

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Today **September 24** **Sharing & Caring Hands**

Parish Nurse @ STJ
9:30am –Worship - Sanctuary
9:45am - Sunday School – Chapel & Fellowship Hall
11:00am – Fall Festival Set-up
3:00pm – 6:30pm – Fall Festival
6:30pm – Fall Festival Clean-up
3:45pm – Bonfire Grief Support @ STJ

Monday **September 25**

9:00am – Counters – Conference Room
6:30pm - Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
6:30pm – Trunk or Treat Planning Meeting – Community Room
7:30pm - B.P. STEP Group – Conference Room

Tuesday **September 26**

9:00am – Parish Nurse at FLCC – Office
10:00am – Bonfire Health & Wellness – Community Room
10:00am – Study Buddy – Conference Room
1:00pm – FLCW Board Meeting – Community Room
1:00pm – Staff Meeting – Conference Room
7:00pm – Gospel Christmas Rehearsal @ FLW
7:00pm – Investment Club – Conference Room

Wednesday **September 27**

12:00pm – Pr.'s Text Study – Courtyard / Conference Room
1:00pm – O.A. Group – Community Room
6:00pm – Bell Choir – Chapel & Music Room
7:00pm – Chancel Choir – Music Room
7:00pm – FLCC Grief Support Group – Conference Room

Thursday **September 28**

9:30am – THUMBS – Community Room
11:00am – Parish Nurse @ HOH
11:30am – Loose Threads – Community Room
6:30pm – Quilting – Community Room

Friday **September 29** **DAYD**

5:00pm - 9:00pm – SDA
5:00pm – Private Wedding - Chapel

Saturday **September 30**

Fall Festival Classic Golf Tournament @ New Hope Golf Course
9:00am – SDA

PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS

Please pray for:

Linda Van Ryn	Myrtle Keniston	Bruce Vratisovsky
Don Bakke	Lauretta Welter	Barb Babine
Rennel Rice	Bernie Swanson	Jared Kubly
Bea Tamminen	Juanita Hanson	Ron Townsend
Charles Starren	Don Carlson	Jack Durant

**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

September 24, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Sixteenth 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:

Why do we love a good story? From our earliest memory we have been told stories that that have soothed us, entertained us, scolded us, and taught us. Stories are the vehicles of greater truths using characters and situations of everyday life. Since the very beginnings of the scriptures, 'story' and parable have been an effective manner of teaching deeper truths about life's difficulties and faithful approaches to overcoming them. The vehicle of story and parable bring the possibility of truth to our own stories and the parables we live every day.

PRELUDE

Dr. Klempay

WELCOME / CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

"Lord God, We Praise You"

ELW # 558

A READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Philippians 1:21-30

Brief Homily
Prayer

A HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation" (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

ELW # 796

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

Brief Homily
Prayer

A HYMN

"We Are Marching in the Light" (Vs. 1& 2)

ELW # 866

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A HYMN

"We Are Marching in the Light" (Vs. 3 & 4)

ELW # 866

MISSION MINUTE

A RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalms 145:1-8

Brief Homily
Prayer

A HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (Vs.1, 3, 4)

ELW # 858

A RESPONSIVE SONG FOR THE GOSPEL

“Listen, God is Calling” (Vs. 1)

ELW # 513

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

A RESPONSIVE SONG FOR THE GOSPEL

“Listen, God is Calling” (Vs. 3)
Brief Homily

ELW # 513

THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

on screen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

“Christ, Be Our Light” (Response between petitions)

ELW # 715

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING

A HYMN “For the Beauty of the Earth” (Vs. 1, 2, 5)

ELW # 879

LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” (Vs. 1, 2, 6)

ELW # 873

DISMISSAL

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Thank you to Today’s Worship Assistants

Music Director	Martha Otto Honer, M.S.
Organist	Dr. Desiderius Klempay
Lector	Karen Hogenson
Cantor	Todd Jackson
Ushers	Michael LeRoy, Ed Scharber Pat Mourning, Al Anderson
Sound	Gene Enfield
Projectionist	Jean Brannick
Announcer	Alison Glover
Interpreter	Jackie Gile

<p>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.</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are given today by Daniel & Sonja Wilson in celebration of Daniel’s mother, Elaine Wilson on her birthday.

THOSE SERVING AT SHARING & CARING HANDS

Thank you for serving at Sharing & Caring Hands this month: Cindy Oswald, Darrel Bjorge, Anita Anderson, Dan & Phyllis Reber, Pat & Lisa Beltz and Bette Gustafson.

FALL FESTIVAL

Just a reminder about an event today that you won’t want to miss! Please plan to come back this afternoon for the Fall Festival here at First Lutheran. Bring your friends and neighbors for an afternoon of food & fun for all ages! There will be live music by the Blutopians, a classic car show, games for the kids and more. See you there!

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 see Alida Adams in the narthex this morning to turn in your ticket stubs and money. Thanks.

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 by Al Anderson or you may call the church office during the week to reserve your spot.

HELP! WE NEED YOU!

Handbell practice takes place in the Chapel on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm. We really need more ringers! All are welcome no matter your skill level. We will teach you. Come have some fun! If you have questions or are able to join these fine folks in making a joyful noise, please contact Janet Howe (763) 420-9101.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

The new Christ In Our Home Devotionals for October through December are available in the Narthex and the church office. Large Print copies are also available. Please help yourself.

TRUNK – OR – TREAT

It is coming up quick! Before we know it, we will be gearing up for Halloween. We will be hosting our 7th annual trunk-or-treat night in the church parking lot on October 31st. We will need volunteers to help make this event a memorable experience for our neighborhood children. Tasks include set-up, making popcorn, hot cocoa and hot apple cider, decorating your trunks and passing out candy to the trick-or-treaters and clean-up. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex next week or you can call the church office and speak with Jean Brannick. Thank you.