

Pew's News

March 16, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

www.stjamesincrystal.org

Lenten Worship

Lenten worship continues each Wednesday at **12:30 p.m.** and 7:00 p.m. Please note the daytime service time change. All are invited to *bring your own lunch* and eat together in Wold Hall at 12:00 p.m. prior to the daytime worship service at 12:30 p.m.

Butter Braid Sales End Today

The youth will be selling Butter Braids today in the narthex. Orders will be accepted through noon today. Cost is \$12 each. Money is due upon ordering. Varieties include strawberry cream cheese, apple, cinnamon, blueberry cream cheese, almond cream, raspberry, or caramel rolls.

Butter Braids will be available for pick-up on Sun., Apr. 13 (the Sunday before Easter). Have family coming into town? This is a great breakfast treat for guests!

The Butter Braid fundraiser is held annually just before Easter. So now is the time to stock up until next year! (Rumor has it that this is the last year for the almond.)

Proceeds benefit youth summer camp and trips at St. James.

Matching Funds for St. James youth provided by Thrivent Northwest Mpls. Chapter.

First Communion Registrations Open

Come to the table with Jesus! All people interested in participating in Holy Communion for the first time are invited to register for our First Communion Classes. There are no age limits or other restrictions on who can participate in this class. The only requirement is that children under age 18 bring along a parent. Everyone is expected to attend both classes, which will be held at House of Hope Lutheran Church.

Cost: \$5 per registrant to cover materials. Please register by Sunday, April 6.

Dates: Sat., April 12, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and Wed., April 16, 6 – 8 p.m. Celebration of First Communion on Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m. at St. James' Maundy Thursday service.

Friends + Family Movie Night

Friday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.

Feature Film: Frozen

Join your friends and families for a showing of the movie *Frozen!* Treats, crafts and fun are also included. This is a free event for *all ages!* Children must have a parent or caregiver present to attend.

Over 55's

Since the February gathering was cancelled, we will try the same program of pizza and bingo on Mon., Mar. 24. Please bring several small items for prizes. Dues are \$5.

The Over 55's will enjoy a gourmet meal at Hennepin Technical College (9000 Brooklyn Blvd.) on Mon., Apr. 28 with serving starting promptly at 11:30 a.m.

Choose from 2 entrees: walleye or New York strip medallions. Each entrée is served with house salad and dressing, potato, vegetable, dinner rolls and butter, dessert and choice of beverage. The price is \$19 and includes tax and gratuity/service charge. Checks should be made out to Over 55's.

Reservations and payments need to be given to Ozzie Hellen (763-533-3543) or Carol Koosmann (763-533-1356) or placed in the Over 55's box in the church office by April 14.

Annual Springtime Dessert Tea Tickets

Mary Circle will host their annual springtime dessert tea on Sat., April 5.

Hot Dishes, Hot Pads, Hot Flashes— Lutheran Style! presented by Janet Letnes Martin, co-creator of Church Basement Ladies.

In 2005, Church Basement Ladies debuted in Plymouth, MN. In the basement women bustled around, aprons aflutter, fanning away hot flashes as they set out bars, buns, hot dishes, boiled potatoes and resuscitated the lye-soaked cod for one of the holiest days, the annual lutefisk dinner.

Tickets are now available for purchase in the narthex on Sunday mornings for \$7. You may also purchase from the church office through the end of March.

9:57 News

9:57 kids will not meet on Sun., Mar. 23. We resume Sun., Mar. 30.

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.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Caring volunteers are needed to spend time with the children during worship, while their parents or caregivers attend services. Please contact Shayna Anderson to volunteer.

