

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

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

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 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.

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.

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

Save the date: Sat. April 5, for the Springtime Dessert Buffet.

Our guest speaker is Janet Letnes Martin, co-creator of Church Basement Ladies plays and author of many books.

Be prepared to have a fun time. An example of a funny story: On a real hot summer day at 6:30 a.m. she was getting ready for work and trying to put on pantyhose and decided she couldn't take it anymore, so she called and quit her job. The story made the newspaper stating it had "something to do with pantyhose."

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.

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 noon today.

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).

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.

This Week's Events

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

Monday, March 10:

12:30 p.m. Thrivent
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. Property

Tuesday, March 11:

9:30 a.m. Quilting
10:45 a.m. Dinner at Your Door
6:30 p.m. Bells / Altar Guild
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Wednesday, March 12:

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 13:

7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Friday, March 14:

4:00 p.m. Violin
7:00 p.m. Sr. High Lock In

Saturday, March 15:

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Cub Scouts / CPR Training
1:00 p.m. First Aid Training

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

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$7,503
Received to date: \$74,802
- Capital Fund: \$1,401
Received to date: \$19,739
- Special Offering (NEAR): \$420
- Attendance: 141

Next Week's Texts

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

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

Did you know that hunger is a daily issue in many homes? There are about 300 food shelves in the state of Minnesota that need food to stock an inventory for the summer months, when children are at home and giving is down. Each person should receive 15 pounds per month, which should cover three meals a day for three days. We can't escape the numbers: 10% of Minnesotans don't know where their next meal will come from. The need is greater than ever.

Many individuals coming into the Food Shelf just can't make it month to month.

Especially needed are canned vegetables, fruits, meats, and meals. If you choose to donate money, make the check to St. James with NEAR on the memo line. Be a hero! Fight hunger!

May St. James "Pack The Pews" with food and monies! Remember you can fill a box for \$20. There is a percentage of matching funds available all of March and April from the Feinstein Corp.

The Bonfire congregations will also be trying to "fill the trailer" by collecting enough food and money to fill a truck trailer during the month of March.

Check out the information in the display case. There are grocery bags for you to take home. NEAR needs paper grocery bags if you have them.

Thank you for supporting those in need at this time in their lives!

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.

St. James Staff

Pastor Dave Valen (612-499-1006)
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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.