

Pews News

May 24, 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 Matthew

Today we joyfully welcome through Holy Baptism William Olouch, son of Richard Olouch and Ruth Gbalenchey. Godparents are Oretha Gbalenchey and Jmike Sumo. Congregational sponsors are Joseph & Helena Davies.

Today we also joyfully welcome through Holy Baptism Matthew Gbalenchey, son of Oretha Gbalenchey and Mike Sumo. Godparents are Ruth and Patience Gbalenchey. Congregational sponsors are John & Kristine Nymoen.

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. Sign up in the narthex.

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.

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.

Pentecost Geraniums Given By:

Anderson, Jerry in memory of Shirley Anderson
Brown, Mary in memory of Rev. Charles & Helen Bauer
Dahlquist, Nancy
Decker, Judy & Jim in memory of son, Todd Swaningson
Galajda, Marian in memory of Bill DeBruyn and brother Wayne Lubrecht
Harlow, Jackie in honor of my children and grandchildren
Hauan, Jim & Emily in memory of our parents and grandparents
Hellen, Ozzie in memory of loved ones
Johnson, Roger & Robin in honor of our families
Judge, Stan & Linda in memory of Alf & Jane Larson
Kistner, Bill & Eunice in memory of daughter Jill and parents
LaFontaine, Lorraine in honor of grandson Peter's graduation from Boston University and for granddaughter Claire
Lodahl, Sonya in honor of St. James
Lohmann, Nancy in honor of great-grandson, Isaac's 11th birthday today
Nelson, Audrey in honor of my family
Rykken, Maxine in memory of family and friends
Smith, Dan in memory of Eleanor Smith
Stanchfield, Mike in memory of Dick Stanchfield
Stanchfield, Ruth in memory of Dick, Jesse and our parents
Stromback, Miles & Sharon in memory of loved ones
Sultvedt, Jerry & Betty in honor of Mike & Abby's 3rd anniversary, Susan & Larry's 10th anniversary, Ethan's 6th birthday and Morgan's 3rd birthday. In memory of Rueben & Dorothy Lysne, Harriet, Hermie, Norma and Mabel
Thomsen, Margaret in memory of John, Kirstine, John G. and Pearle Thomsen and Arthur and Margaret Johnson
Tikkanen, Connie & Stan in honor of our grandchildren Rebecca and Nickolas

Noisy Offering

Today's noisy offering will go toward summer youth programming at St. James.

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	Kathy & Jim
Those dealing with depression	Bob Leinonen
Connie, as she goes through chemo treatments	All immigrants
Butch Kesler, as he deals with health issues	All who hunger
All caregivers	Kevin
Thanks for the blessings of the past week	Wendy
All who wait	Naomi
All who grieve	Sarah & her family
My Muslim friends	Everyone seeking employment
My Jewish friends	Mr. Hill's newborn baby
Sue A., with health issues	George, for good health
Bless Daniel in his new job	Ken & family

Summer Worship Today!

St. James moves to one worship service at 9:30 a.m. beginning today and continuing through September 6.

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!

Office Closed Monday

The church office will be closed on Monday.

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.

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 for more information.

Worship Participants

Assisting Minister: Connie Blom

Lector: John Renze

Communion Assistants: Nyadoar

Gach, Roger and Robin Johnson,
Diana Romsdahl, Mark Viste

Ushers: Marv Berke, Jim Hauan,
Becki Smith, Clarence Peterson,
Tim Buck

Special Music: Marnie Thies, violin

This Week's Events

Sunday, May 24:

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

Monday, May 25: Office Closed

Tuesday, May 26:

9:30 a.m. Quilting
1:00-3:00 p.m. Parish Nurse
4:00 p.m. KidPack Gives Back
5:15 p.m. Men's Golf
6:30 p.m. Bonfire Ministry / Assisting Minister Meeting
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Wednesday, May 27:

8:30 a.m. Herald Assembly
9:30 a.m. Women's Golf
7:00 p.m. GA

Thursday, May 28:

9:00 a.m. Archives
5:00 p.m. Tennis Banquet
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Friday, May 29:

4:00 p.m. Violin
5:00 p.m. Montessori Program

Saturday, May 30:

9:00 a.m. Spring Craft Retreat

Sunday, May 31:

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Adult Ed
12:30 p.m. VBS Staff Training
4:00 p.m. GriefShare / Eagle Scout Award

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$7,738
Received to date: \$157,980
- Capital Fund: \$1,263
Received to date: \$28,366
- Special Offering (GHM) \$353
- Attendance: 164

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)
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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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 collects donated medical and dental supplies and equipment from many hospitals, doctors, dentists and other private donors. Some of GHM volunteers transport the donations from their location and bring them to the warehouse in Fridley. Other donations are shipped to the warehouse. Because GHM does not want to spend shipping charges on unusable supplies, other volunteers inspect, repair, pack and enter the information into the computer and place it in the warehouse so it is ready for shipment. Several St. James members volunteer every Thursday to sort and pack medical supplies. More volunteers are always welcome. St. James is now collecting material for the newborn kits that will be assembled in October. There is a container at church where you can place donated supplies or use a special offering envelope with "global newborn kits" written on the memo line.

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.*)

Financial Peace University

Starting on Tues., June 16, St. James will host Financial Peace University, a nine week course on how to handle money. Whether you're struggling to make ends meet or you're a millionaire, FPU has something for you.

For more information, contact Maddi Myers by phone (715-377-2393) or email (memayry@gmail.com) or check out the class at <http://www.daveramsey.com>.

We are also looking for volunteers that could help watch the children of families going through the class.

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 nutritious 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.

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).

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.

Installation Service

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

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 parameters, 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.