

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

### **Today March 12 Daylight Saving Time**

9:30am – Sunday School & Worship  
9:30am – Faith First Men are here this morning  
10:45am – Adult Forum - Chapel  
3:45pm – Bonfire Grief Support @ STJ

### **Monday March 13**

9:00am – Counters – Conference Room  
1:00pm – Visitation Team – Conference Room  
3:00pm – Global Missions - Conference Room  
6:00pm – Council Meeting – Community Room  
6:30pm - Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall  
7:30pm - B.P. STEP Group – Conference Room

### **Tuesday March 14**

9:00am - Parish Nurse here - Office  
10:00am – Bonfire Health & Wellness Team – Community Room  
10:00am – Study Buddy – Conference Room  
1:00pm – Staff Meeting – Conference Room  
7:00pm – Investment Club – Conference Room

### **Wednesday March 15 DAYD**

#### **Newsletter Deadline**

12:00pm – Pastors' Text Study – Conference Room  
1:00pm – O.A. Group – Community Room  
6:00pm – Soup Supper – Fellowship Hall  
7:00pm – Lenten Worship - Sanctuary  
7:45pm – Choir Practice – Music Room

### **Thursday March 16**

9:30am – THUMBS – Community Room  
11:00am – Parish Nurse @ HOH  
7:00pm – KidPack Board – Conference Room

### **Friday March 17**

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

### **Saturday March 1**

9:00am – SDA

## PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS

### **Please pray for:**

Ken Weis	Nancy Callander	June Ahrens	Carolyn Alm
Dorothy Buystedt	William Babine	Russell Anderson	Michele Holzknrecht
Bruce Vratsovsky	Daniel Keniston	Duane Kroseman	Carrie Adams
Kathy (friend of Deacon Kirsten)		Marilyn (Mother of Deacon Kirsten)	

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**

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**March 12, 2017** 9:30 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

## 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](http://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:**

We love the bible verse, "For God so loved the world ...". It serves as a sweet reminder that we have not been abandoned by our creator. But it's the next verse that gives the love of God, and the sacrifice of his Son, a purpose beyond making us all debtors to the almighty. In the next verse from John we hear that God's love, and the death of Jesus, is given "in order that the world might be saved ...". The past actions of God through Jesus give us a future. God wants this world to work. So do we. Let's see what we can do together, now.

**PRELUDE** "Change My Heart, O God" Faith First Men

### **WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** "The Blood of Jesus" Faith First Men

### **A READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH:**

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 pg. 916 pew Bible

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

**GATHERING SONG** "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" (Vs. 1, 2, 4) ELW # 520

**GREETING AND KYRIE** p. 193

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "Glory to God" p. 195

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

*Let us pray, God of love, Lord of hope,*

**By your efforts and your grace, we have been given a future filled with promise. Grant us the faith to live for that future and the blessings it holds so that we may not be held captive to our pasts. In Christ we ask it. Amen**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** "Our Father, by Whose Name" ELW # 640

*(We sing vs. 1 before the message and vs. 2 after the message)*

### **MISSION MINUTE**

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

pg. 198

**GOSPEL:** John 3:1-17

pgs. 863, 864 pew Bible

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" Gather # 626

**PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS**

**PRAYERS AND SHARING THE PEACE**

"Healer of Our Every Ill" (One verse between petitions) ELW # 612

**WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERING** "Written In Red" Faith First Men

**A SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

"We Give Thee but Thine Own" (Vs. 1 & 2) ELW # 686

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING SONG** "Bless, Now, O God, the Journey" ELW # 326

**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Thank you to Today's Worship Assistants**

Music Director	Martha Otto Honer, M.S.
Organist	Dr. Desiderius Klempay
Faith First Men, Pianist & Director	Judy Bakke & Mariana Duffney
Lector	Ellie Funk
Ushers	Bob Johnson, Cindy Oswald Pat Beltz, Mark Beltz
Sound	Chip Taft
Projectionist	Karen Hogenson
Announcer	Debbie Haney

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Synod  
work together so that all experience:  
Gracious invitation into life-giving Christian community

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Altar flowers are given today by Gloria Kubly in loving memory of her mother, Malinda Kubly.

**ADULT FORUM**

The Adult Forum presentation this morning will focus on Our Neighborhood presented by Kathy Hemken, Mayor of New Hope. Please join us in the Chapel after the worship service to learn more about this wonderful program.

**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**. Upcoming dates & topics are: **March 12<sup>th</sup>**: "Lessons of Grief – Part One", **March 19<sup>th</sup>**: "Lessons of Grief – Part Two". 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.

**NEAR FOOD SHELF**

March is Minnesota Foodshare Month! Please bring non-perishable food items to church and place them in the large bin in the narthex. Let's help stock the shelves at NEAR throughout the month. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can make checks payable to First Lutheran and write "NEAR" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

**YOUTH FUNDRAISER – PLANT SALE**

The Youth are selling plants in the Narthex this morning as a fundraiser for their mission trip to Niagara Falls, NY. There is a wide variety of plants to choose from. Please stop by.

**LENTEN SERVICES**

Please join us on Wednesday evenings for our Lenten worship service. The service begins at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Soup Supper will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm. All are welcome.

**FLCW FUNDRAISER**

FLCW is selling "Kringles" pastries. They are available for \$10 each. Please make checks payable to FLCW. For details, please see Jackie Mortenson. Thank you.

**NEWSLETTER**

Articles for the April Newsletter are due in the office by Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please email them to [gloriaflcc@gmail.com](mailto:gloriaflcc@gmail.com) and [jeanflcc@gmail.com](mailto:jeanflcc@gmail.com). Thank you.

**KINGSBURY SCHOLARSHIP**

We are accepting applications for the 2017-2018 academic year. Deadline to apply is April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. For details about the Kingsbury Scholarship, please see the article on pg. 7 of the March Newsletter or call the church office.

**PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS**

Friend or loved one on the prayer list? Please call the church office to update us. We have not heard from several folks for a while and we would really like to know how you are doing.