This Week's Events

Sunday, March 16:

8:45 a.m. ELW Worship
9:57 a.m. Adult Ed / 9:57
11:00 a.m. *Now the Feast* Worship

Monday, March 17:

10:45 a.m. Dinner at Your Door
1:00 p.m. CPR Training (@*First Lutheran*)
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. Council

Tuesday, March 18:

1:00 p.m. Library
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:30 p.m. Bells
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Wednesday, March 19:

10:00 a.m. Mary Circle
12:00 p.m. BYO Meal
12:30 p.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Youth
6:30 p.m. Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Worship / GA
7:45 p.m. Choir

Thursday, March 20:

7:00 p.m. Kung Fu / Prayer Shawl

Friday, March 21:

4:00 p.m. Violin
6:30 p.m. Family Movie Night

Saturday, March 22:

Sunday, March 23:

8:45 a.m. ELW Worship
9:57 a.m. Adult Ed / (No 9:57)
11:00 a.m. *Now the Feast* Worship

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$6,926
Received to date: \$82,983
- Capital Fund: \$1,348
Received to date: \$21,341
- Special Offering (*NEAR*): \$805
- Attendance: 120

Next Week's Texts

Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday, 7:00 a.m.
to 4:00 p.m.; Thursdays, 7:00—noon;
Fridays, 7:30—10:00 a.m.

Contact St. James:

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March's Outreach Partner: NEAR Food Shelf

March is the time to stock the food shelves for the summer months. Last year St. James donated \$4,856 and 300 lbs. of food. This was a great help. More than 8,500 people used a food shelf each day in Minnesota in 2012. This equates to a lot of hungry families that just can't make ends meet. This year the need is just as important. Families with school age children will be getting an extra box of food for children who are out of school.

Checking out the display case, you see what NEAR can buy at a lower price. Remember that March and April will have partial matching funds from the Feinstein Corp. All help is greatly appreciated by members in our community who visit NEAR. Please make your checks out to St. James with NEAR on the memo line.

Fill the Trailer Update: The \$805 already donated as of March 9 was enough to fill 40 boxes in the semi at a \$20 a box. The food in bags will be weighted at \$1 a pound. There are bags available at the door.

"Be a hero and fight hunger!" "Thanks for supporting those in your neighborhood that need a helping hand

Respite Care

Respite Care is held at House of Hope the first and third Tuesday of each month, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The caregivers support group is held there from 10:00 to 11:45 a.m. those same days.

This is a ministry of Bonfire's Health & Wellness team and is open to any family, member or non-member.

There is a nominal cost for the program, that can be negotiable if necessary. Lunch is served each time the program is run.

Empty Bowls

Thanks to all who attended the Empty Bowls Fundraiser on March 11. Your donations were greatly appreciated.

St. James Staff

Pastor Dave Valen (612-499-1006)
Pastor Kristen Brechler (651-307-6563)
Shayna Anderson, Dir. of Family Ministry
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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

The Page Turners Book Club

April's pick: *Beyond Belief: my secret life inside Scientology and my harrowing escape* by Jenna Miscavige Hill.

Jenna Miscavige Hill, niece of Church of Scientology leader David Miscavige, was raised as a Scientologist but left the controversial religion in 2005. She shares her true story of life inside the upper ranks of the sect, details her experiences as a member of the church's highest ministry (Sea Org), speaks of her "disconnection" from family outside of the organization, and tells the story of her ultimate escape. [from amazon.com]

April's Book Club Meeting: Tues., April 1 at 7:00 p.m. In the Peter and Paul room. Join us! All are welcome.

May's pick: *Too Bright to Hear Too Loud to See* by Juliann Garey.

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

Grief Support Volunteers

The Bonfire Health & Wellness team is working on putting together some grief support groups, but volunteers will be needed to help plan it. Two volunteers are needed from each congregation.

This is still very much in the planning stages, so details are still being worked out.

If you are interested, please contact the church office at office@stjamesincrystal.org or call 763-537-3653.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent members, please make sure you have designated your Choice Dollars from 2013 before March 31, 2014. Even if you did it last year, you need to do it again. Questions? Contact Betty Sultvedt at 763-535-3336.

Kid Pack

The next packing event is Tues., Mar. 25, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Emergency Food Network (8501 54th Ave N—New Hope).

Contact Melodie Hanson 763-504-4981 if you are able to help.