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# GOOD NEWS

FOR OUR MEMBERS & FRIENDS

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FROM YOUR PASTOR SEPTEMBER, 2015

*You are invited...* is a common expression. Each of us must consider the nature of the invitation and the response we may choose to give.

*You are invited...* my Christian sisters and brothers to continue responding in Faith, Hope and Love as followers of Jesus. Hebrews 13: 1, 8, and 16 expresses the invitation in this way: *Let mutual love continue...Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever...Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have...* These words reveal some of the fundamental ways Christians express, respond and make choices in a journey with Jesus.

*You are invited...* to join me, your Pastor, and about 100 other sisters and brothers each weekend as we worship the Lord Jesus. First Lutheran Church is vital and strong in many ways. Your presence and sharing in our mutual ministry is at the heart of making a response to share what we have together. Make a commitment to take your place with us each weekend at our Saturday Eucharist at 5:30 pm or Sunday's full liturgy at 10:00 am.

*You are invited...* into a way of transformation, as we again and again listen to Holy Words and join in Holy Meals to which Jesus invites us. We share in the invitation of a deeper, fuller, experience of knowing what Jesus teaches and desires for each one of us. Because His presence is in the midst of our gatherings, Jesus is always willing to transform our lives to become more like Him.

*You are invited...* to live your life in a way that is worthy of your calling as a Christian. Jesus provides what we need through His Holy Spiritual Power. Jesus helps us through words we speak and in the way we live, so that we become more like Him in everything we do every day.

*You are invited....* by Jesus to His feast of victory every Sunday as a foretaste of the feast to come.

*Pastor Folmar*