

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

**Today March 19**  
Parish Nurse @ HOH  
9:30am – Sunday School & Worship with communion  
10:45am – Adult Forum – Chapel  
11:00am – Youth Team Meeting – Youth Room  
3:45pm – Bonfire Grief Support @ STJ

**Monday March 20**  
9:00am – Counters – Conference Room  
9:30am – Quilters – Community Room  
5:00pm – Property Team - Chapel  
6:00pm – Girl Scouts – Youth Room  
6:30pm - Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall  
7:30pm - B.P. STEP Group – Conference Room

**Tuesday March 21**  
9:45am – Deborah Circle – Community Room  
10:00am – Respite/Caregiver Support @ HOH  
10:00am – Study Buddy – Conference Room  
1:00pm – Rachel Circle – Community Room  
1:00pm – Staff Meeting – Conference Room  
6:00pm – Mary Magdalene Circle – Community Room  
7:00pm – Investment Club – Conference Room  
7:00pm – Faith First Men @ FLW

**Wednesday March 22**  
9:30am – Senior Ministry Steering Committee – Conference Room  
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 23**  
9:30am – THUMBS – Community Room  
11:00am – Parish Nurse @ HOH  
11:30am – Loose Threads – Community Room  
6:30pm – Quilting – Community Room

**Friday March 24 DAYD**  
9:00am – Bible Study – Community Room  
5:00pm - 9:00pm – SDA

**Saturday March 25**  
9:00am – SDA

### PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS

#### **Please pray for:**

Bruce Vratisovsky	Nancy Callander	Carrie Adams
Dorothy Buystedt	Leo Alexander	Mary Arey

#### **Please pray for the grieving families of:**

Arnold Bjorge  
June Ahrens  
Craig Hazledine

**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**

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**March 19, 2017** 9:30 a.m.

Third 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.firstlcc.org](http://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:**

As Americans we have prided ourselves on being a nation of immigrants. We celebrate our diversity as a source of our national health. We like to think of ourselves as being unique in history, however ...in today's gospel reading, Jesus encounters a Samaritan woman, who by the standards of the day was a foreigner of lower status. This encounter is symbolic of the diversity of the early Christian community of twenty centuries ago. In the centuries since the church of Christ has too often 'devolved' into rather homogenized groups that look more alike than different. Consider taking today's gospel lesson as a calling to open ourselves to our neighbors of every background and culture.

#### **PRELUDE**

Judy Bakke

#### **WELCOME / CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

Romans 5:1-11 pg. 917 pew Bible

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Makeover Song book pg. 6

#### **THE LITURGY**

Makeover Song book pgs. 25 – 27

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

*Let us pray, God of the heavenly host, Lord of the nations,*

**Open our eyes to see with new sight, open our ears to hear new voices,  
and open our hearts that we may love beyond our fears. 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**

#### **GOSPEL REFRAIN** *(before and after reading)*

Makeover Song book pg. 27

**"From the fullness of God have we all received grace upon grace, peace upon peace."**

**GOSPEL**

John 4:5-42

pgs. 864, 865 pew Bible

**SERMON****HYMN OF THE DAY** "Bless Now, O God, the Journey" ELW # 326**PRAYERS AND SHARING THE PEACE****OFFERING****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 # 607 "Come, Ye Disconsolate"

ELW # 487 "What Feast of Love"

ELW # 496 "One Bread, One Body"

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** Makeever Song book pgs. 32 & 33**BENEDICTION****ANNOUNCEMENTS****DISMISSAL****POSTLUDE** Judy Bakke

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

Keyboardist	Judy Bakke
Liturgy Leaders	Don Bakke & Jack Gustafson
Lector	Linda Van Ryn
Ushers	Rick & Pat Arthur, Tim Johnson, Lyn Sanderson
Sound	Gene Enfield
Projectionist	Jean Brannick
Announcer	Deacon Kirsten Kessel
ASL Interpreter	Jess Petrowiak

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Gracious invitation into life-giving Christian community  
and live in just and healthy neighborhoods.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:****ALTAR FLOWERS**

Altar flowers are given today by Adam & Zach Hogenson in honor of Grandma Karen's birthday on March 25th.

**ADULT FORUM**

Please join us in the Chapel following worship this morning for the Adult Forum. Catalina Morales is an organizer with Isaiah MN. She is also the daughter of undocumented parents. As a "Dreamer" Catalina has an insider's perspective on some of our immigration issues. Please come to hear Catalina's unique story.

**SOUP NEEDED**

We are in need of folks to sign up to bring soup and desserts for the Soup Suppers during Lent. The sign-up sheets are in the Narthex on Sunday mornings or in the hallway by the offices during the week. Thank you.

**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 19<sup>th</sup>**: "Heaven"; **March 26<sup>th</sup>**: "What Do I Live For Now". 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 Food share Month! Please bring non-perishable food items to church and place them in the large black 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 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Soup Supper will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm. All are welcome.

**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 call the church office.

**BONFIRE HEALTH & WELLNESS WORKSHOP**

You are invited to a FREE six-week Health & Wellness Workshop at FLCC beginning **April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am** in our Community Room. This free workshop is open to all adults who have ongoing health problems or who care for those who do. To register for this workshop, please call 612-706-4557. Please sign up early as space is limited. For those attending, please enter the building at the elevator entrance (Door # 4). A continental breakfast will be served. To learn more about this workshop, please log onto the Fairview Foundation's website: [www.fairview.org/livingwell](http://www.fairview.org/livingwell).