

Pew's News

May 18, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

www.stjamesincrystal.org

Shayna Farewell Celebration Today at 9:45 in Wold Hall

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 today at 9:45 a.m. You are invited to in this event to honor Shayna's heart, compassion and service. Well done, good and faithful servant!

*Faithfully Yours,
Pr. Kristen Brechler*

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!

Special Congregational Meeting June 1

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.

New Church Directory

St. James will be creating a new directory! This project will require some volunteer effort. If you would be willing to volunteer a few hours of your time, please contact the church office at office@stjamesincrystal.org. We are looking for people to help with portrait sign ups on Sunday mornings in June and greeting our families during photography the week of June 23-27. This would be a great opportunity for student community service hours!

Please notify us of any changes to address, phone, or email so the directory can have the most updated information!

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.



May 25 -
August 31:
9:30 a.m.

Beginning
next
week,
May 25
through
August

31, 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 **today**. 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!

Kaitlyn Ferguson Is Graduating From Seminary

Kaitlyn Ferguson will be graduating from Luther Seminary today at 2:00 p.m. Graduation is being held at Central Lutheran Church.

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.

Adult Ed

Grab a cup of coffee and invite a new friend to join you at Adult Ed every Sunday morning in the Peter and Paul room. We will join Pr. Dave in studying the text for the following week.

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.

This Week's Events

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
 3:30 p.m. Piano Recital

Monday, May 19:

10:45 a.m. DAYD
 1:00 p.m. Over 55's
 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
 7:00 p.m. Council

Tuesday, May 20:

1:00 p.m. Library Board
 5:15 p.m. Men's Golf
 7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Wednesday, May 21:

9:30 a.m. Women's Golf
 10:00 a.m. Mary Circle
 5:00 p.m. Piano Recital
 6:00 p.m. Youth
 7:00 p.m. GA

Thursday, May 22:

9:00 a.m. Archives
 7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Friday, May 23:

4:00 p.m. Violin

Saturday, May 24:

Sunday, May 25:

9:30 a.m. Worship
 10:45 a.m. Adult Ed

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$10,155
Received to date: \$140,817
- Capital Fund: \$15,468
Received to date: \$45,506
- Special Offering (*GHM*) \$230
- Attendance: 164

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

Contact St. James:

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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 we will be assembling in October. To learn more about GHM go to www.ghm.org.

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.

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.

Office Hours

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

Books and More Books

Continue to drop off books for Car Care in the library or in the office. You have two more Sundays in case you have "been meaning" to do this.

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 judgetelinda@msn.com).

Summer Greeters

It is just as important to have greeters during the summer as it is for the rest of the year. If you are willing to be a greeter one (or more) Sundays, during the summer at the 9:30 a.m. service, please contact Mary Roening or the church office.

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.

Next Week's Texts

1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

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.