

Pew News

March 23, 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.** . 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. The Lenten series is based on "The Great Habits of Highly Effective Disciples."

- March 26: Compassionate (Col. 3:12-14/Matthew 9:36-38)
April 2: Honest with Ourselves (Luke 23:32-43)
April 9: Anchored at the Center (Luke 23:44-49)

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.

Over 55's

Since the February gathering was cancelled, we will try the same program of pizza and bingo on Mon., Mar. 24 at noon. 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.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday

April 13, 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

April 18, 7:00 p.m.

A joint Bonfire service at House of Hope (48th & Boone)

Easter Sunday

April 20, 8:45 & **10:00** a.m.

Ushers Needed At Both Services

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.

Fore! It's Time for Golf Leagues

It's time to commit to playing in a St. James golf league for the 2014 season.

Men's nine-hole-play is scheduled for Tuesday evenings at Theodore Wirth Golf Course, May 6 to July 22. If you are interested in some great fellowship and want to play golf with some fellow St. James members, contact Stan Tikkanen before April 30 (763-546-8155 or sacltikkanen@hotmail.com). Friends, co-workers or relatives are welcome to join as well.

The women's golf season will begin on Wed., May 7 at French Lake Golf Course at 9:00 a.m. and will continue all summer on Wednesday mornings. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Carol Koosmann at 763-533-1356.

Annual Springtime Dessert Tea Tickets

Mary Circle will host their annual springtime dessert tea on Sat., April 5. Seating and punch will be at 12:15 p.m., the dessert buffet will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the program will start promptly at 1:30 p.m.

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

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.

Drivers Needed for One Day Only

On Sat., Apr. 5, Mary Circle would like to provide transportation for the St. James women who would like to attend the spring tea but have no way to get to and from St. James.

If you can drive for this one day event, contact Judy Olsen at 763-533-4868. *(This might be perfect for someone already attending the tea!)*

9:57 News

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

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.

Camp Fundraising Updates

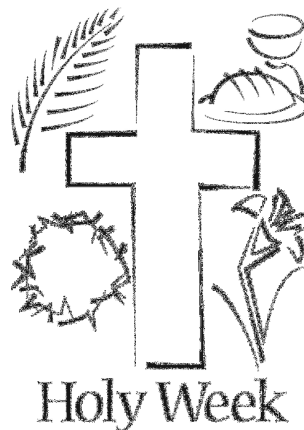
Flower Fundraiser order forms are available! Please see the Children's Ministry bulletin board next to the main office for forms and info.

Easter Flowers

Altar guild members will be taking orders in the narthex for Easter flowers between services

Lenten Offering Banks

Please take home a Lenten offering bank, located in the narthex. Money collected will go to Lutheran Social Service. Please begin turning the banks in on Easter.



This Week's Events

Sunday, March 23:
8:45 a.m. ELW Worship
9:57 a.m. Adult Ed
11:00 a.m. *Now the Feast* Worship

Monday, March 24:
12:00 p.m. Over 55's
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, March 25:
9:30 a.m. Quilting
4:00 p.m. Kid Pack
6:30 p.m. Bells
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Wednesday, March 26:
12:00 p.m. BYO Meal
12:30 p.m. Worship
6:30 p.m. Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Worship / GA
7:45 p.m. Choir

Thursday, March 27:
9:00 a.m. Archives
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Friday, March 28:
4:00 p.m. Violin

Saturday, March 29:

Sunday, March 30:
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: \$4,957
Received to date: \$88,256
- Capital Fund: \$1,436
Received to date: \$22,977
- Special Offering (NEAR): \$1,390
- Attendance: 125

Next Week's Texts

Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

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
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March's Outreach Partner: NEAR Food Shelf

Seniors and children have the highest risk for hunger in Minnesota. Child poverty keeps increasing. Hungry children face many barriers as they strive to become healthy, productive, and engaged members of society.

NEAR will again pack an extra box of food for each client with school aged children for the summer months. Needed are: peanut butter, jelly, cereal, canned fruit, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, and Spaghetti-o's.

The Bonfire congregations will continue to collect food and money through the end of the month to fill 360 boxes, which would fill the trailer. St. James has already filled 69 boxes with just the monetary donations. Keep up the good work!

St. Rapheal's will be donating Easter Baskets to NEAR for children are 2 to 12. Volunteers are needed to help with the distribution starting on April 7. Contact Emily Hauan if you are able to help.

Be the Hero. Fight Hunger. Please make checks out to St. James with NEAR on the memo line. NEAR could also use paper grocery bags. Thank you for the support.

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.

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.

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

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 judgetelinda@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.

Garage Sale

Start going through your items to donate to the St. James garage sale held May 30-31 at Tim & Becki Smith's home. Please make arrangements to drop off at their home by calling Becki at 952-841-3081

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Sat., April 19 at 8:00 a.m. at Fat Nat's (36th Ave. & Winnetka Ave).

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Easter Flowers

If you would like to help provide plants for the worship center on Easter, please complete this form and return it to the office no later than Sun., Apr. 6. Plants may be taken following the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday.

Type	# ordered	total
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Hydrangea	_____ x \$14	= \$ _____
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Azalea	_____ x \$13	= \$ _____
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Lily	_____ x \$9	= \$ _____
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Mum	_____ x \$8	= \$ _____
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Rieger Begonia	_____ x \$8	= \$ _____
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Bulb Garden Mix	_____ x \$8	= \$ _____
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Tulip, Daffodil, or Hyacinth*	_____ x \$8	= \$ _____
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(*Plants delivered may be any one of these three bulb plants)

Total # Plants Ordered: _____ **TOTAL PAID:** \$ _____

Plants are given in (*please circle one*) **honor** or **memory** of: _____

Given By: _____