

Pews News

June 22, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

www.stjamesincrystal.org

Potluck Picnic after Worship Today

Please stay after worship this morning for a potluck picnic. It will be held on the east lawn, weather permitting.

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 p.m. at First Lutheran Church. We hope you can make it for some s'mores and singing.

Mark your calendar for July 27 at St. James. Our new Senior Pastor, Randall Romsdahl will be here!

Day Camp Canceled

Due to low registration numbers, day camp this year has been canceled. Watch for more information about the family event being planned for July.

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.

Over 55's

Come to the picnic tomorrow at noon. We will meet in Peter and Paul and the library. You may bring a dish to share and your dishes. Please bring white elephant gifts for the dice game. Chicken and beverage will be provided. If you choose, you may also bring pencils for the July School Supply Drive for NEAR students. Thank you.

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
Dan, for employment	Kevin
Bob Leinonen	Naomi
Jackson, facing long term and immediate issues	Wendy
Neighbors living under stress	Everyone seeking employment
The homeless	Roger, facing medical issues
The hungry	Brendan & Hayden
All immigrants	All caregivers
Rachel Proctor, for relief from pain and for a new job	Annalise, for good test results
	Aili
	Tom & Janessa

Worship Information

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray. Teach us, good Lord God,

C: to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Readings

Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 10:24-39

[Jesus said to the twelve:] "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Service Participants:

Preaching: Pastor Kristen Brechler

Presiding: Pastor Dave Valen

Musician: Mary Brown

Lector: Jacob Sauber

Cantor: Nancy Lohmann

Special Music: Kendra Walesch, Mary Brown

Assisting Minister: Joel Anderson

Communion Assistants: Stan & Connie Tikkanen

Ushers: Marv Berke, Jim Hauan, Becki Smith, Clarence Peterson, Tim Buck

This Week's Events

Sunday, June 22:

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

Monday, June 23:

12:00 p.m. Over 55's

Tuesday, June 24:

5:15 p.m. Men's Golf
6:30 p.m. Bonfire Council
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Wednesday, June 25:

9:30 a.m. Women's Golf
7:00 p.m. GA

Thursday, June 26:

7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Friday, June 27:

4:00 p.m. Violin

Saturday, June 28:

9:00 a.m. Youth Water Park

Sunday, June 29:

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Adult Ed
6:30 p.m. Bonfire's bonfire @First

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$3,354
Received to date: \$168,652
- Capital Fund: \$982
Received to date: \$50,188
- Special Offering (*Habitat for Humanity*) \$138
- Attendance: 124

Office Hours

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

Next Week's Texts

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18
Matthew 9:9-13

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)
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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.

What is a Parish Nurse?

A parish nurse (called a Faith Community Nurse in Nursing Standards for Minnesota) is a currently licensed Registered Nurse (RN). Her/his job is to promote healthy living amongst the members of her/his congregation. In this case, the parish nurse is me, Debbie Haney and I am employed by the Bonfire Ministry (made up of members of St. James, House of Hope, and First) and therefore, work for you.

My job is to promote and maintain the health of your mind, body and spirit. I can explain health issues, test results; review medications; I can be a resource for health care issues; I can provide comfort and support. I'd be glad to explain all this in greater detail, so stop me after church services and/or come see me at the various office hours I'm in the churches. I'm at First Lutheran the second Sunday, House of Hope the third Sunday and St. James on the fourth Sunday. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. I'm at First Lutheran and at St. James from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. I'm at House of Hope on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, I'm at The Gathering Place (respice) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at House of Hope. Utilize my services.

Debbie Haney

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.

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.

Pews News for July 6

Due to staff vacations, all submissions for the July 6 Pews News are due by 8:00 a.m. on Mon., June 23. Submissions received after that date will be published in the July 13 edition.

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.

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.