

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Today August 20
Parish Nurse @ HOH
9:30am –Worship w-Communion - Sanctuary
11:00am – Youth Team Meeting – Youth Room

Monday August 21
9:00am – Counters – Conference Room
6:30pm - Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
7:30pm - B.P. STEP Group – Conference Room

Tuesday August 22
9:00am – Parish Nurse Here today – Office
10:00am – Visitation for Carol Pettis
11:00am – Celebration of Life Service for Carol Pettis
6:00pm – Bonfire Board Meeting
7:00pm – Gospel Christmas Rehearsal @ FLW
7:00pm – Investment Club – Conference Room

Wednesday August 23
12:30pm – FLCW Board Meeting – Conference Room
1:00pm – O.A. Group – Community Room
6:30pm – Garden Club – Courtyard
7:00pm – Caring Support Group – Conference Room

Thursday August 24
11:00am – Parish Nurse @ HOH
11:30am – Loose Threads – Community Room
6:30pm – Quilting – Community Room

Friday August 25 DAYD
5:00pm - 9:00pm – SDA

Saturday August 26
9:00am – SDA

PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS

Please pray for:

Linda Van Ryn	Myrtle Keniston	Bruce Vratisovsky
Don Bakke	Lauretta Welter	Bea Tamminen
Rennel Rice	Mary Fickling	Jan Johnson
Barb Babine	Juanita Hanson	Jared Kubly
Kay Fuglie		

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

August 20, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Eleventh 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:

Have you seen the 'hidden camera' videos on TV or the web that use actors to engage in some awful scene of verbal abuse or persecution? The scenes are staged in order to see how others in the room will react to terrible behavior. A lot of the bystanders do little but back off, but usually there will be someone who rises to the occasion to defend the abused person. It was a test. Today's Gospel lesson sees just such a test, in this case for Jesus, to reveal himself as one who acts in life or is only an observer. It's a little story about the purpose of faith.

PRELUDE

Judy Bakke

WELCOME / CALL TO WORSHIP

A READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

pg. 599 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 Justice, Lord of Peace,

Come by here O God so we may feel your presence in the midst of our troubles and cares. Remain close beside us so the prayers we whisper may be heard above the noise of our complaints. Lead us, O Lord, beyond the boundaries we have created in anger to new futures you have created in love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" on screen

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

MISSION MINUTE

ALLELUIA VERSE

Makeever Song book pg. 27

GOSPEL REFRAIN *(before and after reading)*

Makeever Song book pg. 27

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

pg. 797 pew Bible

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" Gather # 431

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Makeever Song book pg. 28

PRAYERS AND SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING Judy Bakke

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 # 744 "Lord, Be Glorified"

ELW # 759 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

ELW # 785 "When Peace like a River"

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	Alison Glover
Ushers	Rick & Pat Arthur, Tim Johnson,
Sound	Gene Enfield
Projectionist	Carrie Adams
Announcer	Rick Arthur

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 Jeanne Jeska in loving memory of her mother, Ollie Howard. A life so beautifully lived and a heart so deeply loved.

MANY THANKS

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

HANDBELL CHOIR

Handbells will begin rehearsals on September 6, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Chapel. All are welcome. If you have never played handbells, we will teach you. No matter your skill level, you are welcome. Come have some fun!! If you have any questions, please contact Janet Howe.

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

First Lutheran Church of Crystal will have its 4th Annual "Fall Festival Classic" golf tournament at the New Hope Golf Course on **Saturday, September 30, 2017**. Sign-ups to play golf have started! Singles or teams, with two different Tee Times, 10:00am & 12:30pm. \$30 per golfer/\$120 per team of four. We also encourage everyone to sell raffle tickets for this event. Tickets are \$5 each. Proceeds from the tournament will support missions of the church. Please email Alida Adams at alida_adams@rdale.org or call Barry Dickson at 763-442-7362 for details. Thank you.

SENIOR MINISTRY

The Senior Ministry will be going to the Plymouth Playhouse on **Wednesday, October 11th** to see "The Looney Lutherans in: Livin' La Vida Lutheran!" They are a trio of wacky girls on tour promoting their new cookbook and "lifestyle guide". We will meet at First Lutheran at 11:00am to carpool. Cost is \$31.00 per person and includes lunch and play. Make checks payable to House of Hope. Payment and sign-up is **due by September 18th**. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. For questions, please speak with one of the committee members: Ruth Modrow, Merry Dorphy, Molly Enfield, Nell Alexander and Loretta Quick from House of Hope.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The 2017 Fall Festival Fund Raiser will be on **Sunday, September 24, 2017**. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the Fall Festival. There are a variety of tasks to be completed to make this event a success. Please consider giving a little of your time to helping with this fundraiser. We will be reaching out in the next couple of weeks. Thank you in advance

SCHOOL KIT ITEMS NEEDED

FLCW is collecting school kit items: 70-sheet wide-ruled notebooks, blunt scissors, rulers, pencil sharpeners, ballpoint pens (no gel ink), and 16 or 24 boxes of good crayons. Place the items in the drawer unit in the Community Room. Sales are going on now. Thank you.