

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Today July 9
9:30am – Parish Nurse here today
9:30am – Worship - Sanctuary

Monday July 10
9:00am – Counters – Conference Room
11:00am – Manny Oyen Memorial Service – Sanctuary
1:00pm – Visitation Team – Community Room
3:00pm – Global Missions – Conference Room
6:30pm – Exec Team – Conference Room
6:30pm – Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
7:30pm – B.P. STEP Group – Conference Room

Tuesday July 11
9:00am – Parish Nurse @ FLCC – Office
10:00am – Bonfire Health & Wellness Team – Community Room
1:00pm – Staff Meeting – Conference Room
6:30pm – Council Meeting – Community Room
7:00pm – Gospel Christmas Rehearsal @ FLW
7:00pm – Investment Club – Conference Room

Wednesday July 12
12:00pm – Pastor's Text Study – Conference Room
1:00pm – O.A. Group – Community Room
6:30pm – Garden Club - Courtyard

Thursday July 13
10:00am – Seven Continents of Fun & Food – Youth Room & Fellowship Hall
11:00am – Parish Nurse @ HOH
11:30am – Loose Threads – Community Room

Friday July 14
5:00pm - 9:00pm – SDA

Saturday July 15 **Newsletter Articles Due**
9:00am – SDA

PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS

Please pray for:

Linda Van Ryn	Doris Efteland	Myrtle Keniston	Bruce Vratisovsky
Steph Johnson	Dottie Viar	Lauretta Welter	Bea Tamminen
Carol Pettis	Father of Pr. Nirmala Reinschmidt		
Brett Remme (<i>friend of Dr. Klempay & Martha Otto</i>)			

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

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

July 9, 2017 9:30 a.m.
Fifth 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.firstlcc.org
ASL (American Sign Language) translation is available two Sundays each month. Please call the church office for more information.

Today's theme:

So, what was your latest 'argument' about? Do you even remember who it was with? Did anyone actually win? Did any one's mind change? It's pretty tough to change another's mind about anything. Often patterns of thought and life are set early on and remain with us a lifetime. But Jesus came to the world calling it to freedom from our old habits of skepticism, suspicion, and fear. It's God having an ongoing 'argument' with humanity for the sake of making life worthwhile. Jesus has won the argument.

PRELUDE "A Scandinavian Suite" by *M. Drischner* Dr. Klempay
"The Great White Host" by *Brosen* Tim Dahl

WELCOME / CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" ELW # 851

A READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH Romans 7:15-25a
Brief Homily
Prayer

A HYMN "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" ELW # 597

A READING FROM THE PROPHETS Zechariah 9:9-12
Brief Homily
Prayer

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

Let us pray, God of children, Lord of grown-up children,

Allow us to hear what children hear, and see the way that children see so that the world may become worthy of our awe and life may seem like a daily gift to be opened and celebrated. In Christ we ask it. Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "All Glory, Laud and Honor" ELW # 344
(Vs. 1 before message and Vs. 4 after message)

A RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 145:8-14

Brief Homily

Prayer

A HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign"

ELW # 434

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Brief Homily

Prayer

A HYMN "We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

ELW # 617

A RESPONSIVE READING OF THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS on screen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING "Day By Day" *by O. Ahnfelt*

Tim Dahl

A HYMN "To God Be the Glory" (Vs. 1 & 3)

SDA Hymnal # 341

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN "On Our Way Rejoicing"

ELW # 537

DISMISSAL

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Thank you to Today's Worship Assistants

Music Director	Martha Otto Honer, M.S.
Organist	Dr. Desiderius Klempay
Cantor	Tim Dahl
Lector	Gloria Kubly
Ushers	Bob Johnson, Cindy Oswald Pat Beltz, Mark Beltz
Sound	Chip Taft
Projectionist	Karen Hogenson
Announcer	Debbie Haney

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 Ardis Brandt in honor of Richard's 75th birthday.

WELCOME

We welcome Tim Dahl as our Cantor this morning. Thank you for sharing your musical talents with us. It is a pleasure to have you here.

YOU'RE INVITED!

You are invited to a get-together with Pastor Nirmala Reinschmidt & family on Saturday, July 15, 2017 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the community room at Caliber Chase Apartments, 6315 55th Avenue No., Crystal, MN 55428. A light lunch will be served.

Please RSVP to Gloria Kubly, Tel. 763/420-4991 no later than this Tuesday, July 11, 2017. We look forward to seeing you there.

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 in the narthex this morning or the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Mortenson at 763-535-2797.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Many of you know the Oyen family. Manny & Mary Lou Oyen were members here for many years before retiring to Arizona. Manny passed away on January 25, 2017 in Mesa, AZ. There will be a memorial service for Manny here at First Lutheran Church tomorrow, July 10th at 11:00am with a luncheon to follow the service. Please keep the Oyen family in your thoughts and prayers.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

Holy Nativity has invited the folks of First Lutheran to join them for a St. Paul Saints baseball game on **Tuesday, August 22nd at 7:00pm**. They have reserved a bus to take us to the game. Cost for this event is \$18.00 and includes admission to the game and the bus ride. The bus will leave Holy Nativity at 6:00pm. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Lisa or Linda at Holy Nativity 763-545-1647. **Today is the last day to sign up.** All ages welcome.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Periodically the church sends out emails to our members to keep them informed of events happening here at the church, whether it is a funeral, closure due to building issues or bad weather, or just an event that folks may want to attend. If you have an email address and are not receiving emails from the church but would like to receive them, please send us a note via email letting us know. Our church email address is: **connectflcc@gmail.com**. We would love to hear from you.

NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to thank everyone for the thoughts, prayers visits and cards while I was under the weather. It really helped make me feel better. I would also like to thank everyone for praying for my great-grandson David Luke. He is now a healthy 15-month old bouncing baby boy! God Bless you all!

Mae Gullickson