


This week's Calendar ~ At a glance (subject to change-consult REMIND)

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| <p>Mon 7/29 Office hours 9a.m. - 1p.m. 10:30 a.m. Ecumenical Bible Study, Windmill Ponds Chapel – all welcome 5:30 Trustees Meeting</p> <p>Tues 7/30 Office hours 9a.m. - 1p.m. 9:30 a.m. Brush & Palette 6:30 p.m. Ala-non, Lounge</p> <p>Wed 7/31 Office hours 9a.m. - 1p.m. 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 pm Pizza Night</p> <p>Thurs 8/1 Office hours 9a.m. - 1p.m.</p> <p>Fri 8/2 Office Closed</p> <p>Sat 8/3 5 pm Worship Team Practice</p> | <p>Sun 8/4 9 am Worship</p> <p>Contact us: Pr. Amy's office hours are subject to change. It works best to contact her directly: 320-309-5574, pastor@alexumc.org . No Friday appointments.</p> <p>Main Office - Office Hours, M-Th, 9am – 1pm, Ginger Phone: 320-763-4624, Email: office@alexumc.org</p> <p>Treasurer, Cori Lecy, 1-507-829-6865, finance@alexumc.org.</p> <p>For online giving opportunities, go to www.alexumc.org and select "visit the giving page" in the left-hand navigation.</p> <p>Let's stay connected! All are encouraged to sign the blue books in the pews; include your contact information and let us know if you have any requests or if you would like the pastor to contact you.</p>  |
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Becoming a member at Alex UMC is as easy as contacting Pr. Amy to receive member forms. During Membership Sunday, we welcome and celebrate your membership with our congregation!

Visit us online, www.alexumc.org. To join us for online worship, find us on YouTube, @ALEXUMC. To find us on social media, visit us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AlexMNUMC/>

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Sending Hymn: UMH #129 *Give to the Winds Thy Fears*, words by Paul Gerhardt Trans by John Wesley; Music by William H. Walter Public domain
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Alexandria United Methodist Church
July 28, 2024

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year B, Gospel of Mark



Order of Service

*stand as you are able, in body and/or spirit

Gathering Words *Surely, the Presence of the Lord is in This Place* (UMH 328)

Greeting, Welcome and Invocation

Call to Worship

Psalm 14, read responsively

***Opening Hymn, UMH# 332 Spirit of Faith, Come Down, all verses**

Lectio Divina ~Isaiah 43:1 NIV

Prayers of the People

***Congregational Hymn UMH # 410 I Want a Principle Within, all verses**

Children's Time

Old Testament Lessons, Ephesians 3:14-2, 2 Samuel 11:1-15

Gospel Reading, John 6:1-21

Bidding: Word of God, Word of Life

Response: Thanks be to God.

Selah - a time to pause,

Offering on Scripture

The Lord's Prayer

Tithes & Offerings, Doxology, UMH #95 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

***Sending Hymn, UMH #129 Give to the Winds Thy Fears, all verses**

Postlude,

Sunday Ministry Team Assisting today ~ Thank you for your ministry!

Officiant: Pr. Amy VanValkenburg, **Liturgist:** Heidi Ryan, **Lay Leaders:** Scott Garvin and Chuck Holm,
Greeter/Ushers: Bruce Jordan and Arlana Langner **Worship Team:** Kirk Landman, Organist.
Vocals: Scott Garvin, Sue Walker, Thomas VanValkenburg, Luna Rivera, Pr. Amy
Tech: Ginger Mayer, Sawyer VanValkenburg, *YouTube:* Thomas VanValkenburg, *A/V*
Fellowship: Viva Leim; Scott and Cindy Schlapkohl, **Bulletin/Slides:** Ginger Mayer & Pr. Amy

Stuff the Bus- is a program of United Way of Douglas and Pope Counties. This program offers a community wide effort to collect donations of new school supplies and backpacks to be distributed to registered Pre-K – 12th grade students. We will be collecting supplies through Sunday August 11. There is a box in the Narthex to collect supplies. Here is a requested list of supplies needed.

