

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

**Today**                      **March 26**                      **Sharing & Caring Hands**

Parish Nurse @ STJ  
9:30am – Sunday School & Worship  
9:30am – Baptism – Charlotte Michele Pixley  
10:45am – Adult Forum – Chapel  
3:45pm – Bonfire Grief Support @ STJ

**Monday**                      **March 27**  
9:00am – Counters – Conference Room  
6:30pm - Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall  
7:30pm - B.P. STEP Group – Conference Room

**Tuesday**                      **March 28**  
9:00am – Parish Nurse Here - Office  
10:00am – Study Buddy – Conference Room  
1:00pm – FLCW Board Meeting – Community Room  
1:00pm – Staff Meeting – Conference Room  
4:00pm – KidPack Assembly @ The Food Group  
6:00pm – Bonfire Board @ HOH  
7:00pm – Investment Club – Conference Room

**Wednesday**                      **March 29**  
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 30**  
9:30am – THUMBS – Community Room  
11:00am – Parish Nurse @ HOH  
6:30pm – Quilting – Community Room

**Friday**                      **March 31**  
9:00am – Bible Study – Community Room  
5:00pm - 9:00pm – SDA

**Saturday**                      **April 1**  
9:00am – SDA

### PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS

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

Gerald Johnson	Bruce Vratisovsky	Nancy Callander	Carrie Adams
Dorothy Buystedt	Leo Alexander	Mary Arey	Kevin Ryan
Mae Gullickson			

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

Joan Pahos  
Char Jones, friend of Merry Dorphy  
Lucille Stolt, sister of Carol Pettis

**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 26, 2017**                      9:30 a.m.

Fourth 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:**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm is beloved by people of all faiths because it speaks of the redemptive love of God for less than perfect people. Too often, we only read this psalm at funerals when it is truly written as a song of victory of God's love over the struggles of being human. Please take the printed copy of the psalm in your bulletin home with you. Place it where you'll see it every morning and every evening. Read it out loud to yourself and anyone else in earshot! Let it become your mantra for the day, and every day.

#### **PRELUDE**

Choir

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

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

Ephesians 5:8-14                      pg. 951 pew Bible

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

**GATHERING SONG** "God, Whose Almighty Word"                      ELW # 673

**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, O Lord our shepherd,*

**Gather us in, O Lord, as the beloved flock of your pasture, the world. In dangerous times, grant us safe haven from the weaknesses of our being, and promote in us strong faith that others may know safety in our care even as we know it in yours. 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**

**PSALM** "Psalm 23 / Shepherd Me, O God" ELW # 780

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** pg. 198

**GOSPEL:** John 9:1-41 pgs. 871, 872 pew Bible

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Be Thou My Vision" ELW # 793

**RITE FOR HOLY BAPTISM**

**PRAYERS AND SHARING THE PEACE**  
 "Healer of Our Every Ill" (One verse between petitions) ELW # 612

**WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERING** Choir

**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
Lector	Karen Hogenson
Ushers	Michael LeRoy, Pat Mourning Ed Scharber, Al Anderson
Sound	Gene Enfield
Projectionist	Mike Buystedt
Announcer	Daniel Wilson

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 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 this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and given by Dorothy Tischer.

**BAPTISM**

We welcome the family of Charlotte Michele Pixley who is being baptized this morning. Charlotte is the daughter of Christopher & Melissa Pixley. Congratulations to this family!

**THOSE SERVING AT SHARING & CARING HANDS**

Thank you for serving at Sharing & Caring Hands this month: Dan & Phyllis Reber, Cindy Oswald, Pat & Lisa Beltz and Jack & Betty Gustafson.

**SUNDAY MORNING FORUM**

Please join us in the Chapel after worship this morning for a presentation on "Getting to know our Muslim Neighbors". Our guest presenter, Akheel, is a volunteer Outreach Lead for the Islamic Society of Woodbury East Metro who works with local churches to promote interfaith dialogue and partnerships.

**SOUP NEEDED FOR SOUP SUPPERS**

Please sign up to bring soup and desserts for the Wednesday night (6:00pm) 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**. Today's topic: **March 26<sup>th</sup>**: "What Do I Live For Now". 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. Today is the last day to order. Please stop by.

**BONFIRE HEALTH & WELLNESS WORKSHOP – Register Now!**

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. It is open to all adults who have ongoing health problems or who care for those who do. To register, please call 612-706-4557. Please sign up early as space is limited. Attendees must enter the building at the elevator entrance (Door # 4). A continental breakfast will be served. To learn more, log onto the Fairview Foundation's website: [www.fairview.org/livingwell](http://www.fairview.org/livingwell).

**KIDPACK ASSEMBLY – Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to help with KidPack Assembly on **Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00pm at the Food Group, 8501 – 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. in New Hope. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you.