

Pew's News

January 26, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

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Annual Meeting & Report

The 2013 Annual Meeting of St. James will be TODAY with a potluck at noon and the meeting beginning at 12:30 p.m. in Wold Hall. All are encouraged to attend.

Annual reports and financials are available in the narthex.



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 by Ozzie Hellen in memory of Jane Hellen.

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.

9:57 News

Today is Family Day in 9:57, so join your children for some great activities, games and fun!

We are starting to dig into the stories of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin, found in Luke 15:1-10. These stories are also found starting on page 374 in the Spark Story Bible.

Over 55's To Meet Tomorrow

The Over 55's will meet at the Old Country Buffet at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow. Remember to bring your coupon for the \$5.99 lunch. (If you don't have one, contact Emily Hauan about how you can get it!) Tell us about a gift that you received some time in your life.

Mary Circle Collecting Hot Dish Recipes for Spring Buffet

Mary Circle will be collecting hot dish recipes for a special use at their Spring Buffet on April 5th.

Recipes can be donated in any form and placed in the box in the narthex. The deadline for recipes is March 9th.

Watch for more information about the buffet.

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.

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, 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
3:30 p.m. Piano Recital

Monday, January 27:

11:30 a.m. Over 55's
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, January 28:

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

Wednesday, January 29:

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

Thursday, January 30:

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

Friday, January 31:

4:00 p.m. Violin

Saturday, February 1:

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

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$9,896
Received to date: \$29,739
- Capital Fund: \$2,051
Received to date: \$5,384
- Special Offering (*Loaves & Fishes*): \$185
- Attendance: 136

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

Four reasons St. James should support Loaves and Fishes:

- 16.2 million kids in America struggle with hunger
- 10.5 million kids are eligible for free or reduced-priced school breakfast
- More than 20 million kids get a free or reduced-priced lunch every school day
- 15.7 million children (21.6) in America live in poverty

Loaves and Fishes has a base of over 4,000 that plan, prepare, and serve an average of 1,000 meals each night at 10 sites. Families, children, and adults come for meals served with dignity and respect. St. James shares a passion for helping the hungry.

One guest remarked, "I live with a family in public housing. It is a really good program and kept me from being homeless. I come to Loaves and Fishes to eat my meals. I hope this program is always here for people like me who really need help at different times in our lives. I come here for a good meal and someone to talk to."

Thank you for your ongoing support for feeding the hungry in our community.

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

Micah 6:1-8
Matthew 5:1-12

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 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).

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.