN’S TIME

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

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading: Psalm 51
Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:38-42
The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jim LaDoux, Vibrant Faith

SERMON SONG

Christ, Be Our Light #715

CONFESSION OF FAITH WE CONFESS OUR SHARED FAITH.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING WE RETURN TO GOD A PORTION OF OUR BLESSINGS.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Generous God,
C: you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our 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: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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 Are Called #720

PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Shirley Brakken
HEALTH CONCERNS: Betty Gunness, Renata Grant, Lucille Christensen, Lois Lubeck, Karin Senstad, Evelyn Peterson, Bob Brown, Pam Johnson, Norm Anderson, Sandy Bloomquist, John Schroeder, Calli Olson

WE WELCOME JIM LADOUX

The weekend of January 11-12, Jim Ladoux, our coach from Vibrant Faith, will be with us in worship and sharing the message. Jim's message will kick off a sermon series that highlights the work the staff and Vision Team have been doing over the past year related to our mission and values and living into the church God is calling us to be in this time and place. We hope you are able to join us!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN & BUDGET UPDATE

Sunday, January 19 | 9:30am | Room 1A

Please join us for this opportunity to learn about and discuss our mission, the 2020 budget, the status of the present Capital Campaign, and plans for the next campaign beginning this spring.

ISRAEL/JORDAN TRIP (10/27/20-11/7/20) INFO MEETING

Tuesday, January 14 | 6:30-7:30pm | Gathering Space

This is a great opportunity to learn about the trip and ask questions without the need to make a commitment.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Monday, January 13 | 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, January 12. A light snack will be provided. Childcare will be available.

MISSION QUILTER REQUEST

The Mission Quilters are in need of sheets and pillow cases to be used as liners in their quilts. Please place donated items in the bin by the Welcome Center by Sunday, January 26.

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS CHOIR CONCERT

Saturday, February 1 | 7:00pm | FLC Sanctuary

Join us for this special musical event, featuring the Alexandria Concert Choir. Open to the public. A freewill donation will be accepted.