

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Today November 19
Parish Nurse @ HOH
Thanksgiving Pie Sales – Today is the last day to order
Tickets for Advent Brunch – Sign up in the Narthex
9:30am – Sunday school & Worship w/communion – Sanctuary
2:00pm – Youth Baking Pies – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
3:45pm – Bonfire Grief Support @ STJ

Monday November 20
9:00am – Counters – Conference Room
9:30am – Quilters – Community Room
3:00pm – Youth Baking Pies – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
6:30pm - Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
7:30pm - B.P. STEP Group – Conference Room

Tuesday November 21
10:00am – Visitation / Neal Swanson
10:00am – Study Buddy – Conference Room
10:00am – Caregiver Support/Respite @ HOH
11:00am – Celebration of Life Service for Neal Swanson
3:00pm – Youth Baking Pies – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
6:00pm – Bonfire Board @ FLCC – Community Room
6:00pm – Pie Order Pick Up – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
7:00pm – Gospel Christmas Rehearsal @ FLW
7:00pm – Investment Club – Conference Room

Wednesday November 22
10:00am – Pie Order Pick Up – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
1:00pm – O.A. Group – Community Room
7:00pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship @ STJ

Thursday November 23 Thanksgiving
Office Closed

Friday November 24 DAYD
5:00pm - 9:00pm – SDA

Saturday November 25
9:00am – SDA
5:00pm – Pr. Enock Bigogo's Event

PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS

Please pray for:

Bea Tamminen	Barb Babine	Gus Horbal	Leo Alexander
Don Bakke	Don Carlson	Janice Webinger	Marie Weaver
Julie Rice	Ron Townsend	Helen Nelson	Marvin Temple
Juanita Hanson	Gerald Johnson	Jared Kubly	

**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.**



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CRYSTAL

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

November 19, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Twenty-fourth 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.firstlcc.org**

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

Today's theme:

St. Paul once wrote to the faithful in Thessalonika, "You are children of light, children of the daytime". He was reminding them that during the darkest times of history, when others despair and give up on their personal dignity and social responsibility, people of faith grow stronger in resolve and compassion. It is not our own strength that we show, but the strength of the gospel revealed in the death and resurrection of Christ. Because he died and rose, we also can rise amid the soul-killing events of history to reveal hope to the world.

PRELUDE

Kyle Meng

WELCOME / CALL TO WORSHIP

A READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 pgs. 960, 961 pew Bible

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Makeever Song book pg. 6

THE LITURGY

Makeever Song book pgs. 25 – 27

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

Let us pray, God of the day, Lord of light,

Unleash your Holy Spirit on the souls of your people that amid these days of confusion and fear we may remain steadfast in hope and generous in compassion. May we be revealers of your new day for humanity in every word we speak and action we take, in Jesus name. Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "We Are Marching in the Light" ELW # 866

(We sing vs.1 before the message and vs.3 after the message)

MISSION MINUTE

ALLELUIA VERSE

Makeever Song book pg. 27

GOSPEL REFRAIN (before and after reading)

Makeever Song book pg. 27

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GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

pg. 807 pew Bible

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Christ, Be Our Light" (vs. 1, 2, 5) ELW # 715

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Makeever Song book pg. 28

PRAYERS AND SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING Two Piano Duet by Kyle Meng & Judy Bakke

OFFERTORY AND OFFERING PRAYER Makeever Song book pg. 29

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Makeever Song book pg. 31

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION "Christ Have Mercy" Makeever Song book pg. 32

ELW # 843 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

ELW # 793 "Be Thou My Vision"

ELW # 673 "God, Whose Almighty Word"

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE Makeever Song book pgs. 32 & 33

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

Kyle Meng

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Thank you to Today's Worship Assistants

Keyboardist	Judy Bakke
Guest Musician	Kyle Meng
Liturgy Leaders	Don Bakke & Jack Gustafson
Lector	Ellie Funk
Ushers	Rick & Pat Arthur, Tim Johnson, Dean Funk
Sound	Gene Enfield
Projectionist	Jean Brannick
Announcer	Bob Johnson
Interpreter	Jackie Gile

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 Mike & Linda Sullivan in celebration of their granddaughter, Bella's 3rd birthday.

GUEST MUSICIAN

We welcome guest pianist Kyle Meng this morning. Kyle is a senior at Wayzata High School and plays piano for his home church, Chinese Christian Church in Plymouth. Thank you Kyle for sharing your musical talent with us.

MANY THANKS

We thank Judy Bakke for being our guest pianist for the Makeever service and Jack Gustafson & Don Bakke for leading us in the liturgy. What a great way to start the day!

CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY – Help Wanted!

We need volunteers to help with church clean-up **today** after worship. We will meet downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

HOMEMADE THANKSGIVING PIES – Today is the last day to order your pies!

The Youth of FLCC will be making homemade pies for Thanksgiving as a fundraiser for their 2018 Mission Trip to Nashville, TN. Please stop by the narthex this morning to place your orders. Thank you for supporting our Youth.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – Today is the last day to order!

We will be ordering poinsettia plants to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas this year. They are \$10 each. Order forms are in your bulletin. Please fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate or give to an usher. Plants may be taken home after Christmas.

KID PACK DISTRIBUTION - Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to help with Kid Pack Distribution **every Friday** at the following schools: Meadow Lake Elementary in New Hope, Forrest Elementary in Crystal and Lakeview Elementary in Robbinsdale. If you can help, please call Al Anderson (763) 537-1876 or Deacon Kirsten in the church office. Thank you .

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

Volunteers are needed following worship next **Sunday, November 26th** to help decorate the church for Christmas. Lunch will be provided for the workers. Please see Jackie Mortenson for details.

FUNDRAISER FOR KID PACK

Mark your calendars. Cooper High School Marching Band and members of the U of M Marching Band are teaming up for a Kid Pack fundraiser concert on **Sunday, December 3rd from 7:00pm – 8:30pm** at Cooper High School. Please see Al Anderson or Jean in the office to purchase your tickets.

NEAR FOOD SHELF NEWS

NEAR Food Shelf needs donations of Christmas gifts for the children of their clients. There are lists in the narthex of items needed. NEAR will distribute the Christmas gifts at the Crystal Community Center on **Sat., Dec. 16, 2017. Volunteers are needed** to help on this day. Please see NEAR reps Larry Hanson or Rick Burton for details.

BONFIRE MINISTRY GRIEF SUPPORT

The Bonfire Ministry Grief Support Group is open to anyone who is experiencing grief. They meet on Sundays at St. James Lutheran Church from **3:45pm to 6:00pm**. Each session is "self-contained", so you do not have to attend in sequence. For details, please contact our Bonfire Parish Nurse, Debbie Haney at 612-408-2049.