

Pew News

May 11, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

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9:57 Celebration Today

Our 9:57 small group and workshop leaders have given so much time and energy to each one of our children and youth throughout the year. Please be present to share your thanks with the leaders for their commitment. The morning will include a special blessing at worship and a special appearance by magician Brian Richards at 9:57! Please join us!

Over 55's

There will be no trip to the Old Log Theater in May this year. Instead, there will be a meeting on Mon., May 19 at 1:00 p.m. Beverage and treats will be served.

Car Care Saturday Volunteers Needed

The Car Care Ministry needs help with this community outreach ministry!

Car Care Saturday will be May 31, 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.

The parts are supplied, but volunteers are needed to help with this ministry to persons on public assistance who are unable to care for their cars because of very limited funds.

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

Shayna Anderson Resigns

St. James Family,

It is with deep appreciation, support, love and a little bit of sadness that we announce that Shayna Anderson will be leaving her position as Director of Family Ministry at the end of May. Shayna is beloved by so many at St. James. She has done a fabulous job of caring for, teaching and sharing God's love with children and their families over the past seven years. It's been a privilege working with her this past year. She is a blessing!

Shayna is excited for a new adventure and something different. She is quite talented in many areas. Therefore we respect her faithfulness to her family and God's leadings. We are grateful that Shayna, Joel and Juliana will remain part of the St. James community, and look forward to sharing many more memories.

In the meantime things will continue as planned. I will be working to develop a Family Ministry team, so that together we will support our current Summer ministries (i.e. Day Camp and God's Amazing Race events). This team will also be involved in the search process for additional Family Ministry staff. Please prayerfully consider your contribution to this team.

We will honor Shayna and thank her at a reception on May 18th at 10:00 a.m. You are invited to help with and participate in this event to honor Shayna's heart, compassion and service. Well done good and faithful servant!

*Faithfully Yours,
Pr. Kristen Brechler*

Special Congregational Meeting

The Senior Pastor Call Committee has chosen a final candidate and the council has given their approval. Now it's up to **YOU** to vote and make it official.

The congregational vote on the Senior Pastor candidate will be **Sun., June 1 at 10:45 a.m.** in the worship center (following worship at 9:30).

Garage Sale

The 5th annual garage sale benefiting St. James will be held at Tim & Becki Smith's home, 4301 Washburn Ave N, Minneapolis on May 30 & 31.

It's the Victory Neighborhood Garage Sale— and boy does it bring in the customers! We have sold plants, baked goods, furniture, books, golf balls, toys, kitchen items and tons of miscellaneous items.

Spring is in the air— time to clean out the cobwebs and dust bunnies. Bring items clean and in good condition to the Smiths to benefit St. James.

Tim & Becki will be accepting items brought to their house on the Wednesday and Thursday before the sale. Any questions, please call Becki's cell: 612-812-2022.

God's Amazing Race

A new summer event is being planned for all ages of children to learn, grow and have fun!

There will be three race nights: June 11, July 9 and August 13, 6:30—8:00 p.m. On a race night, there will be games/challenges, Bible study/devotions, crafts/art, music, snacks and plenty of fun. Cost is \$15 and includes three nights of fun this summer and a sweet t-shirt. If a parent signs up to volunteer, their child's entry fee will be waived. Registration forms are available on the children's bulletin board.



Beginning on Sun., May 25 through Labor Day, we

will move to one worship service at 9:30 a.m.

Day Camp

June 23-26 at St. James

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. each day

\$20 per child

Registration forms are due in the church office by Sun., May 18. We are considering before and after camp childcare if there is enough interest.

See registration packet (located on the children's bulletin board) for all the info. Contact Shayna or Pastor Kristen with any questions!

Spring Craft Retreat

Attention crafters! We will hold the Spring Craft Retreat on Sat., May 17, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Wold Hall.

Each crafter will get at least four feet of table space, lunch, dinner, beverages, and a fun time! This is a time to come and work on those unfinished projects or start a new one!

