

MADE WITH LOVE BAKE SALE

Saturday, February 8 | 5:00-6:30pm | Gathering Space

Sunday, February 9 | 8:00-11:00am | Gathering Space

Bakers are needed for this event! Please sign up to provide baked goods at the Welcome Center. Baked goods should be dropped off on Friday, February 7 from 8:00am-4:30pm or Saturday, February 8 from 2:00-4:00pm. Free will donation. The First Lutheran Church Coffee Company will be open on Sunday.

MYSTERY THEATRE ACTORS WANTED

The Adult Ministry Board is looking for individuals interested in participating in a brand new event at First Lutheran. Join us as we put together a Mystery Theatre event later this spring. Adult actors of all skill levels are wanted for this fellowship event! Sign up at the Welcome Center by February 9 if you are interested and would like more information.

ADULT MINISTRY MOVIE EVENT

Sunday, February 16 | 2:00-3:30pm | Gathering Space

Please join us as we watch the movie *I Daniel Blake*, an English language film. The movie shows the power of empathy to transform. Free popcorn is available and there will be discussion after the viewing. Please bring a donation to the Food Shelf.

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.

WELCA LUNCHEON

Thursday, February 6 | 12:00pm | Gathering Space

The Women of the ELCA invite women of all ages to join us the first Thursday of the month for this time of food, fellowship, and fun. Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet immediately following this luncheon for those interested.

ANNUAL MEETING & BRUNCH

Sunday, February 9 | Gathering Space

Brunch begins at 10:30am. Stay and learn about our mission and be engaged in the work of the church. The meeting will be called to order at 11:30am.

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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For weather related announcements, check our website, Facebook page, KXRA Radio or Voice of Alexandria.com



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SATURDAY | 1.25.20 | 5:00PM

SUNDAY | 1.26.20 | 8:30AM



WELCOME AND GREETING

GATHERING SONG

Come, All You People #819

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: God of Grace,
C: you fill our lives with your goodness each day. Teach us to follow you and to know you more. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Leigh Mattox
(8:30) Alleluia Ringers *This Little Light of Mine* arr... Linker

CHILDREN’S TIME

(8:30) Congregation sings *This Little Light of Mine* as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading: Psalm 86:8-12

Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:41-51
The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Ben Jacobson

SERMON SONG #618
Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

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 #502
The King of Love My Shepherd Is (vs. 1-4)

PRAYERS
HOSPITALIZATIONS: Bruce Haugen, Marilyn Andrews
HEALTH CONCERNS: Bob Brown, Renata Grant, Betty Gunness, Lois Lubeck, Calli Olson, Art Berg, Diane Larson, Pam Johnson, Norm Anderson, Sandy Bloomquist, Karin Senstad, Deanne Frarck, Marcy Laabs, Paul Thompson
SYMPATHY TO: Margaret Schroeder and family on the death of John; Priscilla Reineke and family on the death of Priscilla's Brother
BIRTHS: Congratulations to Stephanie and Nick Anderson on the birth of their baby girl
BAPTISM:(10:00) Henslee DeeAnn Abers, daughter of Cory and Ashlee Abers

RADIO BROADCAST
This week’s radio broadcast is given by Sue and Pat Johnson and family, in memory of Larry Johnson.

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.

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.

MEN’S BREAKFAST
Thursday, February 13 | 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.