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## From the Pastor

### *The Spirit of October*

By the autumn of 1511, a student named Martin Luther was enrolled as a doctoral candidate at the theological school in Erfurt, Germany. He had become a monk some five years before as the result of a pledge offered to God for his safety during a violent storm. Luther seemed to attract storms. Martin just didn't seem to be able to leave well enough alone. Martin, himself, was a storm in the making. In six years Luther would be writing down a long list of arguments he had with the ruling system of his time and starting a debate about the meaning of truth that lasts until this day.

Six years.

Something changed in this 'student' Luther. Something changed him, changed him at the very deepest level of his being. It was the kind of change that left him standing at the proverbial 'fork in the road' with one street sign reading 'do nothing' and the other reading 'do something'. Doing nothing meant security, a good job, and a comfortable life. Doing something brought a tenuous existence, a stunted career, and a life on the run. Somehow, he chose the latter. Why?

There are points in history, both societal and personal, at which drive us to step from one life to another; from one world to the next. Everything around that moment of choice is charged with possibility and more than a little fear. You and I live in such times. As challenging as they seem, they can be very fruitful time as well. However, they do require a few things from us.

Tense times demand that we **'do our homework'** and be good students of the teachings of our faith. They invite us to worship, study the scriptures, and discuss openly our questions and our choices. Hard choices call us to **'listen to the voices of the moment'** so that we can cull the seeds of real need from the din of despair. Being Christian doesn't allow us to bury our heads in the sand and pray it all away. And finally, times like ours call for the **'courage to keep faith'** amid the doom and gloom of the prophets of economic disaster so that we see the clear vision of a hopeful future.

You and I are 'students' now; watching and learning. But more is expected of us soon. Like Luther, we will come to our moment to move from student to preacher, and from security to a life with an edge. But we do so knowing that God stands with us at such times and says, "Come and follow me! I know the way!" The rest, my friends is pure joy.

*Pastor David Folkerts*



## WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

### OCTOBER 2

#### 16th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am Worship -  
with Holy Communion  
9:15 am Worship -  
with Holy Communion

No Forum - Church clean-up day

### OCTOBER 9

#### 17th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am Worship  
9:15 am Worship  
Parish Nurse here today  
10:30 am Adult Forum -  
"Compatible Technology Int'l" -  
presented by Richard Fulmer

### OCTOBER 16

#### 18th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am Worship -  
with Holy Communion  
9:15 am Worship -  
with Holy Communion  
10:30 am - No Forum -  
Cinnamon Roll Fellowship

### OCTOBER 23

#### 19th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am Worship  
9:15 am Worship  
10:30 am - Adult Forum --  
"Patrolling Our Community"  
presented by Colleen Norell of the  
Brooklyn Park Police Dept.

### OCTOBER 30

#### Reformation Sunday

8:00 am Worship  
9:15 am Worship -  
Confirmation Ceremony  
10:30 am Adult Forum -  
"Pastor's Corner" presented by  
Pastor Dave.

*A unique unity among neighboring churches*

## Bonfire Ministry...Rekindling our faith through our deeds. . .



For a majority of the students at Meadow Lake and Forest Elementary, school on Monday morning means more than the *beginning* of a new week. Unfortunately, for the many children living in poverty, it also could mean the *end* to two days of hunger, because there wasn't enough food over the weekend. Families in poverty often times have to choose between paying the mortgage, medical bills and feeding their family. Weekend hunger remains a reality in our own back yards.

**James 2:15-17** reads:

*"If a brother or sister is without clothes and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you don't give them what the body needs, what good is it? In the same way faith, if it doesn't have works, is dead by itself."*

You, too, can put your faith in action. Help is needed! There are many ways to help:

### Volunteers are needed to pack weekend snack packs.

Assembly dates are scheduled for the last Tuesday of every month. 4:00pm – 7:00pm at Emergency Food Network, 8501 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, New Hope. Volunteer contact: Cassie Marino 763-504-4980 or [cassie\\_marino@rdale.org](mailto:cassie_marino@rdale.org).

### Contribute financially to Bonfire's Kid Pack program.

Any amount will help address weekend hunger. *Want some ideas?* Weekend snack packs cost approximately \$2.00 each. A donation of \$100 basically adopts a child for the year. A donation of \$1,500 will basically provide weekend snacks for a classroom during the school year.

### Participate in Bonfire Kid Pack fund-raisers.

#### **Our Next Event:**

Cosmic Bowling - October 1, 2011  
3:00pm – 5:00pm at New Hope Bowl.  
Tickets \$15.00. For tickets call: 763-537-3653.

