

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Today

October 1

9:30am –Worship w-communion - Sanctuary
9:45am - Sunday School – Chapel & Fellowship Hall
11:00am – 9th Grade Confirmation with Pr. Dave - Office
3:45pm – Bonfire Grief Support @ STJ

Monday

October 2

9:00am – Counters – Conference Room
9:30am – Quilters – Community Room
6:30pm - Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
6:30pm – Exec Team – Conference Room
7:30pm - B.P. STEP Group – Conference Room

Tuesday

October 3

9:45am – Deborah Circle – Community Room
10:00am – Caregiver Support/Respite @ HOH
10:00am – Study Buddy – Conference Room
1:00pm – Esther Circle – Community Room
1:00pm – Staff Meeting – Conference Room
7:00pm – Gospel Christmas Rehearsal @ FLW
7:00pm – Investment Club – Conference Room

Wednesday

October 4

1:00pm – O.A. Group – Community Room
6:00pm – Bell Choir – Chapel & Music Room
6:30pm – Wildfire Confirmation @ Holy Nativity Lutheran Church
7:00pm – Chancel Choir – Music Room

Thursday

October 5

9:30am – THUMBS – Community Room
11:00am – Parish Nurse @ HOH

Friday

October 6

DAYD

9:30am – Bible Study – Community Room
5:00pm - 9:00pm – SDA

Saturday

October 7

9:00am – SDA

PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS

Please pray for:

Linda Van Ryn	Myrtle Keniston	Bruce Vratisovsky	Barb Babine
Don Bakke	Lauretta Welter	Bernie Swanson	Don Carlson
Bea Tamminen	Juanita Hanson	Ron Townsend	Gilda Orcutt
Charles Starren	Jack Durant	Bonnie Glass	Rose Selby-Hele
Jared Kubly	Marion Wills Martin	Rennel Rice	

Have you remembered First Lutheran Church in your will? Do you have living will or health care directive?
Consider discussing these questions with your family and family attorney.

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CRYSTAL

7708 – 62nd Ave. N., Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

October 1, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

A NOTE OF WELCOME TO VISITORS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Visitors, we are happy you are here today!
If you are a first time visitor, please visit the Welcome Center in the entry way of the church. Pastor Folkerts or another member would be happy to follow-up with you on any questions you have about First Lutheran Church of Crystal. You may also find us on the web at: www.firstlucoc.org

ASL (American Sign Language) translation is available two Sundays each month. Please call the church office for more information.

Today's theme:

The phrase, "Better late than never", is what many of us say when we finally get around to doing what we should have done a long time ago. It seems to get us off the hook of responsibility but often after some damage has occurred. Today, Jesus reminds us that words can be used to promise anything, but action is what fulfills promises. We often use words to delay real action or bring about real change. He is God's Word in action. Jesus unites thought with deed. He unites the hopes for the future with the actions that bring them about.

PRELUDE

Amelia Smith

WELCOME / CALL TO WORSHIP

A READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Philippians 2:1-13 pg. 954 pew Bible

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*right column*) p. 94

OPENING HYMN "To God be the Glory" (*Vs. 1 & 3*) SDA Hymnal # 341

GREETING AND KYRIE p. 184

HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the Feast" pg. 187

PRAYER OF THE DAY "The Lord be with you" "And also with you."

Let us pray, God of promise, Lord of action,

Unite our words with our deeds by feeding our souls with your love.
Bring about the promise of salvation to our worried minds so we may act out our faith in confidence and hope for all we meet. In Christ we ask it. Amen

PSALM 25:1-9 (*Read responsively*) pg. 436 pew Bible

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "This Little Light of Mine" ELW # 677
(*We sing vs.1 & 2 before the message and vs.3 & 1 after the message*)

MISSION MINUTE

Bette Gustafson

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

pg. 188

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

pgs. 802, 803 pew Bible

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "O God of Mercy, God of Light"
(Vs. 1, 4, 6)

ELW # 714

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS AND SHARING THE PEACE

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING

Amelia Smith

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

"Let Justice Flow like Streams" (Vs. 1 & 2)

ELW # 717

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION "Lamb of God"

p. 191

ELW # 789 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

ELW # 772 "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

ELW # 818 "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

ELW # 674

DISMISSAL

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Thank you to Today's Worship Assistants

Deacon	Kirsten Kessel
Music Director	Martha Otto Honer, M.S.
Guest Musician / Cantor	Amelia Smith
Organist	Dr. Desiderius Klempay
Lector	Deacon Kirsten Kessel
Ushers	Lyn Sanderson, Adam & Zach Hogenson, Andy & Shelly Hogenson
Sound	Jean Brannick
Projectionist	Karen Hogenson
Announcer	Deacon Kirsten Kessel

First Lutheran Church of Crystal and the Minneapolis Area Synod
work together so that all experience:
Gracious invitation into life-giving Christian community
and live in just and healthy neighborhoods.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are given today by Dan & Sue Orcutt in loving memory of Sue's brother, Tim Strayer.

Altar Flowers are also given today by Al & Tootie Anderson in celebration of their son, Shawn and his beautiful bride, Hanna's marriage on September 29th.

A WARM WELCOME

It is a pleasure to welcome Ms. Amelia Smith as our guest musician this morning. We would like to thank her for sharing her musical talents with us.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP – Deadline to sign up is TODAY!

The Men's Fellowship Dinner is **Sunday, October 8th at 5:30pm** at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, 5929 Brooklyn Blvd., in Brooklyn Center. The guest speaker for the evening is Joe Schmit, Inspirational Speaker, Author and KSTP 5 Sports Anchor. **Today is the last day to sign up.** Please see Al Anderson for reservations.

DROP IN THE BUCKET

Today is Drop in the Bucket Sunday. The ushers will be standing at the exits this morning with buckets to collect any spare change you may have. Funds collected this morning will support the Hurricane Relief Efforts. Thank you for your generosity.

YOU'RE INVITED

All are welcome to attend the Eagle Scout Ceremony for one of the members of Boy Scout Troop #3405. The ceremony will take place next Sunday, October 8th at noon with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

The new Christ In Our Home Devotionals for October through December are available in the Narthex and the church office. Please help yourself.

TRUNK – OR – TREAT

We are hosting a fun, safe alternative to door-to-door trick or treating. Please join us for our 7th annual trunk-or-treat night in the church parking lot on **October 31st from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.** It's a lot of fun and is a great way to meet the neighbors! If you cannot attend but would like to help, we could use bags of candy to distribute to the trick-or-treaters. Please bring candy donations to the church office by October 23rd.

We need volunteers to help make this event a success. Tasks include set-up, making/serving popcorn, hot cocoa and hot apple cider, decorating your trunks and passing out candy to the trick-or-treaters and clean-up. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex or you can call the church office and speak with Jean Brannick. Thank you.

THANK YOU's

We received a nice thank you note from Lutheran Social Services for our help with the baby supplies kits that were created during the God's Work-Our Hands service day. Great job everyone!

We also received the following note from our friends at NEAR:
To the congregation of First Lutheran Church of Crystal – We appreciate your help with the school supplies for the NEAR Food Shelf. The backpacks and supplies were a big help. We served 304 students this year. Thanks so much.

Emily Huan, NEAR Food Shelf