

MUSICIANS WANTED

We’re looking for more musicians for our 6:15pm Wednesday and 10:00am worship. If you play the guitar, bass or drum, we invite you to consider using your talent to help lead our congregation in worship. Please email [randy.morken@firstlutheranalexandria.com](mailto:randy.morken@firstlutheranalexandria.com).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, September 15 | 9:30-10:00am | Sanctuary**

This meeting is to approve hiring Tom Jolivet of Kairos and Associates to be our consultant on our next capital campaign, which will begin May of 2020.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

**Monday, September 23 | 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, September 22. A light snack will be provided. Childcare will be available.

FAITH ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN

**August 24-September 30**

We want to engage you in a way that fits your gifts and passions. Thank you to all who have already filled out a Faith Engagement form. If you have not already done so there is one in your bulletin, or on our website, and at the Welcome Center. Completed forms can be returned to the Welcome Center or put in the offering plate.

BAPTISM CLASS

**Thursday, September 12 | 6:30-7:00pm | Sanctuary**

This class is for anyone interested in baptism at FLC. Please sign up at the Welcome Center by 9/8.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE MERRY MAKERS

Sign Up to make crafts and/or baked items for the Christmas Boutique on 11/8-9 at the Welcome Center by September 29.

STEWARDSHIP AND PASSING ON THE GIFTS OF OUR LIVES: A HERITAGE WRITING WORKSHOP

**Thursdays, October 10-24 | 1:00-3:00pm | Room 1A**

Mara Faulkner, OSB, a retired English professor from St. Ben's will again be leading this class. All writers and abilities are welcome. We will try out several different ways of putting our experiences into words that will reach across the generations (memoir, letters, poetry, hybrid forms, etc.). Sign up by October 1 at the Welcome Center.

MATT KJELLAND MEMORIAL WALK/RUN

**Sat, Sept 21 | 8:00am-1:00pm | City Park**

Registration and donations: [runsignup.com/race/mn/alexandria/mattkjellandmemorial5k](https://runsignup.com/race/mn/alexandria/mattkjellandmemorial5k). 9:00-10:00 Program / 10:00-11:00 Walk-Run / 11:00 Kids Fun Run

MEDICARE OVERVIEW AND QUESTION/ANSWER SESSION

**Friday, September 13 | 10:00am-12:00pm | FLC Rm 1A**

Join us as we learn how Medicare works from Part A to Part D, who qualifies, how to enroll and how to choose the best Medicare plan for you. This session is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served!

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 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.

LEARN MORE AT

[FIRSTLUTHERANALEXANDRIA.COM/EVENTS](https://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](https://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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# SABBATH:

## CREATING SPACE TO LIVE

*God's Permission to Stop • Sabbath for God  
Sabbath for Relationships • Sabbath for a Fuller Life*



**SATURDAY | 9.7.19 | 5:00PM**  
**SUNDAY | 9.8.19 | 8:30AM**



WELCOME AND GREETING

GATHERING SONG

Come, All You People #819

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: God of wholeness,  
C: You have come that we might have life, and live it more fully. Help us to believe that in you we are enough. Help us to let go of our need to do more, and to be more. Help us to entrust ourselves to you each day. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Abigail & Lydia Renney

CHILDREN’S TIME

(8:30) Congregation sings Give Me Oil in My Lamp as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

First Reading: Proverbs 3:5-6  
Word of God. Word of Life.  
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:4-10  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Greg Billberg

SERMON SONG

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #815

CONFESSION OF FAITH WE CONFESS OUR SHARED FAITH.

Apostles’ Creed: on back cover of ELW hymnal.

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 See back cover of ELW

DISTRIBUTION (5:00)  
All are welcome. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request.

COMMUNION SONG (5:00) Lamb of God, p. 112

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 SONG #790  
Day by Day

PRAYERS

HEALTH CONCERNS: Arlyn Davis, Dan Zismer, Karin Senstad  
SYMPATHY: Family & Friends of Marcy Dilly, Dale & Teresa Koudela on the death of daughter-in-law Nikki Jo Meyers

RADIO BROADCAST

In honor and in memory of Matt Kjelland's birthday, given by Mike, Sue and Andy Kjelland.

NEW CHURCH DEDICATION & OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, September 29 | First Lutheran Church  
2:00-2:30pm Dedication | 2:30-4:00pm Open House  
We will dedicate our new building and have a brief program followed by an open house for the congregation and community.

FLC GOLF SCRAMBLE

Sunday, September 22 | Minnewaska Golf Club  
No experience necessary. Proceeds go toward the outdoor project at the church. New this year is a Hole in One Contest, which includes a free trip through Bursch Travel! DONATION: \$100/person. DINNER ONLY: \$15. No charge for children 10 and under. Sign up at the Welcome Center by 9/18.  
12:00-12:30pm | Registration 1:00pm | Shotgun Start  
4:30pm | Silent Auction, Putt Against a Pastor, Open Driving Range  
5:00pm | Happy Hour 5:30pm | Dinner

STOCK THE SHELF AT DMS

Aug 17 - September 15 | WELCOME CENTER  
Non-perishable food items (list provided at Welcome Center) can be brought to First Lutheran Church. If a monetary donation is preferred, please make your check out to FLC and include DMS Shelf in the memo line. Look for the yellow bags!

FALL FAMILY MUSIC CLASSES Two Options Available

Wednesdays 10/2-11/27 | 8:30-9:00am | Room 2A  
Fridays 9/20-11/22 | 8:30-9:00am | Room 2A  
Register online at [www.firstlutheranalexandria.com/family](http://www.firstlutheranalexandria.com/family) or in the church office by September 11. COST: \$40 plus \$10 for each sibling.

FALL KICK OFF WEEK

Sunday, September 8  
Worship | 8:30 & 10:00am | Sanctuary  
Continental Breakfast | 9:00-11:00am | Gathering Space  
Children & Youth Open House | 9:00-11:00am | Rms 2A & 2B  
Monday, September 9  
Adult Study | 10:00am | Room 1A  
Wednesday, September 11  
Meal | 4:45-6:00pm (Walking Tacos)  
Children & Youth Open House | 5:00-6:15pm  
6:15-7:00pm | Worship  
7:00-7:30 | Children/Youth Open House  
Thursday, September 12  
Men’s Breakfast | 6:30-7:30am | Gathering Space