

# Pews News

July 13, 2014

*Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal*

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

www.stjamesincrystal.org

## Two Sundays Left to Sign Up for New Directory

St. James will be creating a new directory! Photography will be July 21-25, 2:00—9:00 p.m. Book your session on Sunday mornings (today and July 20) in the narthex or by following the link online at [www.stjamesincrystal.org](http://www.stjamesincrystal.org). Everyone will receive a **FREE** 8x10 and directory for participating.

This would be a great opportunity for an extended family or generational picture. Please book a separate session for these photographs. Pets are welcome at all sessions because they are part of the family too!

If you are unable to attend this particular week, there are other churches photographing this summer that you could visit and still be in St. James directory. Homebound? We can arrange for a photographer to come to you! Contact Amanda at 763-537-3653 (M-W) for more information.

This project will require some volunteer effort. If you would be willing to volunteer a few hours of your time, please contact the church office at [office@stjamesincrystal.org](mailto:office@stjamesincrystal.org). We are looking for people to help greet our families during photography the week of July 21-25. This would be a great opportunity for student community service hours! All volunteers will receive a **20% off** coupon for any portrait session purchases.

Please notify us of any changes to address, phone, or email so the directory can have the most updated information!

Questions? Contact Amanda Burns at 763-537-3653 or [aburns@stjamesincrystal.org](mailto:aburns@stjamesincrystal.org), Monday-Wednesday.

## Splash Palooza

Splash Palooza on Wed., July 16, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Come join in on the splash party for a fun filled water experience on the front lawn of St. James. We'll have water games galore, relays, snack and crafts. Ages 3 and up are encouraged to attend. We will be joining with the youth to have a fun filled event for all ages. There will be relay and challenges with/against the youth. Come and have fun as we make a "splash" in summer. Event is free.

## Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given by the Johnson and Rykken families in memory of Derek Peterson.

## Prayer Concerns:

*(Prayer slips are available in the pews. Please fill out and place in the offering plate. Names will be listed in the following week's Pews News.)*

Arnold	Roger, facing medical issues
Dan, for employment	Jack & family, as they mourn
Bob Leinonen	Troy Hargreaves & family
Thomas Ritter	Chad Z family
Lead Alex to a satisfying career	All travelers
Jackson, facing long term and immediate challenges	Jessie
All immigrants	Joyce, for recovery from tick bite
The homeless	Jeanette & family on the death of her daughter
All who hunger	Ray
Thank you for blessings this past week	All caregivers
Sarah & her family	Neighbors living under stress
Kevin	Ralph
Naomi	Dale
Wendy	NEAR school students

## Service Participants:

**Preaching:** Pastor Dave Valen

**Presiding:** Pastor Kristen Brechler

**Musician:** Mary Brown

**Assisting Minister:** Kristine Nymoan

**Lector:** Duncan Petrie

**Altar Guild:**

**Greeters:** Maxine Rykken, Robin Johnson

**Communion Assistants:** Roger & Sue Eggen

**Ushers:** George McClure, Terry Teigen, Roger E. Johnson, Rick Jones, Judy Berney, Pat Ferguson, Ken & Phyllis Nelson

## Worship Information

### Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray. Almighty God,

**C: we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### Readings

#### Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law--indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

#### Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

## This Week's Events

### Sunday, July 13:

9:00 a.m. Second Sunday Singers  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:45 a.m. Adult Ed

### Monday, July 14:

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee

### Tuesday, July 15:

5:15 p.m. Men's Golf  
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

### Wednesday, July 16:

8:30 a.m. Over 55's Car Pool  
9:30 a.m. Women's Golf  
6:00 p.m. Youth Night  
6:30 p.m. Splash Palooza  
7:00 p.m. GA

### Thursday, July 17:

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

### Friday, July 18:

4:00 p.m. Violin

### Saturday, July 19:

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. Girl Scouts

### Sunday, July 20:

9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:45 a.m. Potluck Picnic

## Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$8,741  
Received to date: \$190,851
- Capital Fund: \$1,388  
Received to date: \$53,532
- Special Offering (*NEAR School Supplies*) \$45
- Attendance: 90

## Office Hours

Summer Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Parking Information

When coming to church on Sunday mornings, please be mindful of those who need to park closer to the church entrance.