The cost is \$35 and all proceeds go to the St. James Youth Group. Sign-up sheets are outside the church office.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Sat., May 17 at 8:00 a.m. at Fat Nat's (36th Ave. & Winnetka Ave).

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given by Jackie Harlow in memory of her sister Beverly Stoker (5/20/36-12/16/13).

Office Closed

The church office will be closed Memorial Day, May 26.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Caring volunteers are needed to spend time with the children during worship, while their parents or caregivers attend services. Please contact the church office to volunteer.

This Week's Events

Sunday, May 11:

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

Monday, May 12:

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

Tuesday, May 13:

9:30 a.m. Quilting
 10:45 a.m. DAYD
 5:15 p.m. Men's Golf
 6:30 p.m. Bells / Altar Guild
 7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Wednesday, May 14:

9:30 a.m. Women's Golf
 12:30 p.m. Worship Committee
 7:00 p.m. GA / Choir

Thursday, May 15:

9:30 a.m. Power of One Coffee
 7:00 p.m. Kung Fu / Prayer Shawl

Friday, May 16:

4:00 p.m. Violin

Saturday, May 17:

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. Craft Retreat

Sunday, May 18:

8:45 a.m. ELW Worship
 9:57 a.m. Adult Ed / Shayna Celebration
 11:00 a.m. *Now the Feast* Worship
 12:00 p.m. Youth Bowling

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$8,854
Received to date: \$130,617
- Capital Fund: \$1,415
Received to date: \$30,038
- Special Offering (*GHM*) \$165
- Attendance: 173

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
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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 in the narthex where you can place donations or use a special offering envelope with Global Newborn Kits written on it.

Dinner at Your Door Drivers

Drivers are needed for the Dinner at Your Door Program. Regular and substitute drivers are needed. Regular drivers can expect to volunteer about one hour each month. Substitute drivers are called as needed. This is a very small amount of time to give to a program that means so much to so many people. Having a meal delivered each day allows many people to remain independent. You will find volunteering for this program to be very rewarding. For more information call Barbara Parsons at 763-227-2282.

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.

First Quarter Statements

If you would like a copy of your first quarter giving statement, please contact Financial Coordinator Lana Teigen at 763-537-3653

Office Hours

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

The Page Turners Book Club

June's pick: An Irish Country Doctor by Patrick Taylor.

Barry Lavery, a recent medical school graduate, jumps at the chance to join a rural practice in Ballybucklebo, Northern Ireland, until he meets his boss Dr. O'Reilly, a difficult older physician with his own way of doing things. The novel is a charming and engrossing tale that will captivate readers from the very first page— and leave them yearning to visit the Irish countryside of days gone by. (*From hclib.org and amazon.com*)

June's Book Club Meeting: Tues., June 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Peter and Paul room. Join us! All are welcome. (No book club in July or August.)

September's pick: Housekeeping by Marilyn Robinson.

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

Next Week's Texts

1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-7

Kid Pack Packing Day

The next packing event is Tues., May 27 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.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you have a Thrivent Financial account, a one-time grant of \$20 will be added by Thrivent to your Direct Choice Dollars until May 31st to the organization you choose.

Please consider directing yours to St. James. Please note that when searching for St. James Lutheran Church, the address is listed as Minneapolis, MN.

Men's Fellowship Dinner

The Wildfire men are invited to kick off summer with an indoor picnic and presentation from The Raptor Center on Sun., June 1 at 5:00 p.m. at Cross of Glory (5929 Brooklyn Blvd, Brooklyn Center)

Cost is \$10 per person; donations for KidPack will also be taken.

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and pay no later than May 25.

Geraniums For Pentecost

Geranium plants may be ordered to help decorate for Pentecost Sunday, June 8. Your geranium orders need to be placed by 10:45 a.m. on Sun., May 25. Plants can be picked up following Pentecost Sunday worship.



Number of plants ordered	Amount paid	Given in MEMORY / HONOR of: _____
_____ dozen @ 30.00 =	_____	_____
_____ half dozen @ \$ 17.00 =	_____	_____
_____ single plant @ \$3.75 =	_____	_____
Total paid _____		Given by: _____

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