

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Today **November 26** **Sharing & Caring Hands**

Parish Nurse @ STJ
Tickets for Advent Brunch – Sign up in the Narthex
9:30am – Sunday school & Worship – Sanctuary
10:45am – Decorate the Church for Christmas

Monday **November 27**

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

Tuesday **November 28**

9:00am – Parish Nurse @ FLCC - Office
10:00am – Study Buddy – Conference Room
12:00pm – Rachel & Mary Magdalene Circles – Community Room
1:00pm – Staff Meeting – Conference Room
7:00pm – Gospel Christmas Rehearsal @ FLW
7:00pm – Investment Club – Conference Room

Wednesday **November 29**

1:00pm – O.A. Group – Community Room
6:00pm – Bell Choir – Music Room & Chapel
7:00pm – Choir Practice – Music Room
7:00pm – FLCC Grief Group – Conference Room

Thursday **November 30**

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

Friday **December 1** **DAYD**

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

Saturday **December 2**

9:00am – SDA
9:30am – Advent Brunch – Fellowship Hall

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	Sharon Johnson

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

November 26, 2017 9:30 a.m. **Christ the King 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 regarding 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:

Did you know that every time we say 'The Lord's Prayer' we pray for the coming of the kingdom of God on earth? We do. We say, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." The phrase passes by our lips without much thought, but each time it is uttered we are asking God to unite the two realms into one reality. Today is the last day of the church calendar year and is used to commemorate that prayerful request. Its eventuality is often feared and cheered in the same breath by people of faith. But, as people of faith we trust that the grace of God embraces this fallen world with love and in the return of Christ all that is broken will be healed. Amen, come Lord Jesus.

PRELUDE "In Unity and Peace" by James J Chepponis Choir

WELCOME / CALL TO WORSHIP

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OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King" ELW # 408

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Brief Homily
Prayer

A HYMN "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" (Vs. 1 & 2) Gather # 693

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A HYMN "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" (Vs. 3 & 4) Gather # 693

MISSION MINUTE

A HYMN "To God with Gladness Sing" (Vs. 1) Gather # 535

A RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 95:1-7

A HYMN "To God with Gladness Sing" (Vs. 2) Gather # 535

A READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Ephesians 1:15-23

*Brief Homily
Prayer***A HYMN** “Jesus Shall Reign” (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

ELW # 434

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

*Brief Homily
Prayer***A HYMN** “Christ, Be Our Light” (Vs. 1, 2, 5)

ELW # 715

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**SHARING THE PEACE****OFFERING** “Teach Me Your Way, O Lord” *by Lloyd Larson*

Choir

A HYMN IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFERING

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” (Vs. 1, 4)

ELW # 855

LORD’S PRAYER**BENEDICTION****ANNOUNCEMENTS****CLOSING HYMN** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” (Vs. 1, 5, 6) ELW # 634**POSTLUDE**

Dr. Klempay

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Thank you to Today’s Worship Assistants

Music Director	Martha Otto Honer, M.S.
Organist	Dr. Desiderius Klempay
Guest Musician	Lisa Funk Fleming
Lector	Karen Hogenson
Ushers	Ed Scharber, Dean Funk Al Anderson, Pat Mourning
Sound	Gene Enfield
Projectionist	Jean Brannick
Announcer	Justin Zoss

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 Rick & Becky Burton in honor and loving memory of Becky’s mother who would have celebrated her 100th birthday this month.

THOSE SERVING AT SHARING & CARING HANDS

Thank you for serving at Sharing & Caring Hands this month: Barry, Kathy & Brady Dickson, Pat & Lisa Beltz, Dan & Phyllis Reber, Cindy Oswald and Bette Gustafson.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

Volunteers are needed following worship this morning to help decorate the church for Christmas. Lunch will be provided for the workers. Please see Jackie Mortenson for details.

ADVENT BRUNCH

The Women’s Advent Brunch is this **Saturday, December 2nd at 9:30am** in the Fellowship Hall. Reservations are being taken this morning. Last day to reserve your spot is this Wednesday, November 29th. Please see Jackie Mortenson for details.

FUNDRAISER FOR KID PACK

Need an evening out, but not outside? Cooper High School Marching Band and members of the U of M Marching Band are teaming up for a Kid Pack fundraiser *indoor* 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 about this ministry, please contact our Bonfire Parish Nurse, Debbie Haney at 612-408-2049.

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.

JUST A NOTE

Rachel Circle and Mary Magdalene Circle will come together for a joint Circle meeting this Tuesday, November 28th from 12:00pm to 1:00pm in the Community Room. Please bring your lunch, ladies so we can study and enjoy a meal together.