

Pews News

August 10, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

St. James Lutheran Church, 6700 46th Place North, Crystal, Minnesota 55428

www.stjamesincrystal.org

Pastor Randy's Installation This Morning

Please welcome Minneapolis Area Synod Bishop, Ann Svennungsen as she presides over worship and the installation of Pastor Randy Romsdahl.

There will be a reception in Wold Hall following worship.

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given in celebration of Pastor Randy's installation this morning.

Adult Ed Today

No adult ed this morning. Please share in the installation celebration in Wold Hall.

Quilting

Due to St. James being a polling location for the primary election being held on Tuesday, there will be no quilting this week.

Worship Service

The worship committee has made a recommendation to the St. James Council that we continue with our 9:30 a.m. worship service in the "blended" worship format we have enjoyed this summer and which has brought a new energy and vitality to our worship life. The council will vote on the recommendation Aug. 18.

We would not be giving up on a second service, but will be focusing on creating a new, contemporary worship. A task force will be formed to pursue possibilities in format, time, day of the week and needed resources to make a very high-quality, engaging contemporary worship experience.

The council will be holding two listening sessions to allow for feedback and input regarding this proposed change. The first will be Wed., Aug. 13 at 7:00 p.m. The second will be Sun., Aug. 17 at 10:45 a.m.

9:57 (Sunday School) Registrations

Registrations for 9:57 (Sunday School) for children age 3 to 5th grade are available on the bulletin board outside the church office, or online at www.stjamesincrystal.org/957.htm. Rally Day kicks off the 9:57 year on Sun., Sept. 7 at 9:57 a.m. in Wold Hall.

If you have any questions, contact Pastor Kristen Brechler at 763-537-3653 or kbrechler@stjamesincrystal.org.

Prayer Concerns:

(Prayer slips are available in the pews. Please fill out and place in the offering plate. Names will be listed in the following week's Pews News.)

Arnold	Bob Leinonen
Jackson	Tom Ritter
Sarah & her family	All immigrants
Kevin	All who hunger
Naomi	My Jewish neighbors
Wendy	My Muslim neighbors
Everyone seeking employment	Jacob, for successful surgery
The people of Liberia battling Ebola virus	Jim & family
Karin, for successful cancer treatment	Safe travel for Susan & family as they return home
Daryl, for successful brain tumor surgery	Ethan, as he begins Kindergarten in August

Service Participants:

Preaching: Bishop Ann Svennungsen

Presiding: Pastor Randy Romsdahl

Musician: Mary Brown

Assisting Minister: John Renze

Lector: Kelly Linaman

Cantor: Anna Becker

Choir Director: Nancy Lohmann

Altar Guild:

Greeters: Maxine Rykken, Robin Johnson

Communion Assistants: Roger & Sue Eggen

Ushers: George McClure, Terry Teigen, Roger E. Johnson, Rick Jones, Judy Berney, Pat Ferguson, Ken & Phyllis Nelson

Worship Information

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray. O God, our defender,

C: storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Readings

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Matthew 14:22-33

[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

This Week's Events

Sunday, August 10:

9:00 a.m. Second Sunday Singers
9:30 a.m. Worship (*Pr. Randy Installation*)
10:45 a.m. Installation Reception

Monday, August 11:

12:30 p.m. Thrivent Meeting
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee

Tuesday, August 12: (*Primary Election*)

10:45 a.m. Dinner at Your Door
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Wednesday, August 13:

6:00 p.m. Youth Night
7:00 p.m. GA

Thursday, August 14:

7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Friday, August 15:

9:00 a.m. Valleyfair
4:00 p.m. Violin

Saturday, August 16:

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, August 17:

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Adult Ed
4:00 p.m. Grief Support Training

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$10,805
Received to date: \$216,031
- Capital Fund: \$1,396
Received to date: \$57,174
- Special Offering (*Forest Elementary School*) \$45
- Attendance: 150

Office Hours

Summer Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Parking Information

When coming to church on Sunday mornings, please be mindful of those who need to park closer to the church entrance.



