

# Pew's News

January 12, 2014

*Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal*

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

www.stjamesincrystal.org

## Gary Heil to Lead 11:00 Worship Service Music Today

We are excited to welcome back Gary Heil to lead the music today during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

## Bishop to Visit St. James Tonight

St. James Call Committee has finished developing a Ministry Site Profile, a way we describe ourselves as we are engaged in finding our new pastor. Tonight at 7:00 p.m., Bishop Ann Svennungsen will join us to listen deeply to what we are thinking and wanting, and to share her thoughts about this pastoral search. Please join us for this most important time together.

## Annual Meeting & Report

The 2013 Annual Meeting of St. James will be on Sun., Jan. 26 with a potluck at noon and the meeting beginning at 12:30 p.m.



## Dinner at Your Door Drivers

Drivers needed for 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 763-228-2272.

## 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](mailto:kbrechler@stjamesincrystal.org).

## Over 55's

Please come to the Old Country Buffet on Mon., Jan. 27 at 11:30 a.m. Bring ideas that you are willing to set up for the group for 2014.

At this meeting, please be ready to tell about a "GIFT" that you received. The gift can be from any time in your life. It might have been a surprise, or something you asked for, or from someone special. We will share these stories with the group. Is anyone writing down your life stories in the notebook that John gave you last year? There will be notebooks available for you if you didn't get one.

Would you like to play bingo in February? You may want to start saving little items for bingo prizes. The more the merrier!

## Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Mon., Jan. 20 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Please contact Pastor Dave Valen at 612-499-1006 in case of an emergency.

## Middle School Lock-In

All Middle School youth are invited to a lock-in on Fri., Jan. 17 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Those interested can talk to either Pastor Kristen Brechler or Ryan Walesch. Cost for the event is \$10.

## Youth Movie Night

The youth will gather for a movie night in Wold Hall on Sat., Jan. 25, 6:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Questions? Contact Ryan Walesch at 763-537-1702.

## 9:57 News

Thanks to all who joined in the games and excitement on a FRIGID Sunday last week! We sure had fun (and stayed super warm!) learning more about forgiveness in the story about the Banquet at Simon's house. If you missed the fun, please join us today: art, cooking, skits and music are all on the "menu" for the morning! If you are new to St. James and 9:57, please talk to Shayna Anderson about getting registered! All children age 2 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade welcome!

## CPR/AED Training

A certified CPR/AED class is being offered on Sat. Jan. 25 at 9:00 a.m. in Wold Hall.

Please RSVP to Bonfire Parish Nurse Debbie Haney at 612-408-2049.

## This Week's Events

### Sunday, January 12:

8:45 a.m. ELW Worship  
9:57 a.m. Adult Ed / 9:57  
11:00 a.m. *Now the Feast* Worship  
7:00 p.m. Bishop Listening Session

### Monday, January 13:

12:30 p.m. Thrivent Meeting  
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts  
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts  
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee

### Tuesday, January 14:

9:30 a.m. Quilting  
10:45 a.m. Dinner at Your Door  
6:30 p.m. Bells / Altar Guild  
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

### Wednesday, January 15:

10:00 a.m. Mary Circle  
6:00 a.m. Youth  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation  
7:00 p.m. Choir / GA

### Thursday, January 16:

7:00 p.m. Kung Fu / Prayer Shawl

### Friday, January 17:

4:00 p.m. Violin  
7:00 p.m. Lock-in

### Saturday, January 18:

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

### Sunday, January 19:

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: \$8,277  
Received to date: \$8,277
- Capital Fund: \$842  
Received to date: \$842
- Special Offering (*Loaves & Fishes*): \$20
- Attendance: 93

## 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

## Contact St. James:

6700 46th Place North  
Crystal, MN 55428  
763-537-3653 (phone)  
office@stjamesincrystal.org  
www.stjamesincrystal.org

## Isaiah Survey

Please help Isaiah by filling out their survey today; available in the narthex or from Mark Viste.

They are conducting a survey to better understand how current economic and social conditions are reflected in local communities and churches.

Survey results will be used to help focus Isaiah's efforts and to inform our community and community leaders.

Isaiah is a social justice organization with roots in Pr. Al Negstad's days at St. James. (His son, Lars Negstad, is their Strategic Campaigns Coordinator.)

## Kid Pack

The next packing event is Tues., Jan. 28, 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.

## January's Outreach Partner: Loaves & Fishes

Loaves and Fishes began in 1982 at three sites in the Twin Cities metro area; there are now ten. St. James begins its 30th year supporting this mission. We do not serve anymore; the coordinator cooks and serves to fill our slot. St. James will continue to support this needed program.

One guest wrote, "I have lived on the streets. Even though I am homeless, Loaves and Fishes has helped me with hygiene items, a coat, a warm sweat shirt, gloves, boots and a hot meal. This is a great program. I honestly don't know what I would do if you were not here. I try to get my life on track but once you've been homeless, it's pretty darn hard to change so much."

The synod has asked all churches to help the River of Life site with their operating expenses. So every January St. James will devote this month to helping the Loaves and Fishes program at River of Life Lutheran Church in north Minneapolis.

Presently the site has 50 men-18 and older- staying overnight in their gym. If you have any gently used men's warm clothing, socks, hygiene items, etc. that you can donate, please do.

For more information about the Loaves and Fishes Program, please find info in the display case.

Thank you for your continued support. You may make your check to St. James with Loaves & Fishes on the memo line.

## 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 barnesandnoble.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).

## Next Week's Texts

*I Corinthians 1:1-9*  
*John 1:29-42*

## Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Sat., Jan. 18 at 8:00 a.m. at Fat Nat's (36th Ave. & Winnetka Ave).

## Library Features Minnesota Authors

This month, the St. James library is featuring books by Minnesota authors. Check the case outside the library to find a large selection of books, some by our own in-house authors.

## Office Hours

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