

Pews News

June 29, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

www.stjamesincrystal.org

Bonfire Ministry Bonfire

The Bonfire bonfires were so much fun last year, we are bringing them back! The first will be today at 6:30 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!

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	Kevin
All caregivers	Naomi
Dan, for employment	Wendy
Bob Leinonen	Everyone seeking employment
Jackson, facing long term and immediate issues	Ralph
Neighbors living under stress	Dale
The homeless	Thanks for prayers for Annaliese, good results it's benign
The hungry	Oda, for relief from pain
All immigrants, especially Jackson	Tom & Janessa
Tom	Everyone traveling this week
Sarah & her family	

Worship Information

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray. O God,

C: you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Readings

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance; they exult in your name all day long, and extol your righteousness. For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted. For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

Service Participants:

Preaching: Pastor Dave Valen

Presiding: Pastor Kristen Brechler

Musician: Mary Brown

Lector: Jo Olson

Assisting Minister: Dick Olson

Altar Guild: Ruth Stanchfield

Greeters: Maxine Rykken, Robin Johnson

Communion Assistants: Marv & Sue Berke

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

Nursery: Shayna Anderson

This Week's Events

Sunday, June 29:

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

Monday, June 30:

Tuesday, July 1:

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

Wednesday, July 2:

9:30 a.m. Women's Golf
6:00 p.m. Youth Night
7:00 p.m. GA

Thursday, July 3: Office Closed

Friday, July 4: Office Closed

Saturday, July 5:

Sunday, July 6:

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Adult Ed

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$6,675
Received to date: \$175,327
- Capital Fund: \$432
Received to date: \$50,620
- Special Offering (*Habitat for Humanity*) \$218
- Attendance: 135

Office Hours

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

Next Week's Texts

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

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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.