## Next Week's Texts

*Romans 8:12-25*

*Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

## St. James Staff

Pastor Dave Valen (612-499-1006)  
Pastor Kristen Brechler (651-307-6563)  
Lana Teigen, Financial Coordinator  
Amanda Burns, Director of Communications  
Ryan Walesch, Senior High Youth  
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Mary Brown, Organist and Bell Choir Director  
Deanna Loken, Choir Director  
Amy Jermstad, Sunday Morning Custodian

## Contact St. James:

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## Second Sunday Singers Continues Through the Summer!

On August 10, we will gather at 9:00 a.m. to prepare a piece to sing at that morning's service. All ages and all abilities are welcome!

## Nursery Volunteers

Even though things slow down in the summer, we still need caring volunteers to help with childcare during the worship service. Please consider the time you can give, and sign up on the sheet outside the nursery, or call the church office. Thank you!

## 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.

## Farewell Potluck Picnic Next Sunday!

Next Sunday, July 20, will be Pastor Dave Valen's last Sunday at St. James. Let's send him off and thank him with a potluck picnic to be held in Wold Hall following worship. Hotdogs and dessert will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

## NEAR School Supplies

In 2013, NEAR distributed school supplies to 170 families with 434 students. The totals were 216 elementary, 103 middle school, and 115 high school.

It is time again to focus on helping these students begin the year with the proper tools. Bags of supplies for each student will be made up the first week in August. These supplies will be distributed to the client families the last week of August. Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

Items most needed are: two pocket folders (red, yellow, blue, green), colored markers, backpacks, loose leaf paper (wide and college ruled), highlighters, pencil boxes, pencils, pencil sharpeners (enclosed case), and colored pencils.

The bags made up for this school year will be: 75 (K-1), 75 (2-3), 75 (4-5), 120 (middle school), and 100 (high school). You may want to watch for sale items. Money donated will purchase items that are needed. Make checks to St. James with NEAR school on the memo line. Thank you for all your help.

## Respite Care

Respite Care is held at House of Hope the first and third Tuesday of each month, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The caregivers support group is held there from 10:00 to 11:45 a.m. those same days.

This is a ministry of Bonfire's Health & Wellness team and is open to any family, member or non-member.

There is a nominal cost for the program, that can be negotiable if necessary. Lunch is served each time the program is run.

## The Page Turners Book Club

No book club in July or August.

September's pick: Housekeeping by Marilynne Robinson.

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

## Pastor Randy Romsdahl Begins July 21!

We are please to welcome Pr. Romsdahl as St. James' Sr. Pastor on Mon., July 21.

His installation will be Sun., Aug. 10 during the 9:30 a.m. worship service, with Bishop Ann Svenningson presiding. Donations of bars for the celebration after worship are welcomed!

Please continue to keep St. James in your prayers.

Stop by and introduce yourself to Pastor Randy! Or feel free to send him a welcome email to [rromsdahl@stjamesincrystal.org](mailto:rromsdahl@stjamesincrystal.org).

## Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Sat., July 19 at 8:00 a.m. at Fat Nat's (36th & Winnetka Ave).

## Ushers Needed

We need you! Ushers are assigned one Sunday a month. Please contact the church office or Stan Tikkanen (763-546-8155) if you are interested, or would like more information.

## Adult Ed

Grab a cup of coffee and invite a new friend to join you at Adult Ed on Sunday mornings in the Peter and Paul room. Today Pastor Dave will answer any Bible or theological questions you may have. All are welcome!

## Garage Sale Thanks

A big "thank you" to all the volunteers, contributors and clean up crew that helped with this year's garage sale. We raised just under \$900 this year! The weather held out for us and we had a lot of fun working together. Thank you, thank you!

## Over 55's

Don't forget the Mpls. Pops Orchestra on Wed., July 16 at Nicollet Island. To share rides, meet at church at 8:30 a.m.

If you have questions call Sharon Strombeck at 763-424-9886.

## Financial Statements

Second quarter financial statements are available. If you would like a copy of yours, please see Lana Teigen in the office.