

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Today August 27 Sharing & Caring Hands

Parish Nurse @ STJ

9:30am –Worship - Sanctuary

9:30am – Baptism – Wesley Michael Sullivan

Monday August 28

9:00am – Counters – Conference Room

6:30pm - Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

7:30pm - B.P. STEP Group – Conference Room

Tuesday August 29

1:00pm – Staff Meeting – Conference Room

7:00pm – Gospel Christmas Rehearsal @ FLW

7:00pm – Investment Club – Conference Room

Wednesday August 30

1:00pm – O.A. Group – Community Room

Thursday August 31

11:00am – Parish Nurse @ HOH

Friday September 1 DAYD

5:00pm - 9:00pm – SDA

Saturday September 2

9:00am – SDA

PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS

Please pray for:

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| 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 27, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Twelfth 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:

In an old story, two grandmothers are standing over a crib describing the newest grandchild to each other. Each one states that the child's attributes are totally from her family: the eyes came from a father while the shape of the nose belonged to a long dead great grandparent and the fingers and toes were those of the mother or father. While they certainly both saw what they wanted to see, they were both equally wrong. The child carried the attributes of many generations but the combination was unique to him/her.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus asks who others think he is. Most responses speak of him as if he were some past historical figure now reborn. But Peter recognizes that Jesus is unique. In him, God has done something not done before. Jesus is more than a sum of the past. Jesus is the future. God is looking ahead!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

A READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Romans 12:1-8

pg. 922 pew Bible

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION

on screen

OPENING HYMN "All Are Welcome" (Vs. 1, 3, 4)

ELW # 641

GREETING AND KYRIE

booklet pages 2, 3

HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory To God"

booklet pages 5 - 7

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

Let us pray, God of pasts, Lord of futures,

Call us by name, O Lord, that we may turn our heads and hearts to hear you calling us to a new day. Open our ears to hear the sounds of your grace in the new people, the new chances, and the new hopes that will surround us this day. Bless us, we pray, with faith that looks ahead to the life you have in store for us all. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Jesus Loves Me" ELW # 595
(We sing vs. 1 before the message and vs. 2 after the message)

MISSION MINUTE Kris Swartchick

GOSPEL VERSE booklet page 8

GOSPEL
Matthew 16:13-20 pg. 798 pew Bible

SERMON
HYMN OF THE DAY "How He Loves" by John Mark McMillan on screen

RITE FOR HOLY BAPTISM

PRAYERS AND SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING

SONG OF THANKSGIVING "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" ELW # 659
(Vs. 1 & 2)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN "Go Make A Difference" on screen

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

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Thank you to Today's Worship Assistants

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| Deacon | Kirsten Kessel |
| Music Director | Martha Otto Honer, M.S. |
| Organist | Dr. Desiderius Klempay |
| Cantor | Kris Swartchick |
| Lector | Gigi Harris |
| Ushers /Greeters | Libby Gustafson, Ashley Meier, Brady Dickson Olivia Adams, Gigi Harris |
| Sound | Gene Enfield |
| Projectionist | Jean Brannick |
| Announcer | Deacon Kirsten |

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:

THOSE SERVING AT SHARING & CARING HANDS

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

We Are Called 2017! First Lutheran Church of Crystal welcomes new volunteers to join the experienced voices for the joy of praising God in music.

Our ministry leads the congregation in uplifting and heartfelt music at the 9:30am worship services twice a month. The Chancel Choir rehearses 7:00pm to 8:30pm Wednesday evenings beginning September 6th. Auditioned voices meet 8:30pm to 9:00pm.

The Handbell Choir meets at 6:00pm on Wednesday evenings beginning on September 6th. For more information about the Music Ministry, please visit our website at www.firstlcc.org, or call the church office 763-537-4576.

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

There is a sign-up sheet for Families Moving Forward on the Welcome Desk. The scheduled days for FLCC are: Monday, September 4th and Friday, September 8th. There are several volunteer opportunities for these days. For details about this important program, please see Deacon Kirsten.

SCHOOL KITS

School kit collection continues through October, so please shop the sales and place your items in the collection unit in the Community Room. Lists are located in the rack near the elevator.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The 2017 Fall Festival Fund Raiser will be on **Sunday, September 24, 2017 from 3:30pm to 6:30pm**. 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

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.