

Pew's News

January 19, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

www.stjamesincrystal.org

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.



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.

Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Presentation

QPR is a free one-hour presentation sponsored by NAMI Minnesota on Mon., Feb. 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at House of Hope Lutheran Church. QPR covers the three steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. Just like CPR, QPR is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives. QPR is the most widely taught gatekeeper training program in the U.S., and more than one million adults have been trained in a classroom setting in more than 48 states. NAMI Minnesota's mission is to champion justice, dignity and respect for all people affected by mental illness. Open to parents, school staff, youth workers, and community members. Certificate of attendance will be available.

Please RSVP to 763-504-4981 with name and number attending. Free childcare is available, please reserve your spot when you register.

Bonfire Ministry is one of the proud sponsors for this SPARC series session.

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.

End of Year Statements

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

Over 55's

Keep in mind what gift you received that you would like to tell the group about at the gathering at Old Country Buffet in Crystal on Mon., Jan. 27 at 11:30 a.m. Save small items for Bingo in February.

Call Committee Update

Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting with Bishop Svennungsen last Sunday. It was a fruitful time of sharing who we are as a community and who we hope to become. If you would like a copy of the Ministry Site Profile that the call committee has submitted to the synod, please contact the office.

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.

Annual Report

The 2013 Annual Report is available in the narthex.

9:57 News

Today is our last Sunday learning about the Banquet at Simon's house. Let's dig into the Bible together!

Next week, bring your families for fun games and activities: we begin a new story rotation on the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin.

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 19:

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

Monday, January 20: Office Closed

10:45 a.m. Dinner at Your Door
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, January 21:

1:00 p.m. Library Work Day
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:30 p.m. Bells
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Wednesday, January 22:

1:00 p.m. Worship Planning
6:30 p.m. Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Choir / GA

Thursday, January 23:

7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Friday, January 24:

4:00 p.m. Violin

Saturday, January 25:

9:00 a.m. CPR/AED Training
6:30 p.m. Youth Movie Night

Sunday, January 26:

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. Potluck
12:30 p.m. Annual Meeting

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$11,565
Received to date: \$19,842
- Capital Fund: \$2,491
Received to date: \$3,333
- Special Offering (*Loaves & Fishes*): \$95
- Attendance:

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

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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

The Loaves and Fishes Program is so important in our metro community. The number of meals served at all 10 sites was 358,765 in 2012.

One guest served commented, "Thank God you have this program for seniors, handicapped and low income families. We can't make it without you."

Each of our lives is a story—a collection of activities, of connections with others, and of hopes and dreams. With your support, Loaves and Fishes impacts the lives of young and older people alike every day. We are a vital part of their personal stories.

The River of Life site served 44,172 meals in 2011 and 46,037 in 2012. Check out the picture in the display case of the nice stainless steel kitchen at River of Life Church. Thank you for your continued support for this program.

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.

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.

The Page Turners Book Club

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

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).

Puzzles for a Cold Winter's Night

The library has several 1000 piece puzzles: The Last Supper, The Miracles of Christ and Historic American Churches. For a challenge, try the 2000 piece Last Supper.

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 9:1-4
Matthew 4:12-23

Office Hours

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