*Faith is alive and on fire within our Bonfire congregations!*

Three children were baptized at First Lutheran  
Church of Crystal in September:

Ryder Jackson Magon, grandson of  
Rich and Kay Magon

Talia Francesca Tanberg, granddaughter of  
Rich and Kay Magon and

Douglas Harold Buystedt III, son of  
Doug and Sarah Buystedt II



# Youth Events FOR THE MONTH

## YOUTH NEWS

First Lutheran Youth will continue having bible study throughout the school year. Bible study will be held in the youth room at 10:30am on Sundays. Bible study is youth led, with assistance from adult leaders when needed. Youth will be going through selected books in the New Testament. All youth grades 6-12th and friends are welcome. Any youth wanting to help lead a bible study should contact Youth Director Jessica Johnson.

### Aluminum Can Collection

We will be continuing our can collection fundraiser to help raise money for our next summer trip. We will only be collecting aluminum cans and no longer collecting news paper.

On the fourth Sunday of every month (October 23rd) we will be doing a mass collection, so please bring your cans to church. Our youth can help you take them out of your car. If needed our youth can pick them up from your home as well. There will be bins in the youth room if you wish to bring in aluminum cans through out the month.

Thank you for your help in this fundraiser.

### Mini-Mission Trip

First Lutheran Youth will be going on a Mini-Mission trip to Minneapolis again this year. This will take place on October 7th-9th. Youth in grades 9-12th and friends are welcome to attend.

Youth will be volunteering at different places in Minneapolis as well as in Crystal and Brooklyn Park.

Any youth that would like to attend should contact Youth Director Jessica Johnson for more information.

### Trunk-OR-Treating

This Halloween, the First Lutheran Youth will be sponsoring our very first "Trunk-OR-Treating" in the church parking lot.

This is going to be a great event for us to get to know our neighbors around First Lutheran. We need everyone's participation to make this event a success.

Please come to the church parking lot with the trunk of your car decorated and full of candy to hand out to trick-or-treaters. Trunk-OR-Treating will be from 5:30-7:00pm.

Don't miss this event! Invite your neighbors, friends and family too. More information to come on this event.

## Happy Halloween

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes for all Ninth Graders will be held with Pastor Dave on Sundays beginning October 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will meet in the Conference Room at 10:30am. These classes with Pastor will meet for four weeks in preparation of the rite of Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) which will take place on Sunday, October 30th at the 9:15 worship.

This year our confirmands are:

Victoria Adams  
Jallah Jentzen  
Michael Swartchick  
Aaron Zerome  
Nathan Linderholm  
Ethan White

Congratulations !

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## SENIOR MINISTRY

The next Senior Ministry event will be on Wednesday, October 12th.

It will be hosted by House of Hope Lutheran Church at 4800 Boone Avenue North in New Hope.

We will have a Potluck luncheon at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker for this event is Ray Quinn from the American Association of Wartime Veterans.

Come to hear if you or your spouse would be eligible for these special veteran benefits.

For more information about this event, or if you need to schedule a ride, please call Myrtle Keniston at 763-537-6908.

## FLCW NEWS



Grace and peace to you all.

Please continue to collect supplies for the school kits for Lutheran World Relief  
Here is the School Kit List:

**ITEMS MUST BE IDENTICAL IN EACH KIT FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF - NO CHANGES PLEASE**

- \*Four 70-sheet notebooks of college ruled or wide line paper (Not loose leaf please)
  - \*One blunt scissors
  - \*One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
  - \*One pencil sharpener
  - \*Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secured together with a rubber band
  - \*Five ballpoint pens (NO GEL INK)
  - \*One eraser approximately 2 1/2" long
  - \*One box of 16 to 24 crayons, good quality
- Shipping cost: \$1.40

FLCW will be deciding in November where the rummage sale proceeds will go and report to you then. In the meantime, we have purchased a new sound system for Fellowship Hall and Gene Enfield has installed it for us. We look forward to much better sound.

FLCW has also agreed to donate \$200 to the Kid Pack project of the Bonfire Ministry. More information about the Kid Packs can be found in the Bonfire Ministry section of this month's newsletter.

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY is Sunday, October 2 after the 9:15 am church service and coffee time. Have a cookie break and then get your job assignments from Vicky Swartwood, our clean-up coordinator. At 12:30 pm, lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall - prepared by Jackie Mortenson and her crew.

Come in your work clothes and stay as long as you can. There will be tasks for all abilities, so yes, you can help out (and get a free meal!). Children old enough to follow instructions are also welcome.

In His service,

*Jackie Mortenson*

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## St. Olaf News

Greetings from your urban partnership church, St. Olaf:

Toward the end of August, we received a most appreciated gift from First Lutheran, a check for tornado relief. We conducted a successful Camp Noah program during August for children who had been in the tornado. This is a Lutheran Social Services program sponsored by Lutheran Disaster Relief.

