

RADIO BROADCAST

The radio broadcast is given by Jeff Carlson in memory of Arni Carlson.

RELAY FOR LIFE SILENT AUCTION & PASTA BAR

Friday, March 27 | 5:00-9:00pm | Holiday Inn

Tickets are \$10. Contact Terri Bouressa for tickets or more information by calling or texting at 612-749-0770.

SENIOR COFFEE

Tuesday, March 17 | 10:00-11:00am | Gathering Space

Seniors are invited to join us for a time of coffee, treats and fellowship. This informal time will be hosted by your church staff and take place the third Tuesday of each month.

DOUGLAS COUNTY FOOD SHELF MONTH

Cash donations are best and can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office during business hours. (Checks can be made to FLC with "Food Shelf" in the memo line.) Items can be placed in the basket by the Welcome Center by March 31: canned food products, Kleenex, toilet paper, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

EASTER WEEKEND EASTER GARDEN

Plants can be purchased in honor or memory of a loved one and are \$20.00 per plant. Forms are available at the Welcome Center. Drop off completed form at the Welcome Center or church office by Sun, Apr 5.

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND WORSHIP

Saturday, April 4 | 5:00PM

Sunday, April 5 | 8:30 & 10:00AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

Thursday, April 9 | 12:00 & 6:15PM

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

Friday, April 10

12:00PM | Joint ELCA Worship at First Lutheran

6:15PM | Good Friday Worship

EASTER WEEKEND WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

Saturday, April 11 | 5:00PM | Traditional Easter Worship

Sunday, April 12 | 6:30AM | Sunrise Easter Worship

8:30AM | Traditional Easter Worship

10:30AM | Celebration Easter Worship

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Please remember to allocate your Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31. Contact your Thrivent representative for further information.

LUTHER CREST SUMMER CAMP

Discounts are available for First Lutheran students registered and actively involved in yearly programming. Check your Children & Youth Ministry emails for discount codes. Go to www.luthercrest.org to register and for more information!

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



SUNDAY | 3.15.20 | 8:30AM

WELCOME AND GREETING

GATHERING SONG

God Is Here (vs. 1,3,4) #526

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.
C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,
C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may walk in your path and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

P: Receive this good news: God turns to you in love. “I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.
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

C: Lord, you have called us to be your servants in this world. Through your Spirit, continue to nudge us and equip us each day. Give us hearts that are open to being interrupted for the sake of others, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(8:30) Chancel Choir Near the River...arr. Page

CHILDREN’S TIME

(8:30) Congregation sings Seek Ye First as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading: Joshua 24:14-15
Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Micah 6:6-8
Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Greg Billberg

SERMON SONG We Are Called #720

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER
P: Generous God,
C: you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION
P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.
C: Amen.

DISMISSAL
P: Go in peace. Share the good news.
C: Thanks be to God.

P: And all God’s children said,
C: Amen!

SENDING SONG Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing #545

PRAYERS
HEALTH CONCERNS: George Dyrstad, Diane Larson, Bob Brown, Calli Olson, Marlys Dehnke

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Dana Frovarp and baby boy Sawyer John, Warren Olson, Orin Lundberg

SYMPATHY: Family and Friends of Ruth Irgens; Family and friends of Kay Berghuis

BIRTH: Dalton and Dana Frovarp on the birth of their son, Sawyer John

BAPTISM: Quinn Lee Anderson, parents are Nicholas and Stephanie Anderson

BROWN BAG LUNCH LARGE GROUP STUDY
Wed, March 4 -April 1 | 12:00-1:00pm | Gathering Space
Bring your lunch and join us as we discuss our weekly Lenten theme. No sign up necessary.

LENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Saturday, February 29 - Wednesday, April 1
SATURDAYS: 5:00PM Holden Evening Prayer
SUNDAYS: 8:30AM Traditional Worship & 10:00AM Celebration Worship
WEDNESDAYS: 6:15PM Contemporary Worship

LENT SOUP SUPPERS
Weds, Feb 26-Apr 1 | 4:45-6:00pm | Gathering Space
Throughout Lent, the weekly Wednesday meal will be served by the youth attending the summer houseboat trip as a fundraiser with all meal proceeds going to the youth.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER
Fridays, February 28-April 3 | 9:00-10:00am | Prayer Room
Sign up at the Welcome Center for one or for all sessions. Come and “experience” listening to Scripture. No experience necessary, just bring an open heart. Facilitated by Cher Larson.

TAKE STOCK
March 7 - 15 | Worship Services | Gathering Space
The congregation is invited to buy “shares of stock” for this Youth Ministry fundraiser. Shares are \$20. People can buy as many as they want or give a cash donation in the amount they choose. This summer our youth will be going on a houseboat trip.

INTRO TO THE BIBLE: LUKE BIBLE STUDY
Thurs | 3/19, 3/26 | 6:30-7:30pm | Gathering Space
All are welcome to join us as Pastor Marilee Bergerson leads this study on the book of Luke.