

# Pews News

January 5, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

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## Bishop to Visit St. James

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. On Sun., Jan. 12 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. If you are in need of a ride, please contact the church office at 763-537-3653.

## 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.

Any group that would like to submit their activities for 2013 is invited to write up a *short* paragraph or two, and send to Amanda Burns (aburns@stjamesincrystal.org) no later than December 31.



## 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.

## 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.

## Gary Heil to Lead 11:00 Worship Service Music on January 12

We are excited to welcome back Gary Heil to lead the music at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sun., Jan. 12. We hope you can join us for worship and Gary's great guitar music.

## Offering Envelopes

The 2014 offering envelopes are now available in the narthex.

## 9:57 Resumes Today!

Put on your game face and get ready for fun...we are kicking off the New Year with games to help us dig into our first lesson of the year! See you today. in Wold Hall!

## 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.

## Confirmation in the New Year

- Jan. 8– Wildfire event at Feed My Starving Children
- Jan. 12– class resumes at 6:30 p.m.

## 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.

## This Week's Events

### Sunday, January 5:

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

### Monday, January 6:

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

### Tuesday, January 7:

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

### Wednesday, January 8:

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

### Thursday, January 9:

7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

### Friday, January 10:

4:00 p.m. Violin

### Saturday, January 11:

3:00 p.m. Mom's Club

### 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

## Last Sunday's Statistics

12/24 & 12/29

- Mission & Ministry: \$11,496  
Received to date: \$349,984
- Capital Fund: \$2,408  
Received to date: \$82,941
- Special Offering (*Home Free*): \$363
- Capital Fund-Fall Fundraiser:  
\$38,920
- Attendance: 12/29: 98  
12/24: 250

## 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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## 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.)

## 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.

## 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.

## Next Week's Texts

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

*Matthew 3:13-17*

## Toy Distribution Update

Thanks to the 16 St. James members that helped with the NEAR Toy Distribution. Everything went well. Approximately 199 families were served, with well over 500 children. Also thank you for donating clothing, Christmas decorations, and toys. You have always come through when needed! NEAR families had a happier Christmas because of your time and effort.

## 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.

## The Page Turners Book Club

January's pick: *The Girls of Atomic City: the untold story of the women who helped win World War II* by Denise Kiernan.

This book is an incredible true story of the top-secret World War II town of Oak Ridge, TN, and the young women brought there unknowingly to help build the atomic bomb. Even though it used more electricity than New York City, Oak Ridge, TN didn't appear on WWII era maps and the great majority of the 75,000 people who lived and worked there didn't know on what project they were working until long after their job was done. This NY Times bestseller tells the story of the women who worked there and how they helped win the war. [from barnesandnoble.com]

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

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

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

## January's Outreach Partner: Loaves & Fishes

Although St. James no longer participates in our own Loaves & Fishes meal, we are continuing to support this cause financially during the month of January. Please consider a special gift this month to help feed the hungry.

## Office Hours

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

## Over 55's

The Over 55's will meet at Old Country Buffet in Crystal on Mon. Jan. 27 at 11:30 a.m.