

Pews News

May 17, 2015

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

www.stjamesincrystal.org

Welcome William and Lainie!

Today we joyfully welcome through Holy Baptism William Olouch, son of Richard Olouch and Ruth Gbalenchey. Godparents are Oretha Gbalenchey and Jmike Sumo.

Today we also joyfully welcome through Holy Baptism Lainie Rose Schumacher, daughter of Jacquelyn & Charles Schumacher. Godparents are Lisa and Shane Burrows.

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!

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. 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.

Children's Worship Bag Volunteer

We are looking for a volunteer to be in charge of the children's worship bags. This would involve cleaning up the bags, putting in new items, and letting Pastor Kristen know when supplies are getting low.

Drivers Needed for Dinner at Your Door

If you have a car and an hour a month to spare, you can help the elderly, disabled and shut-ins in our community by delivering a hot nursing midday meal. Meals are picked up at Crystal Community Center at 10:30 a.m. and delivered to 6 - 8 homes in the area. Volunteering for this ministry is very rewarding.

Contact Barbara Parsons at 763-228-2272 for more info or to sign up. Be a DAYD driver.

Lutheran World Relief: Nepal

After the devastating earthquakes in Nepal, St. James will be collecting money for LWR to help relief efforts in Nepal. Please make checks out to St. James and write LWR: Nepal on your check memo line.

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
George, for good health
Mr. Hill's newborn boy
Kevin
Wendy
Naomi
Sarah & her family
Everyone seeking employment
Sue A, with health issues
Bless Daniel in his new job
Kathy & Jim
Bob Leinonen
All immigrants
All who hunger

My Jewish friends
My Muslim friends
Thanks for the blessings of the past week
All who wait
All who grieve
Cormac and James
All caregivers
Mission teams in Nepal
Earthquake victims in Nepal
Don Fretland
Donna, for comfort
Bless Sister Nancy & Carol
Barb, as she heals from surgery
The people of Nepal

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.

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.

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!

Assisting Ministers

There will be a meeting of all present Assisting Ministers and all who are interested in serving as an Assisting Minister on Tues., May 26 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us!

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). For more information, contact Pr. Kristen Brechler by email at kbrechler@stjamesincrystal.org.

NEAR Needs

The NEAR Food Shelf is in need of plastic and paper grocery bags.

Worship Participants

Assisting Minister: John Lindstrom
Lector: Sonya Lodahl

Communion Assistants: Nyadoar Gach, Mike & Erin LaMotte, John & Kristine Nymoen

Ushers: Mike Stanchfield, Jim Olsen, Stan Tikkanen, John Lindstrom, Wayne Rierson, Don & Deb Edmondson

Acolytes: Piper Harms, Faith King
Cross Bearer: Daisy Har

This Week's Events

Sunday, May 17:

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

Monday, May 18:

10:45 a.m. Dinner at Your Door
6:30 p.m. Scouts
7:00 p.m. Council

Tuesday, May 19:

1:00 p.m. Library
1:00-3:00 p.m. Parish Nurse
5:15 p.m. Men's Golf
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Wednesday, May 20:

9:30 a.m. Women's Golf
10:00 a.m. Mary Circle
6:00 p.m. Youth
7:00 p.m. GA

Thursday, May 21:

7:00 p.m. Kung Fu / Prayer Shawl

Friday, May 22:

4:00 p.m. Violin

Saturday, May 23:

Sunday, May 24: Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Adult Ed
4:00 p.m. GriefShare

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$8,488
Received to date: \$150,242
- Capital Fund: \$549
Received to date: \$27,103
- Special Offering (*GHM*) \$303
- Attendance:

Parking Information

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

Please note that the drive-through is now a loading zone only.

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.

St. James Staff

Pastor Randy Romsdahl (612-803-2879)
Pastor Kristen Brechler (651-307-6563)
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Mary Brown, Organist and Bell Choir Director
Deanna Loken, Choir Director

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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 are truly the "helping hands that heal." GHM provides a gift of life, both spiritual and physical, through Lutheran health care work across the world. St. James has eight volunteers who donate their time to sort and pack medical supplies every Thursday. Anyone who would like to volunteer is welcome.

St. James has also contributed with newborn kits, aids/hospice kits, quilts, school supplies, rolled bandages and funds. St. James is now collecting donated materials for the newborn kits that will be assembled in October.

To learn more about Global Health go to www.ghm.org.

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.

Spring Craft Retreat

Save the date of May 30th for the Spring Craft Retreat. Watch the Pews News for more details next week.

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.

Please prayerfully consider participating.

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]

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).

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!

Installation Service

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

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 for more information.

Bible Left in Library

There is one very old Bible that hasn't been picked up from the library Bible display. Thank you everyone who shared their heirloom Bibles.

You can also pick up your Mother's Day photos and start looking for pictures of Fathers.

Butter Braids

If you have not picked up the Butter Braids that were ordered through the youth fundraiser, they are located in the storage room freezer (next to the kitchen).