We established two long term tornado relief programs - Tuesday community meal and Wednesday food distribution. We could use volunteers for these and we have a very critical need for Meals on Wheels drivers (or contributions) because their funding has been cut back and their operation is crucial for the whole campus because they buy their meals from the nursing home.

We look forward to once again sharing our Music Director, Jerry Bursch, and the collaborative Christmas Concerts. This year, we will be using our concert to raise funds for neighborhood youth to attend the National Youth Gathering.  
Peace...

*Pastor Dale Hulme*



First Lutheran Church  
of Crystal provides  
an ASL Sign Language  
Interpreter  
upon request.  
For more information,  
please contact the  
church office.

## ATTENTION – BREAKING NEWS!

Stand aside Oak Ridge Boys – you,also, Gaither Vocal Band!

### **FAITH FIRST Men's Ensemble**

is going to be in the house –  
God's House that is –

in concert on **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> AT 3 PM**  
at First Lutheran Church of Crystal.  
These twelve talented – and handsome- men  
will headline our first ever  
**"GOSPEL GATHERING"**.

Their special guests will include  
the Children's' Choir from our  
Faith International Seventh Day Adventist congregation  
as well musical cameos  
by the lovely wives of FAITHFIRST.

The 90 minute 'extravaganza of Gospel'  
will be directed by *Mariana Duffney*,  
and accompaniment will be  
in the hands of *Judy Bakke* and *Dick Balkus*.  
You'll want to buy your tickets soon  
before they are sold out.

Tickets are \$10 for Individual and \$25 per household.  
WOW!! – so little to pay for so much!

Proceeds will be shared by both churches for designated projects to  
include renovations to First Lutheran's narthex  
and Camp Wapo scholarships  
for young people from both churches.

Tickets will be available from every FAITH FIRST member  
or stop by the church offices at First Lutheran or Faith Lilac Way  
during business hours. Tell all your family, friends and neighbors about  
this upcoming performance designed to  
make you tap your toes and sing along.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE PERFORMANCE!

See you there.

CD's will be available several weeks following the performance.  
Watch for more info as it becomes available.

*By the way –  
our football Vikings aren't playing that day if that makes a  
difference in your schedule! Maybe they'll be at the concert too –  
come and find out!*



### **HELP!**

First Lutheran needs helpers  
to deliver meals for  
**DINNER AT YOUR DOOR.**

First Lutheran has been  
delivering hot meals  
to the home-bound,  
the frail and the elderly  
since the 1970's.

However, we are  
running out of people  
to make these deliveries.  
If we don't get more  
volunteers, First Lutheran's  
participation  
in the program  
is in great jeopardy.

Meals are picked up  
at the Crystal Community  
Center and at  
North Memorial Hospital  
on the 1st and 4th Fridays  
and also the 3rd Wednesday  
mornings of the month.

First Lutheran has  
12 routes per month.  
Ideally, 2 people take a  
route. However, one person  
can do a route alone.  
This makes a need for  
about 24 people from  
First Lutheran each month.

If you have about  
one and a half hours (or less)  
to help out,  
please call Pat Beltz  
at 493-5191.

Thank you!

## Glocal Missions

### What's 'Glo-cal' Mission?

"Glo-cal" Mission is the new reality for communities of faith like First Lutheran.

We used to define 'mission' in terms of it being global or foreign.

Congregations would send money or goods to lands and peoples far away in what was then called 'the mission field'. But the past few decades have seen the emergence of a very mobile population from places far away to places very near.

As a result, what was once 'global' is now intertwined with what is 'local'.

The new term, combining the two older ones is 'glo-cal'. The world has come to our doorstep.

What was once distant and alien, is now part of the American church experience and exists in our very neighborhoods.

What this means for us is a new approach to planning and doing mission.

We will still be supporting our friends in Nigeria, but also become more specifically involved in ministering and developing programming for the sake of those immigrants who live in our midst.

While we have an enduring companionship with our Liberian members, many other immigrants from west Africa have found it difficult to adjust to American ways.

They need the continued efforts of churches like ours to assist in keeping families intact, cultures respected, and new lives embraced.

The task of 'mission', of promoting the gospel in deed as well as word, has returned to our doorsteps.

In coming months, when you hear a Mission Moment in worship or read a headline that says, 'Glo-cal' Mission, you will know that we have our evangelical feet planted firmly in mission both globally and locally.

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## Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

The 20th Annual

New Hope Community Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

will be held on Friday, October 28th, 2011

from 7:00am to 8:30am

at the New Hope Community Gym at Cooper High School.

The hour will be filled with music, prayer, and special guests.

We welcome all to join us for a buffet-style continental breakfast featuring Cooper High School's famous "caramel rolls."

The cost of the breakfast is \$10.00 per person.

To reserve your seat, please call the church office at 763-537-4576.

