

# Pew's News

February 23, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

www.stjamesincrystal.org

## Skating and Sledding Party Today

Lions Valley Place Park in Crystal

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

All ages are invited to get moving and have 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, and a liability release form must be signed. Fun for all ages!

Cost is \$5 per person, or \$15 per family to cover the cost of lunch.



## First Communion Registrations Open

Come to the table with Jesus! All people interested in participating in Holy Communion for the first time are invited to register for our First Communion Classes. There are no age limits or other restrictions on who can participate in this class. The only requirement is that children under age 18 bring along a parent. Everyone is expected to attend both classes, which will be held at House of Hope Lutheran Church.

**Cost:** \$5 per registrant to cover materials. Please register by Sunday, April 6.

**Dates:** Saturday April 12, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and Wednesday April 16, 6 – 8 p.m. Celebration of First Communion on Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m. at St. James' Maundy Thursday service.

## Over 55's Will Play Bingo Tomorrow

The Over 55's will meet in Wold Hall tomorrow, Feb. 24 at noon for pizza and bingo. Please bring small items for prizes, as many as you can.

## Butter Braid Sales

The youth will be selling Butter Braids on Sunday mornings in the narthex, or you are welcome to contact one of the youth or the church office to place your order. Orders will be accepted through noon on Sun., Mar. 16. Cost is \$12 each. Money is due upon ordering. Varieties include strawberry cream cheese, apple, cinnamon, blueberry cream cheese, almond cream, raspberry, or caramel rolls.

Butter braids will be available for pick-up on Sun., Apr. 13 (the Sunday before Easter). Have family coming into town? This is a great breakfast treat for guests!

The butter braid fundraiser is held annually just before Easter. So now is the time to stock up until next year!

Proceeds benefit youth summer camp and trips at St. James.

## Lenten Worship Begins on March 5th

Lent on Ash Wednesday (March 5) with the imposition of ashes at both the 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. worship services. Please note the daytime service time change. Beginning the following week (March 12), all are invited to *bring your own lunch* and eat together in Wold Hall at 12:00 p.m. prior to the daytime worship service at 12:30 p.m.



## End of Year Statements

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

## Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given in celebration of Deanna Loken's birthday by Troy, Corey & Emily.

## 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.

## Synod Delegate

St. James is looking for a male delegate to attend the Mpls. Area Synod Assembly May 2-3. If you wish to be a delegate, please contact the church office by March 9.

## Men's Breakfast

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

## Donut Sundays

Today is donut Sunday. Instead of the regular cookies, we will have donuts as a treat between worship services. Suggested donation is \$.75.

## This Week's Events

### Sunday, February 23:

8:45 a.m. ELW Worship  
9:57 a.m. Adult Ed / 9:57  
11:00 a.m. *Now the Feast* Worship  
12:00 p.m. Sledding Party  
5:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship Dinner

### Monday, February 24:

12:00 p.m. Over 55's  
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts  
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

### Tuesday, February 25:

8:30 a.m. Herald Assembly  
9:30 a.m. Quilting  
4:00 p.m. Kid Pack  
5:30 p.m. Girl / Cub Scouts  
6:30 p.m. Bells  
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

### Wednesday, February 26:

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

### Thursday, February 27:

9:00 a.m. Archives  
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

### Friday, February 28:

4:00 p.m. Violin

### Saturday, March 1:

### Sunday, March 2:

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

## Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$4,949  
Received to date: \$54,368
- Capital Fund: \$1,137  
Received to date: \$11,021
- Special Offering (*Car Care*): \$370
- Attendance: 119

## Next Week's Texts

*Exodus 24:12-18*  
*Matthew 17:1-9*

## Office Hours

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

## Contact St. James:

6700 46th Place North  
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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.

## 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.

## 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.

## St. James Staff

Pastor Dave Valen (612-499-1006)  
Pastor Kristen Brechler (651-307-6563)  
Shayna Anderson, Dir. of Family Ministry  
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  
Stephanie Charging, Assistant custodian

## The Page Turners Book Club

March's pick: Pomegranate Soup by Marsha Mehran

This first novel by Mehran centers on the inhabitants of a small Irish town. When three Iranian sisters, who fled the Iranian Revolution, move into the former bake shop and open a Middle Eastern cafe, turmoil erupts. Personal demons and questioned loyalties play out like a movie on the page, making the reader feel like an eyewitness to all the events. [from Library Journal]

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

April's pick: Beyond Belief: my secret life inside Scientology and my harrowing escape by Jenna Miscavige Hill

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

## Grief Support Volunteers

The Bonfire Health & Wellness team is working on putting together some grief support groups, but volunteers will be needed to help plan it. Two volunteers are needed from each congregation.

This is still very much in the planning stages, so details are still being worked out.

If you are interested, please contact the church office at office@stjamesincrystal.org or call 763-537-3653.

## Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent members, please make sure you have designated your Choice Dollars from 2013 before March 31, 2014. Even if you did it last year, you need to do it again. Questions? Contact Betty Sultvedt at 763-535-3336.

## Kid Pack

The next packing event is Tues., Feb. 25, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Emergency Food Network (8501 54th Ave N—New Hope).

Contact Melodie Hanson 763-504-4981 if you are able to help.