

# Pews News

Happy Mother's Day!

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

May 10, 2015

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

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## Spring Work Day

It's time for some spring cleaning! Spring work day will be held Sat., May 16 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Please come for as long as you are able. A continental breakfast for volunteers will be served at 10:30 a.m.

## Wildfire VBS- "Crocodile Dock"

This year we are partnering with other churches in the community to provide an evening VBS for students (current age 3-5th grade) in our community. Other Wildfire churches will join us onsite here at St. James for a fun-filled week learning about Jesus as we explore "Crocodile Dock," June 22-25 from 5:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Fill out a yellow registration form and return to the church office. Friends are always welcome. Space may be limited, so sign up today! Cost: VBS is our gift to you! (*We will accept donations to offset costs.*)

## Car Care Saturday

The Car Care Ministry needs help with its community outreach ministry! Car Care Saturday will be June 6, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

If you have any interest or skills in car care, including but not limited to: oil changes, filter changes, light bulb replacement, wiper blade replacement and interior car cleaning, your help is needed. Volunteers are also needed to welcome clients, assist with child care supervision (while cars are being serviced) and serve coffee and cookies.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near Pr. Randy's office!

## Altar Guild Looking for Members

The St. James Altar Guild is very short of members. Current membership is at an all-time low of 8 members. Representatives of this small group are at every service for the entire year.

Just what does the Altar Guild do? Prepare the communion table for each service, change paraments, keep the altar candles filled with oil, put out the items needed for baptisms. We also prepare communion for funerals, when requested. None of these tasks are difficult, and there are checklists to help.

Historically Altar Guild members served for a month at a time, either with a partner or alone. Starting in June, we will be signing up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for two weeks, or even one week, at a time. New volunteers always serve with a partner.

If you can consider helping with this ministry, please talk to one of the members: Nancy Dahlquist, Eunice Kistner, Sonya Lodahl, Barb Rierson, Ruth Stanchfield, Sharon Stromback, Margaret Thomsen and Maria Weiland, or to Pastor Randy.

## Step To It Challenge Now Through May 30

Get your feet moving during the month of May for the Bonfire Step To It Challenge (May 3-30). This program is put on by Hennepin County Public Health for the purpose of getting people moving and going green. Bonfire has signed up as a group for the competition. You enter activities (cleaning, washing the car, going for walks, etc.) or your total step count if you wear a pedometer already, through the website as a friendly challenge.

To sign up: Visit [www.steptoit.org](http://www.steptoit.org). Sign in using your own address and city. After you do that you will be able to join groups, so find Bonfire and click it.

## Installation Service

Save the date for Pastor Kristen Brechler's Installation as Associate Pastor at St. James on July 26.

## Prayer Concerns:

(Prayer slips are available in the pews. Please fill out and place in the offering plate. Names will be listed in the following week's Pews News.)

Global Health Ministries  
Emily, healing from knee surgery  
Judie, dealing with cancer treatments  
Julee, for healing after surgery  
Barb, for recovery  
Don Fretland  
Carol & Nancy  
Mr. Hill's newborn boy  
George, for good health  
Connie  
For permanent employment  
Otis, for peace  
Thanks for Daniel's new job. Bless his efforts.  
Bob Leinonen  
Kathy & Jim

All immigrants  
All who hunger  
Thanks for the blessings of the past week  
Sue A., with health issues  
The disabled man seen walking  
Sarah & her family  
Kevin  
Wendy  
Naomi  
Everyone seeking employment  
Success  
Scholastical  
My whole family  
All struggling in some way  
Marion's upcoming dr. appt goes well  
Susie Hollingsworth

## Fundraiser through Cub Foods and Green Valley Greenhouse

St. James has partnered with Cub Foods and Green Valley Greenhouse to raise money through the purchase of live goods!

Take one of the pink flyers on the round table with you to any Cub Foods between May 1 and 31 and 15% of your pre-tax purchases of Green Valley live goods (annuals, perennials, shrubs, vegetables and herbs) will be donated to St. James.

You must have the flyer with you each time you make a purchase for St. James to receive the funds.

## Summer Worship Begins May 24

St. James will move to one worship service at 9:30 a.m. during the summer beginning on May 24 and continuing through September 6.

## Pr. Randy on Vacation

Pr. Randy is on vacation and will return to the office on Wed., May 13. Contact Pr. Kristen with questions.

## VBS Donation Fireflies

We are looking for donations for VBS this year.

There are fireflies on the courtyard doors indicating different items, quantity and when to return them to church.

Please consider helping by taking a firefly home and returning it along with the donated item(s). Thanks for supporting this ministry!

## Worship Leader Roles for Children & Youth

Students and children are encouraged to sign up to help with summer leadership roles (acolyte, cross bearer, communion elements). Contact Pr. Kristen for more information by email at [kbrechler@stjamesincystal.org](mailto:kbrechler@stjamesincystal.org).

