

# Pews News

August 3, 2014

*Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal*

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

[www.stjamesincrystal.org](http://www.stjamesincrystal.org)

## **Please Pray for Kids Going On the Youth Trip**

Please keep the St. James youth and adult leaders traveling to Grand Marais and Duluth August 6-11 in your prayers: Ryan Walesch, Pastor Kristen Brechler, Adam McGary, Nathan Nelson, Ashley Weiland, Morgan Bey, Emily Valentine, and Stephanie Charging.

## **Welcome Easton**

We joyfully welcome through Holy Baptism today Easton Michael Ruud, son of Michael Ruud and Sarah Dorff. His godparents are Shawn & Lisa Stroebal.

## **Altar Flowers**

Today's altar flowers are given by Ron and Cindy Skalicky in celebration of their daughter Lauren's wedding today.

## **Pastor Randy's Installation Next Sunday**

Please join the worship service on Sun., Aug. 10 at 9:30 a.m. as we install our new Sr. Pastor, Randall Romsdahl. Minneapolis Area Synod Bishop, Ann Svennungsen will be presiding.

There will be a reception in Wold Hall following worship. Donations of bars are needed and can be brought to the kitchen that morning..

## **KidPack Fundraiser**

Shop at Frattalone's Ace Hardware and help KidPack! Mark Jennings, manager, and his wife, Dorothy Tischer, at Frattalone's on 36<sup>th</sup> and Winnetka, will donate to the KidPack program for purchases made on **Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>** (store hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

They will donate \$1.00 for any purchase, or \$2.00 for a purchase of \$10.00 or more (pre-tax). There is no need to keep any receipts; the store will keep track of sales and inform KidPack of the results.

At Frattalone's large garden center and paint department, you are certain to find things you need.

If you have questions, please contact Al Anderson of First Lutheran Church of Crystal at 763-537-1876. Thank you for your support of the KidPack Program.

## **Second Sunday Singers**

On August 10, we will gather at 9:00 a.m. to prepare a piece to sing at that morning's service. All ages and all abilities are welcome!

## **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](http://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](mailto: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.)*

Arnette	For a safe trip to Isle Royale for
Arnold	Boy Scout Troop 542
Troy Hargreaves family	Jessie
Chad Z. family	All travelers
Lauren & Ben on their wedding day	Joyce, recovering from a tick bite
Kim, for successful surgery on	All immigrants
Monday	All who hunger
Thanks for the blessings of the past	Those suffering from mental illness
week	The homeless
Bob Leinonen	Our Camp Onomia campers
Tom Ritter	The youth and adults going on the
Sarah & her family	youth trip

## **Worship Information**

### **Prayer of the Day**

A: Let us pray. Glorious God,

**C: your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **Readings**

#### **Romans 9:1-5**

I am speaking the truth in Christ--I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

#### **Matthew 14:13-21**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

## **Service Participants:**

**Preaching:** Pastor Randy Romsdahl

**Presiding:** Pastor Kristen Brechler

**Musician:** Mary Brown

**Assisting Minister:** Connie Blom

**Lector:** Duncan Petrie

**Cantor:** Thomas Becker

**Special Music:** Amy Jermstad

**Altar Guild:** Ruth Stanchfield

**Greeters:** Jerry Anderson, Sandy Johnson

**Communion Assistants:** John & Kristine Nymoen

**Ushers:** Junior Kautz, Vern Christensen, Roger A. Johnson, Ken Lutz

## **Adult Ed Today**

All are welcome to attend this morning's Adult Ed at 10:45 a.m. in the Peter & Paul room.

## This Week's Events

### Sunday, August 3:

9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:45 a.m. Adult Ed

### Monday, August 4:

7:00 p.m. Property Committee

### Tuesday, August 5:

7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

### Wednesday, August 6:

Youth Trip Leaves  
7:00 p.m. GA

### Thursday, August 7:

9:00 a.m. Archives  
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl  
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu / Piano Recital

### Friday, August 8:

4:00 p.m. Violin

### Saturday, August 9:

**Sunday, August 10:**  
9:00 a.m. Second Sunday Singers  
9:30 a.m. Worship (*Pr. Randy Installation*)  
10:45 a.m. Adult Ed

## Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$4,390  
Received to date: \$204,326
- Capital Fund: \$662  
Received to date: \$55,778
- Special Offering (*NEAR School Supplies*) \$533
- Attendance: 159

## 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 10:5-15*  
*Matthew 14:22-33*

## 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)  
Pastor Kristen Brechler (651-307-6563)  
Lana Teigen, Financial Coordinator  
Amanda Burns, Director of Communications  
Ryan Walesch, Senior High Youth  
Ron Skalicky, Custodian  
Mary Brown, Organist and Bell Choir Director  
Deanna Loken, Choir Director  
Amy Jermstad, Sunday Morning Custodian

## Contact St. James:

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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.

## 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.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade and ends the fall of their 9<sup>th</sup> 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. 6-8<sup>th</sup> Graders – Wed., Sept. 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Wold Hall. 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Sun., Aug. 10. 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](mailto:aburns@stjamesincrystal.org).

## Financial Statements

Second quarter financial statements are available. If you would like a copy of yours, please see Lana Teigen in the office.

## The Page Turners Book Club

No book club in July or August.

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

For more information, contact Linda Judge (at 763-533-4081 or [judgetelinda@msn.com](mailto:judgetelinda@msn.com)).

## Mpls. Area Synod Moment

Through the ministries we share in the **Minneapolis Area Synod**, new congregations are springing to life. When an Elk River congregation voted to leave the ELCA, a new ELCA congregation was formed by those who wished to remain in the ELCA. Elk River Lutheran Church has grown from 150 to over 400 in worship on a Sunday morning. They have outgrown three different sites and have purchased and moved into a downtown bank. Come and worship on Sundays at 8:15 a.m. (Traditional) or 10:30 a.m. (Contemporary).

## ELCA Moment

**Our ELCA** will provide \$700,000 in humanitarian assistance to help support those affected by the violence in South Sudan. The funds will be disbursed through Lutheran Disaster Response-International to The Lutheran World Federation. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs estimates that more than 860,000 people have been displaced as a result of the fighting that began in December between government forces and rebels. "It is a great sadness to see the fragile young democracy of South Sudan broken and lives of hundreds of thousands disrupted, fleeing their homes to find security," said Carl Stecker, ELCA director for diakonia. "We are thankful that The Lutheran World Federation is able to quickly respond to the needs of South Sudanese, not only in South Sudan, but also as they flee across the borders into the neighboring countries of Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda and Chad." Operating through local partners, the ELCA will respond in the following areas:

- In Ethiopia, \$200,000 for potable drinking water and to improve sanitation and hygiene services.
- In Kenya, \$150,000 for immediate needs, including protection, for newly arrived refugees.
- In South Sudan, \$130,000 for non-food item assistance for the internally displaced.
- In Uganda, \$120,000 to help manage the distribution of non-food items and increase work in water, sanitation and hygiene programs.
- In Chad, \$100,000 for newly arriving refugees in transit centers. More than 200,000 people have sought refuge in Chad, fleeing the violence in South Sudan and the Central African Republic.