

# Pews News

June 1, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

www.stjamesincrystal.org

## Special Congregational Meeting TODAY!

The Senior Pastor Call Committee has chosen a final candidate and the council has given their approval. Now it's up to **YOU** to vote and make it official.

The congregational vote on the Senior Pastor candidate will be **today at 10:45 a.m.** in the worship center.

## 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.

## God's Amazing Race

Due to low registration numbers, God's Amazing Race has been canceled. There will be a family event in July; watch for more details!

## 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.

## Second Sunday Singers Continues Through the Summer!

Join us on the second Sunday of every month to sing in worship. On June 8, 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!

## 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.)*

Allayah, in foster care	Neighbors living under stress
Kevin	Dan, for employment
Wendy	Bob Leinonen
Naomi	Resident of Ukraine
Sarah & her family	All immigrants
Everyone seeking employment	Jackson, as he faces long-term
Everyone who is homeless and hungry	and immediate challenges
Rachel Proctor, for relief from pain and a new job	Arnold
Sympathy for Lily Bray and family on the death of her husband Dale	Jim
	Ellen
	Fran

Sermon title: *Don't Sit In Your Usual Place*

Pastor Dave

## Worship Information

### Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray. O God of glory,

**C: your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Readings

#### 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

#### John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

### Service Participants:

**Preaching:** Pastor Dave Valen

**Presiding:** Pastor Kristen Brechler

**Musician:** Mary Brown

**Assisting Minister:** Troy Loken

**Special Music:** Sue Berke, Pr. Dave Valen

**Lector:** Connie Blom

**Cantor:** Deanna Loken

**Communion Assistants:** Roger & Sue Eggen

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

## This Week's Events

### Sunday, June 1:

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting!

### Monday, June 2:

7:00 p.m. Property Committee

### Tuesday, June 3:

5:15 p.m. Men's Golf

7:00 p.m. Kung Fu / Book Club

### Wednesday, June 4:

9:30 a.m. Women's Golf

12:00 p.m. Augsburg Luncheon

7:00 p.m. GA

### Thursday, June 5:

9:00 a.m. Archives

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl

7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

### Friday, June 6:

4:00 p.m. Violin

### Saturday, June 7:

### Sunday, June 8:

9:00 a.m. Second Sunday Singers

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Adult Ed

2:00 p.m. Negstad Party

## Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$3,120  
Received to date: \$150,737
- Capital Fund: \$343  
Received to date: \$46,887
- Special Offering (GHM) \$4566
- Attendance:

## Office Hours

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

## Next Week's Texts

Acts 2:1-21

John 20:19-23

## Parking Information

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



## 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

Deanna Loken, Choir Director

Amy Jermstad, Sunday Morning Custodian

Stephanie Charging, Assistant Custodian

## Contact St. James:

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## First Communion

Today we celebrate with Success Davies as he receives his First Communion.

## Day Camp

Age 5 through 5th Grade

June 23-26 at St. James

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. each day

\$20 per child

If you have not registered for day camp, please turn in your forms to Pastor Kristen ASAP!

Each camp day is jam-packed with great songs, activities, Bible study, crafts, games and more! Luther Park counselors will be on-hand to lead all of the activities. We are considering before and after camp childcare if there is enough interest. See registration packet for all the info. Contact Pastor Kristen with any questions you may have.

## Over 55's

The Over 55's will meet at church at noon on Mon., June 23 instead of Eagle Lake Park. More information to come next week!

## Anniversary Party Invitation

Members of St. James are invited to the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Allan & Joanne Negstad on Sun., June 8, The open house will be held in Wold Hall from 2 to 5 p.m. They hope to see you there!

No gifts please. Contributions to LSS Homeless Youth Project or St. James are welcomed.

## Bonfire Ministry Bonfire

The Bonfire bonfires were so much fun last year, we are bringing them back! The first will be Sun., June 29 at 7:00 pm. at First Lutheran Church. We hope you can make it for some s'mores and singing.

## Blood Drive

Wildfire congregation, Cross of Glory, would like to partner with St. James for their blood drive on Tues., June 17. Please contact them to make an appointment or for more information: 763-533-8602.

## 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.

## The Page Turners Book Club

June's pick: An Irish Country Doctor by Patrick Taylor.

Barry Lavery, a recent medical school graduate, jumps at the chance to join a rural practice in Ballybucklebo, Northern Ireland, until he meets his boss Dr. O'Reilly, a difficult older physician with his own way of doing things. The novel is a charming and engrossing tale that will captivate readers from the very first page— and leave them yearning to visit the Irish countryside of days gone by. (*From hclib.org and amazon.com*)

June's Book Club Meeting: Tues., June 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Peter and Paul room. Join us! All are welcome. (No book club in July or August.)

September's pick: Housekeeping by Marilyn Robinson.

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

## Summer Greeters

It is just as important to have greeters during the summer as it is for the rest of the year. If you are willing to be a greeter one (or more) Sundays, during the summer at the 9:30 a.m. service, please contact Mary Roening or the church office.

## Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Sat., June 21 at 8:00 a.m. at Fat Nat's (36th & Winnetka Ave).

## Graduate Recognition

We will recognize all graduates on Sun., June 8. If you have a photo and graduation/future plan information, please submit by 8:00 a.m. on June 2.

## Ushers Needed

We need you! Ushers are assigned one Sunday a month at their preferred worship time. 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 every Sunday morning in the Peter and Paul room. We will join Pr. Dave in studying the text for the following week. (*No Adult Ed today*)

## Altar Flowers Sign-Up Sheet Now Outside Office

If you would like to purchase flowers in honor, memory or celebration of someone, a sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the church office. Cost is \$30.