## Worship Participants

**Assisting Minister:** Gary Myers  
**Lector:** Sandy Johnson  
**Communion Assistants:** Orla McClure, Bob & Diane Michaelson, Dawn Skare, Mike Stanchfield  
**Ushers:** George McClure, Terry Teigen, Roger E. Johnson, Rick Jones, Judy Berney, Pat Ferguson, Ken & Phyllis Nelson  
**Acolytes:** Carter Nygord, Sidona Kautz  
**Cross Bearer:** Daisy Har

## This Week's Events

### Sunday, May 10:

9:00 a.m. Worship  
 10:10 a.m. Adult Ed / Band Practice  
 11:10 a.m. Worship  
 2:00 p.m. Violin Recital  
 4:00 p.m. GriefShare

### Monday, May 11:

12:30 p.m. Thrivent Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. Scouts  
 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee

### Tuesday, May 12:

9:30 a.m. Quilting  
 10:45 a.m. Dinner at Your Door  
 1:00-3:00 p.m. Parish Nurse  
 5:15 p.m. Men's Golf  
 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts  
 6:30 p.m. Altar Guild  
 7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

### Wednesday, May 13:

9:30 a.m. Women's Golf  
 1:00 p.m. Worship Committee  
 6:30 p.m. Wildfire Planning  
 7:00 p.m. Choir /GA

### Thursday, May 14:

11:00 a.m. Worship Planning  
 7:00 p.m. Kung Fu / Small Group Mtg.

### Friday, May 15: Synod Assembly

4:00 p.m. Violin

### Saturday, May 16: Synod Assembly

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast  
 8:30 a.m. Spring Clean Up  
 3:00 p.m. Piano Recital

### Sunday, May 17:

9:00 a.m. Worship  
 10:10 a.m. Adult Ed / Band Practice  
 11:10 a.m. Worship

## Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$11,758  
Received to date: \$141,754
- Capital Fund: \$1,732  
Received to date: \$24,822
- Special Offering (GHM) \$228
- Attendance: 184

## St. James Staff

Pastor Randy Romsdahl (612-803-2879)  
 Pastor Kristen Brechler (651-307-6563)  
 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

## VBS Project Helpers needed!

We are in need of people to help with small and large projects to decorate and make VBS a fun environment as we turn St. James into a "Crocodile Dock". If you are willing to do a take-home project, contact Pr. Kristen for additional information.

VBS set-up will be on Sat., June 20. Come help set up and get ready for VBS. All helpers welcome!

## May's Outreach Partner: Global Health Ministries

Global Health Ministries was founded in 1987 in response to Lutheran health care missionaries overseas whose ministries were hindered by shortages of supplies, equipment and financial support. Today, with few medical missionaries left in the field, GHM continues to advocate for the mission hospitals and the poor they serve. GHM is needed, above all, because they continue the healing ministry that Jesus chose as a way to proclaim God's gracious love for all people. As an outreach partner of GHM, St. James assembles newborn kits each year. There is a container at church where you can place donations or use a special offering envelope with "Global Newborn Kits" written on it.

## GriefShare

If you personally have experienced a death of a loved one or a friend, you are invited to attend the upcoming GriefShare ministry seminar series. GriefShare is a 12 week course that uses a series of videos to stimulate conversations to help participants work through their grief. GriefShare seminars are sponsored by Bonfire Ministry and are open to anyone who is experiencing grief.

The GriefShare ministry seminars are held at St. James on Sunday afternoons, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The next series begins on Sun., May 31. There is a \$10 fee for the GriefShare seminars, and scholarships to cover this fee are available.

## Parking Information

When coming to church on Sunday mornings, please be mindful of those who need to park closer to the church entrance.

## Spring Craft Retreat

Save the date of May 30th for the Spring Craft Retreat. Watch the Pews News for more details in the coming weeks.

## Office Hours

St. James' Office Hours are Monday-Wednesday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## The Page Turners Book Club

June's pick: The Book of Fate by Parinoush Saniee.

A bestselling novel in Iran, despite being banned twice by the government, the novel follows a teenage girl in pre-revolutionary Iran through five turbulent decades, from before the 1979 revolution, through the Islamic Republic, and up to the present in this powerful story of friendship, passion, and hope. Massoumeh is an average girl, passionate about learning. Her fate, so long dictated by family loyalty and tradition, is tied to the changing fortunes of her country. This book gives a rare insider's view of Iranian society. [from [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com)]

June's Book Club Meeting: Tues., June 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Peter and Paul room. Join us! All are welcome.

September's pick: Love Anthony by Lisa Genova. (Book Club does not meet in July & August.)

For more information, contact Linda Judge (at 763-533-4081 or [judgetlinda@msn.com](mailto:judgetlinda@msn.com)).

## Facebook Friends

We want to be your friend... on Facebook! Search for St. James Lutheran Church (not a group page; it will show like a person's account) and 'Friend' us.

We post on a regular basis, so it's an easy way to keep up to date with the activities at St. James!

## Thanking People

Have you noticed people really going out of their way to help out? Want to give them a shout-out before worship begins?

There will be a sign-up sheet created to allow people to thank others on Sunday mornings.

Contact Pastor Randy at [rromsdahl@stjamesincrystal.org](mailto:rromsdahl@stjamesincrystal.org) for more information.

## Contact St. James:

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[www.stjamesincrystal.org](http://www.stjamesincrystal.org)

## Geraniums For Pentecost

Geranium plants may be ordered to help decorate for Pentecost Sunday, May 24. Your geranium orders need to be placed by noon today. Plants can be picked up following the 9:30 a.m. Pentecost Sunday worship.



Number of plants ordered	Amount paid	Given in MEMORY / HONOR of :
_____ dozen @ \$31.00 = _____		_____
_____ half dozen @ \$18.00 = _____		_____
_____ single plant @ \$3.75 = _____		_____
<b>Total paid</b> _____		Given by: _____

I'd like to donate \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate #) of my plants for planting outside at St. James.