

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Today

September 17

Parish Nurse @ HOH

9:30am –Worship w-communion - Sanctuary

9:45am - Sunday School – Chapel & Fellowship Hall

10:45am – Cinnamon Roll Fellowship – Community Room & Fellowship Hall

10:45am – Adult Forum / Round table discussions – Fellowship Hall

11:00am – Youth Team Meeting – Youth Room

3:45pm – Bonfire Grief Support @ STJ

Monday

September 18

9:00am – Counters – Conference Room

9:30am – Quilters – Community Room

3:00pm – Global Missions – Conference Room

6:30pm - Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

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

Tuesday

September 19

9:45am – Deborah Circle – Community Room

10:00am – Caregiver Support/Respite Program @ HOH

10:00am – Study Buddy – Conference Room

12:00pm – Mary Magdalene Circle – Fellowship Hall

1:00pm – Staff Meeting – Conference Room

1:00pm – Rachel Circle – Community Room

7:00pm – Gospel Christmas Rehearsal @ FLW

7:00pm – Investment Club – Conference Room

Wednesday

September 20

DAYD

12:00pm – Pr.'s Text Study – Courtyard / Conference Room

1:00pm – O.A. Group – Community Room

6:00pm – Bell Choir – Chapel & Music Room

6:30pm – Garden Club - Courtyard

7:00pm – Chancel Choir – Music Room

Thursday

September 21

9:30am – THUMBS – Community Room

11:00am – Parish Nurse @ HOH

Friday

September 22

DAYD

5:00pm - 9:00pm – SDA

Saturday

September 23

9:00am – SDA

PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS

Please pray for:

Linda Van Ryn

Don Bakke

Rennel Rice

Bea Tamminen

Myrtle Keniston

Lauretta Welter

Bernie Swanson

Juanita Hanson

Bruce Vratisovsky

Barb Babine

Jared Kubly

Ron Townsend

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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September 17, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Fifteenth 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:

Mercy is a word we like. We often ask for it when we're in a bind (often financially). But when it's our turn to offer it, something stops us. We start wondering if we're being 'taken' and we hate being called a fool more than we love being merciful. Mercy is potentially a losing proposition for those who offer it. But what is gained, is a new beginning. For those whose debt is forgiven, a burden is lifted. For those who forgave the debt, the full cost of grace has become a reality. Grace is costly, but Grace is also all that matters.

PRELUDE

Judy Bakke

WELCOME / CALL TO WORSHIP

A READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Romans 14:1-12

pg. 923 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 Grace, Lord of mercy,

Pry open the purse-strings of our hearts so that we may become generous

in word and deed toward all who need a new beginning in life.

In Christ we ask it. Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "We Are Marching in the Light" ELW # 866

(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 18:21-35

pg. 800 pew Bible

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come Down, O Love Divine”
(Vs. 1, 2, 4)

ELW # 804

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 # 592 “Just As I Am, without One Plea”

ELW # 642 “Where True Charity and Love Abide” (Repeat 5 x)

ELW # 656 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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	Larry Hanson
Ushers	Rick & Pat Arthur, Marcia Callender, Dean Funk
Sound	Paul Brannick
Projectionist	Jean Brannick
Announcer	Daniel Wilson

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 Barry & Kathy Dickson in loving memory of their parents Jenny Wilson and Barry Dickson, Sr.

ADULT FORUM

Please join us today after worship in the Fellowship Hall for an adult forum round-table discussion on the vision and future of First Lutheran and our relationship with the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

CINNAMON ROLL FELLOWSHIP – Today!

Today is Cinnamon Roll Fellowship hosted by Global Missions. Rolls will be served in the Community Room and in the Fellowship Hall for those who are attending the adult forum. If you are unable to stay for the forum, there will be boxes of rolls for purchase to take home. Thank you for your support.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please sign up to help with the Fall Festival. There are many areas to volunteer. Sign-up sheets are on the large bulletin board in the Narthex.

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 4th Annual “Fall Festival Classic” golf tournament is at the New Hope Golf Course on **Saturday, September 30, 2017**. Raffle tickets for this event are \$5 each. Proceeds 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. Thanks.

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!” We will meet at FLCC 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 tomorrow!** There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

A SPECIAL FUNDRAISER – Today at Crystal VFW

As most of you know, Bruce Vratisovsky (*a member of our church family*) has been ill for quite some time and is unable to work and do daily tasks we all take for granted. A fundraiser for Bruce will be held **today from 1:00pm to 6:00pm** at the Crystal VFW on Bass Lake Road. Stop in for a meal & beverage. A portion of the funds collected will help with Bruce’s medical expenses. Thank you.

FALL FESTIVAL – Pie and Lefse Bakers needed!

We are looking for volunteers to sign up to bake, sell, or bake & sell pies for the Fall Festival on **Sunday, September 24th**. (Please, NO Cream Pies) Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

We will also be baking lefse to sell at the Fall Festival on **Friday, September 22nd from 1-5 pm** here in the church kitchen. Please sign up to help with this project. Thank you.

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP

The Men’s Fellowship Dinner is **Sunday, October 8th at 5:30pm** at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, 5929 Brooklyn Blvd., in Brooklyn Center. The guest speaker for the evening is Joe Schmit, Inspirational Speaker, Author and KSTP 5 Sports Anchor.

Reservations are being taken today and next Sunday by Al Anderson or you may call the church office during the week to reserve your spot.