

Pew's News

March 2, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

www.stjamesincrystal.org

Lenten Worship Begins on March 5th

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (March 5) with the imposition of ashes at both the **12:30 p.m.** and **7:00 p.m.** worship services. Please note the daytime service time change. Beginning the following week (March 12), 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

The youth will be selling Butter Braids on Sunday mornings in the narthex, or you are welcome to contact one of the youth or the church office to place your order. Orders will be accepted through noon on Sun., Mar. 16. 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 Minneapolis 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.

Empty Bowls Fundraiser

Come enjoy soup and bread at the annual Empty Bowls fundraiser on Tues., Mar. 11 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Sandburg Learning Center.

Monies collected will go to PRISM and NEAR. There will be great entertainment. The Showtime Chorus, which includes St. James members Joanne Clausen and Nancy Lohmann, will sing at 4:00 p.m. Come early, stay late!

CPR/AED and First Aid Training Sessions

Bonfire Ministry will host two CPR/AED training sessions in March. The first on Sat., Mar. 15 at 9:00 a.m. at St. James in Peter & Paul; the second on Mon., Mar. 17 at 1:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church.

Bonfire will also host a First Aid training session on Sat., Mar. 15 at 1:00 p.m. at St. James in the Peter & Paul room.

To register, contact John Lindstrom at 763-537-0416 or Bonfire Parish Nurse Debbie Haney at 612-408-2049.

Welcome Elisabeth

Today we joyfully welcome through Holy Baptism Elisabeth Leeanne Heesen, daughter of Kathleen & Kevin Heesen.

Her godparents are Rebecca & Eric Robinson, congregational sponsors are George & Orla McClure.

Hot Dishes, Hot Pads, Hot Flashes—Lutheran Style!

Ladies take note: Mary Circle is collecting hot dish recipes for use at the Spring Buffet on April 5th. There is a box in the narthex for your favorite recipes. Please include your name and phone number. Deadline is March 9th. Watch for further updates about the event.

Synod Delegate

St. James is looking for a male delegate to attend the Mpls. Area Synod Assembly May 2-3. If you wish to be a delegate, please contact the church office by March 9.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Sat., Mar. 15 at 8:00 a.m. at Fat Nat's (36th Ave. & Winnetka Ave).

Second Sunday Singers

Come early next Sunday to rehearse and sing in the pick-up choir that sings the second Sunday of each month. Come at 8:15 a.m. and sing during the 8:45 a.m. worship service. All ages and abilities welcome!

This Week's Events

Sunday, March 2:

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

Monday, March 3:

5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. Property

Tuesday, March 4:

5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:30 p.m. Bells
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu / Book Club

Wednesday, March 5: Ash Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Youth
6:30 p.m. Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Worship / GA

Thursday, March 6:

9:00 a.m. Archives
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Friday, March 7:

4:00 p.m. Violin

Saturday, March 8:

Sunday, March 9:

8:15 a.m. Second Sunday Singers
8:45 a.m. ELW Worship
9:57 a.m. Adult Ed / 9:57
11:00 a.m. *Now the Feast* Worship

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$12,431
Received to date: \$67,299
- Capital Fund: \$7,317
Received to date: \$18,338
- Special Offering (*Car Care*): \$940
- Attendance: 130

Next Week's Texts

Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

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:

6700 46th Place North
Crystal, MN 55428
763-537-3653 (phone)
office@stjamesincrystal.org
www.stjamesincrystal.org

March's Outreach Partner: NEAR Food Shelf

One in ten Minnesotans miss 10 meals per month. This affects children most since 40% of Minnesota children go hungry. You might want to look around and count to ten. That tenth person might be hungry. Our congregation can help by donating to the March Food Drive.

Last year members of St. James generously donated \$4,856. Every dollar you donated went for food. Wholesale costs have gone up for the Food Shelf and the need continues to grow with new clients. Second Harvest and Emergency Food Network warehouses are having more trouble obtaining food also. When the food shelves are hurting this affects families in the community.

For every \$20 donated, a square foot box could be filled with food. The Bonfire congregations are trying to raise enough money/food to fill a trailer. Please write checks out to St. James with NEAR on the memo line. Be a Hero! Fight Hunger!

Second Harvest is suggesting something new this year. It is called "PACK THE PEWS". So by March 23 we will see how much food and money we have donated. You will get the count on March 30th. The congregation can continue to give until April 8th. During March and April the Feinstein Corp. will have a percentage of matching funds available. Last year NEAR received \$600. It is a good time to give.

Take a moment to check out the display case for more information about NEAR. There are bags by the front door with a list of foods that are needed such as: peas, canned fruit-meals-meat, and box meals. Thank you for supporting the less fortunate in our community.

Over 55's

Since the February gathering was cancelled, we will try the same program of pizza and bingo on Mon., Mar. 23. Please bring several small items for prizes. Dues are \$5.

St. James Staff

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

The Page Turners Book Club

March's pick: Pomegranate Soup by Marsha Mehran

This first novel by Mehran centers on the inhabitants of a small Irish town. When three Iranian sisters, who fled the Iranian Revolution, move into the former bake shop and open a Middle Eastern cafe, turmoil erupts. Personal demons and questioned loyalties play out like a movie on the page, making the reader feel like an eyewitness to all the events. [from Library Journal]

March's Book Club Meeting: Tues., March 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Peter and Paul room. Join us! All are welcome.

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

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