

Pews News

March 30, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

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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."

April 2: Honest with Ourselves (Luke 23:32-43)

April 9: Anchored at the Center (Luke 23:44-49)

First Communion Registrations Due April 6

All ages 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 turn in registrations to Shayna or Pastor Kristen 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

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 two 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.

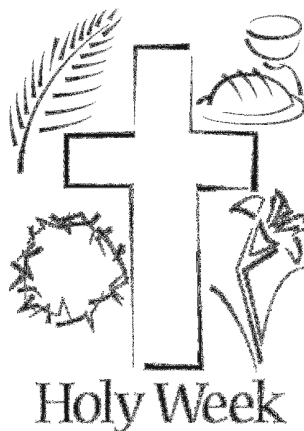
Good Friday

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.



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 available for purchase in the narthex today for \$7. You may also purchase from the church office until Monday.

Martin's books will be available for purchase.

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!)*

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.

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 30:

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

Monday, March 31:

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, April 1:

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

Wednesday, April 2:

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, April 3:

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

Friday, April 4:

4:00 p.m. Violin

Saturday, April 5:

12:15 p.m. Spring Tea

Sunday, April 6:

8:45 a.m. ELW Worship
 9:57 a.m. Adult Ed / 9:57 / Bake Sale
 11:00 a.m. *Now the Feast* Worship
 3:30 p.m. Piano Recital

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$4,671
 Received to date: \$92,926
- Capital Fund: \$273
 Received to date: \$23,050
- Special Offering (*NEAR*): \$2,210
- Attendance: 109

March's Outreach Partner: NEAR Food Shelf

Thank you for continuing to pack the pews with food and money donations. So far, 120 pounds of food have been donated. The monetary donations have reached \$2,210. This will fill 110 boxes for the trailer. All that is donated during March and April will have a percentage match through the Feinstein Corp.

The creeping effects of hunger can range from poor health, slowed recovery from injury, illness, and poor performance at school or at work. So be a hero and fight hunger!

Minnesota Food Share month urges everyone in the community to donate food items or funding to their local food shelf to ensure that all our neighbors will have enough to share fully in the life of our community.

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 items at their home by calling Becki at 952-841-3081

9:57 News

9:57 resumes today, see you in Wold Hall.

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 judgelinda@msn.com).

Next Week's Texts

Ezekiel 37:1-14
John 11:1-45

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Office Hours

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

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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
Hydrangea	_____ x \$14	= \$ _____
Azalea	_____ x \$13	= \$ _____
Lily	_____ x \$9	= \$ _____
Mum	_____ x \$8	= \$ _____
Rieger Begonia	_____ x \$8	= \$ _____
Bulb Garden Mix	_____ x \$8	= \$ _____
Tulip, Daffodil, or Hyacinth*	_____ x \$8	= \$ _____

(*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: _____