

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Today **October 29**
9:30am –Worship - Sanctuary
9:45am - Sunday School – Chapel & Fellowship Hall
10:45am – Reformation Celebration – Fellowship Hall
3:45pm – Bonfire Grief Support @ STJ

Monday **October 30**
9:00am – Counters – Conference Room
1:00pm – O.A. Workshop – Community Room
6:30pm - Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
7:30pm - B.P. STEP Group – Conference Room

Tuesday **October 31**
10:00am – Study Buddy – Conference Room
1:00pm – Staff Meeting – Conference Room
5:30pm – 7:00pm – Trunk Or Treat – Church Parking Lot
7:00pm – Gospel Christmas Rehearsal @ FLW
7:00pm – Investment Club – Conference Room

Wednesday **November 1**
1:00pm – O.A. Group – Community Room
6:00pm – Bell Choir – Chapel & Music Room
7:00pm – Chancel Choir – Music Room

Thursday **November 2**
11:00am – THUMBS - Community Room
11:00am – Parish Nurse @ HOH
6:30pm – Confirmation Rehearsal/Dinner/Photos – Community Room & Sanctuary

Friday **November 3** **DAYD**
9:30am – Bible Study – Community Room
5:00pm - 9:00pm – SDA

Saturday **November 4**
9:00am – SDA

PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS

Please pray for:

Bea Tamminen	Barb Babine	Lucille Hilliard	Rose Selby-Hele
Don Bakke	Don Carlson	Janice Webinger	Marie Weaver
Julie Rice	Ron Townsend	Helen Nelson	Marvin Temple
Leo Alexander			

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 29, 2017 9:30 a.m. Reformation Sunday

'Becoming a Mission-minded Community'

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.firstlccoc.org

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

Today's theme:

Today we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation! The public posting of grievances by Martin Luther in 1517 began a revolution that shook the foundations of authority in both church and state. The reformation of the church he began re-opened the pathway from God to humanity through access to the scriptures and the assurance of grace through the sacraments. What Luther began is not yet finished. We are the living legacy of the gospel so that ... ***"all experience gracious invitation into life-giving Christian community and live in just and healthy neighborhoods."***

PRELUDE "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers" by *John Behnke* Handbell Choir
"The Church's One Foundation" arr. *Dan Forrest* Choir

WELCOME

Today we welcome Rev. Deb Stehlin, Director for Evangelical Mission of the Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA. We are honored by your presence with us in worship today!

A READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Romans 3:19-28 pgs. 915, 916 pew Bible

THE RITE OF THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

p. 97

OPENING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ELW # 504

GREETING AND KYRIE p. 184

HYMN OF PRAISE "Jesus Shall Reign" (Vs. 1, 2, 5) ELW # 434

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

Let us pray, God of the first day, Lord of this day, Spirit of the next day,

Come and bless us with your presence in this place and time that our souls may be fed, our minds may be enriched, and our faith strengthened for the challenges of these days. Lend your grace to our words, your love to our efforts, and your dignity to our steps that your hopes may become our hopes. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen

PSALM 46

"God is Our Refuge" by *Allen Pote*

Choir

A READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Jeremiah 31:31-34

pg. 642 pew Bible

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "We Are Marching in the Light" ELW # 866
(We sing vs.1 before the message and vs. 4 after the message)

MISSION MINUTE Deacon Kirsten

SONG FOR THE GOSPEL "Listen, God Is Calling" ELW # 513
(We sing vs.1 before the Gospel message and vs.3 after the Gospel message)

GOSPEL
John 8:31-36 pg. 871 pew Bible

SERMON Pastor Stehlen

HYMN OF THE DAY "Faith of Our Fathers" (Vs. 1 & 3) ELW # 812

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS AND SHARING THE PEACE

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Sandra Eithun Handbell Choir
"In Unity and Peace" by James J. Chepponis Choir

SONG OF THANKSGIVING "You Servants of God" (Vs. 1 & 4) ELW # 825

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG "Bring Forth the Kingdom" Gather # 658

POSTLUDE Dr. Klempay

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Thank you to Today's Worship Assistants

Guest Preacher	Pastor. Deb Stehlen
Guest Musician	Lisa Funk Fleming
Music Director	Martha Otto Honer, M.S.
Organist	Dr. Desiderius Klempay
Cantor	Pr. David Folkerts
Lector	Larry Hanson
Ushers	Rick & Pat Arthur Tim Johnson
Sound	Gene Enfield
Projectionist	Jean Brannick
Announcer	Rose Selby-Hele

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are given today by Dean & Ellie Funk in celebration of and thanksgiving for their 47th wedding anniversary.

A WARM WELCOME

We welcome Pastor Deb Stehlen as our guest preacher on this Reformation Sunday. We also welcome Lisa Funk Fleming as our guest musician. It is a pleasure to have you both here with us this morning.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us this morning in the Fellowship Hall for pretzels and root beer in celebration of the 500th Anniversary of Reformation. A special thank you to Al Anderson for baking the pretzels and to Justin Zoss for getting us the root beer for today's celebration.

YOUTH PUMPKIN CARVING PARTY

Today is the Youth & Family Pumpkin Carving Party following the worship service in the Youth room. Lunch will be served. Hope to see you there!

TRUNK – OR – TREAT

Please join us for our 7th annual trunk-or-treat night in the church parking lot **October 31st from 5:30pm to 7:00pm**. It's a lot of fun and is a great way to meet the neighbors! **Volunteers are needed**. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex or you can call the church office. Thank you.

LUTEFISK & MEATBALL SUPPER

House of Hope Lutheran will have their 37th annual Lutefisk & Meatball Supper (plus Bake & Craft Sale) on **Friday, November 3rd**. Please call the office at House of Hope (763) 533-3341 for pricing information and to purchase tickets. Advance sales only. NO tickets sold at the door. House of Hope Lutheran is located at 4800 Boone Ave., in New Hope.

NEAR FOOD SHELF NEWS

If you are out grocery shopping and can get "buy 1, get 1" specials, please keep the food shelf in mind. Many grocery stores have deals like this. Please consider this an opportunity to buy one for yourself and donate one to NEAR! A list of much needed food items for the food shelf is in the Narthex.

NEAR also is in need of donations of Christmas gifts for the children of their clients. There are lists in the narthex of items needed. NEAR will distribute these Christmas gifts at the Crystal Community Center on **Saturday, December 16, 2017**. **Volunteers are needed** to help on this day. Please see our NEAR representatives Larry Hanson or Rick Burton for more information.

NOTE OF THANKS

We received a note from Dan & Sue Orcutt's daughter-in-law who was injured in a recent auto accident. She writes: "Dear Friends of First Lutheran, Thank you for the get-well card and all the prayers for my recovery. I am feeling much better now."

Gilda Orcutt

A REMINDER

Daylight Saving Time ends November 5th. Remember to set your clocks **back** one hour this coming Saturday night.