



St. James Lutheran Church

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

Gospel "E"

Weekly Email Newsletter

April 1, 2015

Pastoral Devotion

Friends in Christ,

Holy Week. For many of us, this is a week filled with memories of many worship services. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and culminating on Easter morning with Easter egg hunts, Easter baskets, jelly beans and chocolate Easter rabbits (some with their ears nibbled off). We remember both the beautiful warm Easter mornings, decked out in our best Easter finery, and the snowy, rainy cold Easters when we trudged into worship wondering if winter was ever going to end.

But more than all of these experiences, we remember a story which is both mystery and miracle. The story of Jesus life, death and resurrection. A story which invites us into a life of both suffering and joy. In this Holy Week, we see and hear Jesus fulfilling his purpose and mission, and in doing so, we receive the promise of our salvation. For many in our time, the story is dismissed as superstition, perpetuated by those seeking power over us, by the ignorant who know no better. But we know the life-changing, life-saving power of this story. We have witnessed and felt it's power in our lives, and the lives of those who follow Jesus with us.

Let us together enter into the mystery and miracle of our faith as we walk together with Jesus once more to Jerusalem and the cross. As we walk, may our steps follow those of Jesus, and may our hearts be united in the purpose and mission of Jesus Christ. In the Holy Week story, we find the Way and the Truth, and Life for which we so deeply yearn.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Randy

Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 5 at 9:00 & 11:10 a.m.



Holy Week

New Member Classes in April

New member classes will be held Sundays, April 12 and 19 at 10:10 a.m. New members will be received in worship on Sun., April 26. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Randy at rromsdahl@stjamesincrystal.org.

Congregational Vote April 12

The St. James Lutheran Church Council has voted to hold a special meeting of the congregation on Sun., Apr. 12 immediately following both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. worship services, for the sole purpose of voting on whether to call Pastor Kristen Brechler to serve as Associate Pastor at St. James Lutheran in Crystal.

The call committee of the congregation has unanimously recommended that the congregation call Pastor Kristen Brechler to serve as Associate Pastor at St. James Lutheran. Both the Executive Committee and the Council have voted unanimously to endorse the call committee's recommendation that the congregation call Pastor Kristen.

Mark your Calendar

4-6 *Office Closed*

4-12 *Flower Sale Table in the narthex and congregational vote*

4-18 *Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m.*

Office Closed Easter Monday

The church will be closed on Mon., April 6 for Easter Monday.

In case of an emergency, contact Pastor Randy at 612-803-2879.

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