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| Backpacks | Pencil pouches |
| Composition notebooks | wide ruled notebooks |
| Basic calculator | tissues |
| Highlighters/colored pencils | 3 ring binders |
| Pencils | Glue sticks |
| 8 count markers | |

Distribution of the backpacks will take place Wednesday August 21 10am-5pm and Thursday August 22 8am to 4 pm. To register a child for a backpack go to www.uwdp.org or call 320-834-7800 m-f 8am - 4pm.

Day Trip to the State Capitol/Dianez Days/Quarry Park, Postponed

Family Camp - August 20-25 - ALL AGES!!! Family Camp - Registration allows for all kinds of ways to enter into time together - come one day or come two, come for the week - what works for you? It's an incredible way to share fun and faith together! Grandkids & grandparents encouraged! Family Camp is offered through Immanuel Lutheran Church with Pr. Christa Forsythe and her youth leader, Janelle Eisenbacher. I have been involved in offering Family Camp alongside these two amazing faith leaders since 2020 and my family has absolutely loved their time on the shores of Lake Andrew. Consider coming at least for a day! Complete the registration form and submit it to our office with payment no later than July 25. If you are considering Family Camp but funds are not available, scholarships available. We want every family to have this amazing opportunity!

Sermon Series beginning September 2024. Pr. Amy will begin a *never-been-done* at Alex UMC sermon series, "Enough". With many opportunities for dialogue and beginning this September, we hope you will join us for this series that wraps up in early January. Together, we will endeavor to look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy!

Announcements

Pr. Amy is gone this week for a preaching Retreat. Your Care Team Chair, Sue Helgeson, and Rev. Kali Christensen will be providing support for pastoral care. Sue Helgeson, 320-219-2159 Rev. Kali Christensen, 320-808-6301

Wood Fire Oven, July 31, 2024, 4:30-7:00 p.m. Non-profits: Alex High School Swim Team Boy/Girls and Alex Swim Club. Visit us online at <http://alexandriacommunitywoodfired.com/> or through the Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/UMCWoodFired>

Alexandria Sportsmans Club is hosting Youth Outdoor Activity Event. A Youth Outdoor Activity Day is a free family-friendly event intended to provide youth a fun environment in which to learn about outdoor recreation. Activities include trap shooting, archery, hunting, angling and many other related skills. Over 40 hands-on activities and demonstrations are planned. This public event is made possible through a consortium of participating volunteer organizations, businesses, individuals, and donors. Hosted and organized by the Viking Sportsmen (VS) and Douglas County Pheasants Forever (PF), the annual event takes place at the Alexandria Shooting Park, 6533 County Road 87 SE Alexandria. 10am to 4 pm

Alexandria UMC VBS 2024

Guiding Verse based on Isaiah 43:1 *Do not fear, for I have redeemed you*
Two more VBS Events this summer:

- Wednesday, August 14, 6:00-7:30 at Brophy Park
Preschool – Grade 6 We will share a meal, a short Bible lesson, craft, game, and take time to enjoy all our location has to offer. On the evening we are scheduled to be at the church, we will have pizza, play on the swing set, and participate in activities provided by the Pizza Oven. If the weather is rainy, we will move Brophy Park gatherings to the church. Whether you can make it to one, two, or all events, we will be happy to see you there! All are welcome - no need to register. We ask that parents of preschoolers stay onsite to help supervise their child(ren).

Staff Parish Relations News

At the July Administrative Council Meeting, the SPR committee recommended reducing Ginger's hours, based upon changes in her job description and the overall needs of the church. The motion was passed. Effective August 1st, Ginger will be working 23 hours/week, from the current 37. This change in hours will also mean that Ginger will be assisting on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. Each week, we encourage you to review the office hours posted in the *Weekly Calendar*, p. 4, & online at www.alexumc.org! Approved minutes of Administrative Council meetings and our Finance Reports are always posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex to the right of the Lounge. As always, contact an SPRC representative if you have questions! Ron Schutte and Heidi Ryan are Co-chairs, assisted by Chuck Holm, Scott Garvin, Sharon Slack, and Bruce Jordan.