

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

**Today**                    **March 5**  
9:30am – Sunday School & Worship w-communion – Sanctuary  
9:30am – Baptism – Easton & Lincoln Donahue  
10:45am – Adult Forum - Chapel  
3:45pm – Bonfire Grief Support @ STJ

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

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

**Wednesday**                    **March 8**  
11:00am – Senior Ministry Outing – Meet at Church & carpool to event  
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 9**  
9:30am – THUMBS – Community Room  
11:00am – Parish Nurse @ HOH  
11:30am – Loose Threads – Community Room  
4:00pm – FLCC / SDA Discussions – Conference Room

**Friday**                    **March 10**  
9:00am – Bible Study – Community Room  
5:00pm - 9:00pm – SDA

**Saturday**                    **March 11**  
8:30am – Council Retreat  
9:00am – SDA  
10:00am – Crafters – Community Room

## PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS

### **Please pray for:**

Ken Weis	Nancy Callander	June Ahrens	Carolyn Alm
Dorothy Buystedt	William Babine	Russell Anderson	Michele Holzknicht
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.**

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## **FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CRYSTAL**

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**March 5, 2017**                    9:30 a.m.

First 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:**

The 'seeds of doubt' can be the most powerful evil spread in the world. From the serpent's first words uttered in Eden, to the temptations of Christ in the desert, humanity has been tempted to lose hope and faith by the casting of doubt by the evil one. These 'seeds' cause fear of the future, mistrust of neighbor, and hatred of self until we are consumed in self pity and anger. Christ recognized this temptation when it came his way and told the spreader of lies to go away. So should we.

## **PRELUDE AND WELCOME**

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

Romans 5:12-19 pg. 917 pew Bible

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

**GATHERING SONG** "Rise, O Sun of Righteousness" ELW # 657

**GREETING AND KYRIE** pgs. 193, 194

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "This Is The Feast" pgs. 196, 197

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

*Let us pray, God of all our todays, Lord of all our tomorrows,*

**Help us in the times of trial we face from those who would sow doubt in you and ourselves. Replace our doubts with faith that you have led us and all humanity to this day in the hope that we may yet usher in the kingdom of grace, and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 ACCLAMATION** pg. 198

**GOSPEL**  
Matthew 4:1-11 pg. 785 pew Bible

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Beloved, God's Chosen" ELW # 648

**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**

**A SONG OF THANKSGIVING**  
"Take My Life, That I May Be" (vs. 1 & 6) ELW # 685

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
"Lamb of God" pg. 201  
ELW # 733 Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
ELW # 515 Break Now the Bread of Life  
ELW # 597 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

**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	Bea Tamminen
Ushers	Lyn Sanderson, Adam Hogenson, Zach Hogenson, Andy & Shelly Hogenson Mike Buystedt
Sound	Tom Johnson
Projectionist	Karen Hogenson
Announcer	Justin Zoss

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Altar flowers are given today by Deacon Kirsten Kessel with Thanksgiving to God and to the congregation!

**BAPTISM**

We welcome the family of Easton and Lincoln Donahue who are being baptized this morning. Easton and Lincoln are the grandsons of Sherie Michurski and Tony Casillas. Congratulations to this family!

**ADULT FORUM**

The Adult Forum presentation this morning will focus on Community Demographics. It will be presented by Deacon Kirsten. Please join us in the Chapel after the worship service to learn more about this wonderful program.

**SENIOR MINISTRY EVENT – Wednesday, March 8th**

The event for March is a trip to the Plymouth Playhouse to see "Rise Up, O Men". If you signed up, please plan to meet at the church at 11:00am and we will carpool to the event.

**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 5<sup>th</sup>** "Stuck"; **March 12<sup>th</sup>**: "Lessons of Grief – Part One". 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.

**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.

**NEAR FOOD SHELF – Empty Bowls Fundraiser**

The community is invited to a simple meal of soup and bread all donated by local businesses. This event is on **Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm to 7:00pm** at Robbinsdale Cooper High School in New Hope. In exchange for a cash donation, guests are asked to keep a bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. Local entertainment will be provided all evening. Please join us.

**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.

**DROP IN THE BUCKET**

Today is "Drop in the Bucket" Sunday. The ushers will be standing at the exits this morning with buckets to collect any spare change you may have. Thank you for your generosity!

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