

# Pews News

June 8, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

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## Graduate Recognition Sunday

Congratulations to the following 2014 graduates: Calli LeGeros, Natalie Norling, and Emily Valentine. Cake will be served in the narthex.

Emily graduated from Lion's Gate Academy and will be going to North Hennepin next year. After that she will transfer to University of MN Moorhead, where she plans on majoring in social work.



## Anniversary Party Today

Members of St. James are invited to the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Allan & Joanne Negstad today. 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.

## Donations for Camp

An open invitation to the congregation: Box lunches are needed each day for the counselors, as well as snacks for the entire group for day camp June 23-26.

Housing is also needed for the counselors for the week.

If you can help with this need, please contact Pastor Kristen Brechler at 763-537-3653.

## Congregational Meeting Results

If you were unable to attend last week's congregational meeting, 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.

Please continue to keep St. James in your prayers.

## Pentecost Geraniums Given By

Anderson, Jerry in memory of Shirley Anderson  
Berger, Agnes & Dale in memory of loved ones  
Blom, Connie in memory of Rev. Axel & Naomi Blom  
Clemens, Kathleen in honor of my family  
Decker, Judy & Jim in memory of son, Todd Swaningson  
Galajda, Marian in memory of Rita & Bill DeBruyn  
Harlow, Jackie in honor of my children and grandchildren  
Hauan, Jim & Emily in memory of our loved ones  
Hellen, Ozzie in memory of loved ones  
Johnson, Roger & Robin in memory of all our loved ones who have passed  
Lohmann, Nancy in memory of loved ones  
Olsen, Jim & Judy in honor of our children and grandchildren  
Stanchfield, Ruth in memory of Dick Stanchfield  
Sultvedt, Jerry & Betty in memory of family and Doris Thayer, Dorathy & Rueben Lysne, Norma Sondrol, Mabel Butcher. In honor of Ethan & Morgan Engelhardt.  
Tutila, Peg in memory of Erv Tutila  
Valentine family in honor of Emily's high school graduation

## 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.)*

Sympathy for Lily Bray and family on the death of Dale	Dan, for employment
Rachel Proctor for relief from pain and for a new job	Bob Leinonen
Allayah in foster care	Residents of Ukraine
Sarah & her family	Jackson, facing long-term and immediate challenges
Kevin	Neighbors living under stress
Wendy	The St. James community
Naomi	All homeless
Everyone seeking employment	All the hungry
Arnold	All immigrants

## Worship Information

### Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray. O God,

**C: on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Readings

#### Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

#### John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

## Service Participants:

**Preaching:** Pastor Kristen Brechler

**Presiding:** Pastor Dave Valen

**Musician:** Mary Brown

**Lector:** John Renze

**Cantor & Assisting Minister:** Deanna Loken

**Communion Assistants:** George & Orla McClure

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

## This Week's Events

### 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

### Monday, June 9:

12:30 p.m. Thrivent  
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee

### Tuesday, June 10:

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, June 11:

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

### Thursday, June 12:

7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

### Friday, June 13:

4:00 p.m. Violin

### Saturday, June 14:

### Sunday, June 15:

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

## Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$10,460  
Received to date: \$161,197
- Capital Fund: \$1,864  
Received to date: \$48,751
- Special Offering (*Habitat for Humanity*) \$53
- Attendance: 146

## Office Hours

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

## Next Week's Texts

*Psalm 8*  
*Matthew 28:16-20*

## 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

## Contact St. James:

6700 46th Place North  
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## 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 no later than June 15. If enough campers haven't signed up, it will be canceled.

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!

## 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!

## 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.

## 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.

## Men's Breakfast

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

## 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.

## The Page Turners Book Club

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).

## 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.

## 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.