The deadline to order tickets is Monday, October 3rd.

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## Our Mission Statement

**We are called to awaken the Spirit of Christ...**

**In ourselves**, through a commitment to a life of learning, worship, and prayer.

**In our community**, by dedication to the renewal of our family, our neighbors, and the disenfranchised, by the practice of our faith through acts of justice, mercy, and kindness.

**In our world**, by nurture of compassionate partnership with diverse cultures to strengthen our common faith, for the enrichment of all people in Christ Jesus.

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.....Mariana Duffney  
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Secretary.....Jean Brannick  
Youth Director..... Jessica Johnson  
Sunday School Superintendents .....  
.....Carrie Adams and Jennifer Hernandez  
Wedding Coordinator ..... Carol Johnson  
Worship AV Tech.....Angie Brannick  
Bonfire Parish Nurse .....Debbie Haney

### Church Office

Hours ..... Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am- 4:00 pm  
Phone..... 763-537-4576  
Email..... [office@firstloc.org](mailto:office@firstloc.org)  
Website..... [www.firstloc.org](http://www.firstloc.org)

### Worship Times

Sundays ..... 8:00 am and 9:15 am  
Sunday School.....during 9:15 am Service  
Adult Education Hour ..... 10:30 am  
Fellowship time..... 10:30 am

## In Concert!

Faith First Men's Ensemble  
Here at First Lutheran Church of Crystal.



November 6, 2011 at 3:00pm  
For more information, turn to page 5.

## October Birthdays

Melvin Pearson 10/01

Robert Courneya 10/01

Alida Adams 10/01

Carolyn Alm 10/02

Matthew Johnson 10/02

Ruth Carlson 10/03

Todd Courneya 10/03

Kyle Roble 10/03

Alan Peterson 10/04

Ardis Brandt 10/04

Jane Battina 10/04

Sharie Kolstad 10/04

Marilyn Bailey 10/06

Brady Dickson 10/06

Brandon Graham 10/07

Erick Thompson 10/08

Brittany Bern 10/08

Clyde Stack 10/09

Richard Arthur 10/09

Ryan Fields 10/09

Allison Spencer 10/09

Marylyn Mourning 10/10

Martha Flomo 10/10

Nicholas Johnson 10/11

Shirley Norden 10/12

Ruth Modrow 10/12

Betty Stanton 10/13

Kristina Andrusko-Bipes 10/15

Mark Schissel 10/16

Scott Robeson 10/17

Julie Rice 10/18

Jackie Mortenson 10/18

Sherri Dohanick 10/19

Gloria Harth 10/20

Joan Prosser 10/20

Devin Linderholm 10/21

Jamey Spencer 10/21

Bonnie Moe 10/23

Andrew Swartwood 10/23

Donna Gass 10/24

John Cranbrook 10/24

Janet Johnson 10/24

Ginny Clough 10/25

Timothy Johnson 10/25

Roger Gustafson 10/26

Susan Cibuzar 10/27

Eric Larson 10/27

Maxine Wilson 10/28

Mavis Mulcahy 10/29

Warren Keniston 10/30

Beth Zemske 10/30

# October, 2011

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
<b>25</b> 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Baptism of Douglas Buystedt III 9:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM Adult Forum	<b>26</b> 9:30 AM Card Recyclers 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM S. O. S. 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM A. A.	<b>27</b> 9:00 AM Parish Nurse 10:00 AM Study Buddy 11:45 AM SDA Women 7:00 PM Faith First Men's Ensemble	<b>28</b> 9:30 AM Senior Ministry Steering Committee 1:00 PM O. A. 6:30 PM Women's Fall Kick-Off 7:00 PM Caring Support Group	<b>29</b> 9:30 AM THUMBS	<b>30</b> 5:00 PM SDA	<b>1</b> 9:00 AM Pastor Brian Mungandi Meeting 9:00 AM SDA 1:00 PM Chapel Wedding: Joel Wenz-Terri Buen							
<b>2</b> 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Worship 10:30 AM 9th Grade Confirmation 10:30 AM Church Clean-Up Day 11:00 AM Private Baptism	<b>3</b> 9:30 AM Quilting 3:00 PM Global Missions 5:30 PM Executive Team 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Communications Task Force 6:30 PM S. O. S. 7:30 PM A. A.	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM Parish Nurse 9:45 AM Debra Circle 10:00 AM Caregiver Support Group 10:00 AM Study Buddy 12:30 PM Pr. Erick Meeting	<b>5</b> 1:00 PM O. A. 5:30 PM Garden Club Meeting	<b>6</b> 9:30 AM THUMBS 6:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM Friday Morning Bible Study 5:00 PM SDA	<b>8</b> 9:00 AM SDA 2:00 PM Scharber/Kaden Wedding							
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