

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Today **July 16**
9:30am – Parish Nurse @ HOH
9:30am – Worship w-communion - Sanctuary
9:30am – Baptism – Abigail Sue Wildenborg
11:00am – Youth Team Meeting – Youth Room

Monday **July 17**
9:00am – Counters – Conference Room
5:00pm – Property Team – Conference Room
6:30pm – Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
7:30pm – B.P. STEP Group – Conference Room

Tuesday **July 18**
10:00am – Caregiver Support/Respite @ HOH
1:00pm – Staff Meeting – Conference Room
7:00pm – Gospel Christmas Rehearsal @ FLW
7:00pm – Investment Club – Conference Room

Wednesday **July 19** **DAYD**
12:00pm – Pastor's Text Study – Conference Room
1:00pm – O.A. Group – Community Room

Thursday **July 20**
10:00am – Seven Continents of Fun & Food – Youth Room & Fellowship Hall
11:00am – Parish Nurse @ HOH
4:00pm – FLCC/SDA Discussions – Conference Room
7:00pm = KidPack Board Meeting – Conference Room

Friday **July 21**
5:00pm - 9:00pm – SDA

Saturday **July 22**
9:00am – SDA

PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS

Please pray for:

Linda Van Ryn	Doris Efteland	Myrtle Keniston	Bruce Vratisovsky
Sophia Fleming	Dottie Viar	Lauretta Welter	Bea Tamminen
Carol Pettis	Rennel Rice	Don Bakke	Diane Christiansen

Please pray for the grieving families of:

Rick Gass, son of Duane & Donna Gass
Sigrid Nelson

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

7708 – 62nd Ave. N., Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

July 16, 2017 9:30 a.m.
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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.firstlcoc.org

ASL (American Sign Language) translation is available two Sundays each month. Please call the church office for more information.

Today's theme:

Have you ever stood in a garden, taken in a deep breath and enjoyed the scent of things growing? It can be one of the great moments in life. The air is full of the scent of tomatoes, beans, cucumbers, and dirt. Good soil has a smell all its own. Good soil is made up of the a lifetime of decay, and rot, and is tilled by worms and moles, and insects of every kind. Dirt is dirty. But, dirt is the medium for the growth of all that we call wonderful in life. Good soil is what Jesus called good people. For those of us willing to see our task in life is to make things like people and lives grow, being good soil is a pretty wonderful thing to be.

PRELUDE

Judy Bakke

WELCOME / CALL TO WORSHIP

A READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH:

Romans 8:1-11 pgs.918, 919 pew Bible

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Makeever Song book pg. 6

THE LITURGY

Makeever Song book pgs. 25 – 27

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

Let us pray, God of heaven and earth, Lord of all good gifts,

Lord help us to become good soil for the fruits of faith so that our lives become the fertile ground for someone else's wonderful life. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"* Gather # 693

(We sing vs. 1 & 2 before the message and vs. 3 & 4 after the message)

MISSION MINUTE

GOSPEL REFRAIN *(before and after reading)* Makeever Song book pg. 27

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

pg. 794 pew Bible

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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "The Summons" Gather # 700

RITE FOR HOLY BAPTISM

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 # 631 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

ELW # 635 "We Walk by Faith"

ELW # 661 "I Love to Tell the Story"

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	Jack Gustafson & Pr. Dave
Lector	Gloria Kubly
Ushers	Rick & Pat Arthur Tim Johnson
Sound	Gene Enfield
Projectionist	Jean Brannick
Announcer	Daniel Wilson
Interpreter	Jess Petrowiak

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 the family of Al & Tootie Anderson in celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations and best wishes!

BAPTISM

We welcome the family of Abigail Sue Wildenborg who is being baptized this morning. Abigail is the daughter of Ian & Emily (Rudolph) Wildenborg. Congratulations!

THANK YOU

Thank you Judy Bakke, for being our guest pianist this week for the Makeever service. We also thank Jack Gustafson and Pr. Dave for leading us in today's liturgy. What a great way to start our Sunday!

RUMMAGE SALE – Help Wanted!

Volunteers are needed to help with the Rummage Sale this year. Tasks include receiving items, sorting, tagging, set-up, as well as working during the sale and clean-up after the sale. The sale will be **August 2nd through August 4th**. If you can help in one or more of these areas, please fill out the form in today's bulletin and turn it in to Anita Anderson or Rick Burton or the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Mortenson at 763-535-2797.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED

We need worship assistants to help with reading the lessons, ushering, sound techs and projectionists on Sunday mornings. The need is even greater in the summer. If you are able to help in any of these areas, please call the church office. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED

What do Prayer Partners do? Simply remember to say a prayer every day for the person you're paired with! Pray for their safety, health, transformation, friendships, being open to experiencing God on this journey and in their life, for having fun and recognizing their own God-given gifts and talents, etc. Just hold that person in your mind and look on them through Christ's eyes, asking for their highest good.

Many thanks to those who've already signed up to serve as Prayer Partners for the FLY Mission Trip! **We still need more Prayer Partners!** Please let Deacon Kirsten know if you'd like to serve as a Prayer Partner.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR NEAR FOOD SHELF

It is time to help get NEAR Food Shelf students ready for the start of the upcoming school year. Many school supplies are needed. Most stores will be having sales of school supplies soon, so it is a great time to take advantage of the savings.

Supplies most needed include: Backpacks, 2-pocket folders (red, yellow, green, blue), loose-leaf (wide-lined) paper, pencils, erasers, pencil boxes, highlighters, markers (bold and fine tip) and blunt-tip scissors.

Last year, over 350 local area students received much needed supplies. Thank you for your continued support of the NEAR Food Shelf.

*One small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.
Have a wonderful week!*