

Pew's News

February 2, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

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Pastor Dave's Article Appears in February Metro Lutheran

Pastor Dave Valen wrote an article entitled *How to close a church* for the Metro Lutheran that appears in the February 2014 edition, page 4. Copies are available in the commons.

Men's Fellowship Dinner

House of Hope will be hosting the next quarterly Men's Fellowship Dinner on Sun., Feb. 23 at 5:00 p.m.

The guest entertainer will be ventriloquist Kevin Doely. He has been making people laugh for many years and is a pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Fridley, as well as an author and musician.

Please sign up on the sheet available on the round table in the narthex. Cost is \$10 and is due by Feb. 16. All men are invited, so spread the word to your family and friends!

Children's Ministry Survey

Families and St. James community, we want your input! Please complete the survey, located in the narthex/lobby, by February 9. An online version is available on our website.

Skating and Sledding Party

Lions Valley Place Park in Crystal
Sun., Feb. 26, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Let's get moving and have some fun! We'll start at St. James with a delicious lunch, then head to Lions Valley Place Park for an afternoon of sledding and ice skating. You can bet that hot chocolate with LOTS of marshmallows will be served! ☺ A parent or responsible adult is required to participate with their own children/group. Fun for all ages! Cost is \$5 per person, or \$15 per family.

Altar Flowers Sign-Up Sheet 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.

The larger bouquets are available for \$40, smaller ones are \$30. If a size is not indicated, we will assume you would like the smaller bouquet size for \$30.

The 2014 sign-up list is now posted! At least one week of advance notice is required.

Second Sunday Singers

Anyone interested in singing in the pick-up choir, come at 8:15 a.m. to sing in worship at 8:45 a.m. next Sunday, Feb. 9! No experience needed!

Adult Ed

Grab a cup of coffee and invite a new friend to join you at Adult Ed every Sunday morning in the Peter and Paul room. We will join Pr. Dave in studying the text for the following week.

End of Year Statements

End of the year contributor statements are available in the narthex. Please pick yours up today.

Offering Envelopes

The 2014 offering envelopes are now available in the narthex.

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given in celebration of Phyllis Nelson's 80th birthday by her family.

Youth Snow Tubing

The youth are invited to go snow tubing at Bandlands Snow Park in Wisconsin on Sat., Feb. 15. Meet at church at 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$20 plus concessions.

Hot Dishes, Hot Pads, Hot Flashes—Lutheran Style!

Ladies take note: Mary Circle is collecting hot dish recipes for use at the Spring Buffet on April 5th. There is a box in the narthex for your favorite recipes. Please include your name and phone number. Deadline is March 9th. Watch for further updates.

Call Committee Update

The Ministry Site Profile that the call committee submitted to the synod has been posted on the volunteer bulletin board outside the church office.

This Week's Events

Sunday, February 2:

8:45 a.m. ELW Worship
9:57 a.m. Adult Ed / 9:57
11:00 a.m. *Now the Feast* Worship

Monday, February 3:

5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. Property Committee

Tuesday, February 4:

5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:30 p.m. Bells
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu / Book Club

Wednesday, February 5:

6:00 p.m. Youth Night
6:30 p.m. Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Choir / GA

Thursday, February 6:

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

Friday, February 7:

4:00 p.m. Violin

Saturday, February 8:

Sunday, February 9:

8:15 a.m. Second Sunday Singers
8:45 a.m. ELW Worship
9:57 a.m. Adult Ed / 9:57
11:00 a.m. *Now the Feast* Worship
3:30 p.m. Piano Recital

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$5,222
Received to date: \$34,961
- Capital Fund: \$2,428
Received to date: \$7,812
- Special Offering (*Loaves & Fishes*): \$300
- Attendance: 144

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February's Outreach Partner: Car Care Saturday

Car Care Saturday is a part of St. James' Motorhead Ministry, in which volunteers change vehicle oil for persons in need in our community. This event is typically held in the spring and fall. Clients receive an oil and filter change and a vehicle inspection free of charge. Clients are referred from an approved local social service agency.

St. James sets aside the month of February to raise funds for this outreach program; all outreach donations collected will fund this program. Please help support the continuation of Car Care with a special offering gift this month.

Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed at both worship services. Volunteers are assigned one Sunday a month at their preferred worship time. Please contact the church office or Stan Tikkanen if you are interested, or would like more information.

Herald Drivers Needed

One or two volunteers are needed to be drivers or back-up drivers for the *Herald* newsletter mailing, which is sent out quarterly. This entails taking the bins of newsletters to the bulk mail station in Fridley. Directions would be provided. Please contact the church office.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Caring volunteers are needed to spend time with the children during worship, while their parents or caregivers attend services. Please contact Shayna Anderson to volunteer.

Next Week's Texts

Isaiah 58:1-9a
Matthew 5:13-20

Dinner at Your Door Drivers

Drivers are needed for the Dinner at Your Door Program. Regular and substitute drivers are needed. Regular drivers can expect to volunteer about one hour each month. Substitute drivers are called as needed. This is a very small amount of time to give to a program that means so much to so many people. Having a meal delivered each day allows many people to remain independent. You will find volunteering for this program to be very rewarding. For more information call Barbara Parsons at 763-227-2282.

The Page Turners Book Club

February's pick: Unbroken: a World War II story of survival, resilience, and redemption by Laura Hillenbrand.

In May 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific and quickly sank, leaving behind only two survivors bobbing helplessly in the restless seas. One of them was Louis Zamperini, a 26-year-old airman who had overcome a troubled past to become an Olympic athlete. After 47 perilous days adrift on a raft, Zamperini and his companion survivor were rescued by the Japanese navy. He remained a prisoner of war until the end of hostilities. This riveting narrative is the story of one plucky man. Now 93, Zamperini lives on. [from barne-sandnoble.com]

February's Book Club Meeting: Tues., February 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Peter and Paul room. Join us! All are welcome.

March's pick: Pomegranate Soup by Marsha Mehran

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

120 Days of Prayer

Over the next four months we will be entering a time of prayer for every family at St. James. A calling team has been formed who will contact each St. James family simply to pray with and for them. The purpose is to come together and build a sense of connection and community during this interim time.

If you have questions about the 120 days of prayer team or would like to be involved, please contact Pastor Kristen at 763-537-3653 or kbrechler@stjamesincrystal.org.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Sat., Feb. 15 at 8:00 a.m. at Fat Nat's (36th Ave. & Winnetka Ave).

Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Thursdays, 7:00—noon; Fridays, 7:30—10:00 a.m.