

Pews News

July 6, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

www.stjamesincrystal.org

New Church Photo Directory

St. James will be creating a new directory!

When: July 21-25, 2-9 p.m. at St. James.

Sign Up: You can sign up for sessions online via the St. James website, or on Sunday mornings in June/July. There is a FREE 8x10 for each family participating and a free directory when they arrive.

Invite Others: Feel free to invite extended family or friends to have their photograph taken too, with the Lifetouch Outreach Program. It's a great way for them to have a professional family portrait and get a free 8x10! Another great idea would be a generational photograph with grandparents, parents and kids!

Dates don't work for you? If the July 21-25 dates don't work, contact Amanda Burns to get the listing of other locations that you can have your picture taken and still be in the St. James directory. You may also submit your own family photo.

Volunteer: 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. We are looking for people to help with portrait sign-ups on Sunday mornings in June/July and greeting our families during photography the week of July 21-25. This would be a great opportunity for student community service hours!

Changes: 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 for more information.

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	Sarah & her family
Tom & Janessa	Kevin
Everyone traveling this weekend	Naomi
Aili	Wendy
Dan, for employment	Everyone seeking employment
Bob Leinonen	Ralph
Jackson, facing long-term and immediate issues	Dale
Neighbors living under stress	All caregivers
All homeless	
The hungry	
All immigrants	

Service Participants:

Preaching: Pastor Kristen Brechler

Presiding: Pastor Dave Valen

Musician: Mary Brown

Lector: Nancy Lohmann

Altar Guild: Nancy Dahlquist

Greeters: Jerry Anderson, Sandy Johnson

Communion Assistants: Roger & Robin Johnson

Ushers: Junior Kautz, Vern Christensen, Roger A. Johnson, Ken Lutz

Worship Information

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray. You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised.

C: You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Readings

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

This Week's Events

Sunday, July 6:

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Adult Ed

Monday, July 7:

7:00 p.m. Property Committee

Tuesday, July 8:

9:30 a.m. Quilting

10:45 a.m. Dinner at Your Door

5:15 p.m. Men's Golf

7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Wednesday, July 9:

9:30 a.m. Women's Golf

7:00 p.m. GA

Thursday, July 10: Office Closed

7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Friday, July 11: Office Closed

Saturday, July 12:

Sunday, July 13:

9:00 a.m. Second Sunday Singers

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Adult Ed

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: NA
Received to date: NA
- Capital Fund: NA
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- Special Offering (*Habitat for Humanity*) NA
- Attendance: NA

Office Hours

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

Next Week's Texts

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

Ron Skalicky, Custodian

Mary Brown, Organist and Bell Choir Director

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Second Sunday Singers Continues Through the Summer!

Join us on the second Sunday of every month to sing in worship. On July 13 and 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.

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.

Parking Information

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



Splash Palooza

Splash Palooza on July 16, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Come join in on the splash party for a fun filled water experience Wednesday evening on the front lawn of St. James. We'll have water games galore, relays, snack and crafts. Ages 3 on 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.

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).

Congregational Meeting Results

If you were unable to attend the congregational meeting on June 1, the call committee and council presented Pastor Randall Romsdahl as the candidate for the new senior pastor position.

The vote came back with 121 yes, 1 no, and 1 abstain.

Pr. Romsdahl is currently senior pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Shakopee, MN. He has grown that congregation in the eight years he has been there, which is what we expect him to do here as well.

Pr. Romsdahl is expected to begin at St. James on Mon., July 21.

His installation will be Sun., Aug. 10 with Bishop Ann Svenningson presiding.

Please continue to keep St. James in your prayers.

Adult Ed

Grab a cup of coffee and invite a new friend to join you at Adult Ed every Sunday morning in the Peter and Paul room. We will join Pr. Dave in studying the text for the following week.

Men's Breakfast

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

Wanted: Grill Master for Picnics This Summer

We are looking for a grill master (to handle picking up hotdogs/buns and then grilling) for picnics this summer. If you are interested, please contact one of the pastors or the church office.