Next Week's Texts

Romans 11:1-2a, 29, 32
Matthew 15:21-28

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Sat., Aug. 16 at 8:00 a.m. at Fat Nat's (36th & Winnetka Ave).

St. James Staff

Pastor Randy Romsdahl (612-803-2879)
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Nursery Volunteers

Even though things slow down in the summer, we still need caring volunteers to help with childcare during the worship service. Please consider the time you can give, and sign up on the sheet outside the nursery, or call the church office. Thank you!

Forest School Supplies

During the month of August, St. James is collecting school supplies for our neighboring Forest Elementary School. All money collected for the Special Offering will go to Forest to help them purchase additional supplies. Please write Forest Elementary on the memo line of your check.

Over 55's

Over 55's members will eat at Lord Fletcher's on Mon., Aug. 18 for the \$5 (cash only) hamburgers/chicken on the wharf.

Confirmation News

Confirmation season is almost here! Confirmation at St. James starts in 6th grade and ends the fall of their 9th grade year. These years are incredibly formative in the faith that will carry them for the rest of their lives. Here's what you need to get ready

1. Confirmation registration will be available at church and online the first week of August. The price is \$70. <http://www.stjamesincrystal.org/confirmationyouth.htm>
2. Orientation meetings are as follows. 6-8th Graders – Wed., Sept. 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Wold Hall. 9th Graders – Sun., Sept. 14, 9:57 a.m. in Pr. Kristen's office.

Students and one parent are expected to attend the orientation meeting. All forms and payment will be due at that time.

Current confirmation students: All make-up work needs to be done by Mon., Sept. 1.

Power of One

The Power of One is a partnership between St. James members and Forest teachers, who work together to build developmental assets of children. Through the Power of One, teachers are able to pair a caring adult with students they identify as needing help building skills such as reading, writing, math and relationships.

Could you give one hour per week to help a child with reading, math or other subjects? Please contact the church office if you are interested.

Miss the Directory Photos?

If you missed the directory photography sessions, you are welcome to submit a family photo of your own no later than today. If it is a professional photo, a release must be included. Please leave all photos in the church office and include your name on the back of the photo. You may also email them to aburns@stjamesincrystal.org.

Respite Care

Respite Care is held at House of Hope the first and third Tuesday of each month, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The caregivers support group is held there from 10:00 to 11:45 a.m. those same days.

This is a ministry of Bonfire's Health & Wellness team and is open to any family, member or non-member.

There is a nominal cost for the program, that can be negotiable if necessary. Lunch is served each time the program is run.

The Page Turners Book Club

September's pick: [Housekeeping](#) by Marilynne Robinson.

This is the story of Ruth and her younger sister, Lucille, who grow up haphazardly, first under the care of their competent grandmother, then of two comically bumbling great-aunts, and finally of Sylvie, their eccentric and remote aunt. Ruth and Lucille's struggle toward adulthood beautifully illuminates the price of loss and survival, and the dangerous and deep undertow of transience. [from barne-sandnoble.com]

September's Book Club Meeting: Tues., Sept. 2 at 7:00 p.m. In the Peter and Paul room. Join us! All are welcome.

October's pick: [The Eighty-Dollar Champion: Snowman, the horse that inspired a nation](#) by Elizabeth Letts.

For more information, contact Linda Judge (at 763-533-4081 or judgetlinda@msn.com).

ELCA Moment

We share a common mission within our ELCA, "We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person — questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world."

Mpls. Area Synod Moment

Did you know that our Minneapolis Area Synod is a sort of farmer's market? Our Synod's farmer's market works (1) to help us know where the best resources are that congregations need; (2) to enable congregations to share gifts, talents and best practices with each other.

Ushers Needed

We need you! Ushers are assigned one Sunday a month. Please contact the church office or Stan Tikkanen (763-546-8155) if you are interested, or would like more information.

Bonfire Ministry Bonfire

The next bonfire will be Sun., Aug. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at House of Hope Lutheran Church. We hope you can make it for some s'mores and singing.

Altar Flowers Sign-Up Sheet Now Outside Office

If you would like to purchase flowers in honor, memory or celebration of someone, a sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the church office. Cost is \$30.