

# Pews News

May 25, 2014

*Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal*

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

www.stjamesincrystal.org

## 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).

## 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.

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

## Office Closed

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

## 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.

Tim & Becki will be accepting items brought to their house this coming Wednesday and Thursday. Please note that there is road construction on 42nd Ave, so you will have to take 42nd, turn right on Broadway and take a left onto 40th and then go by the lake, turn left onto Chowen and then right on 42nd. Go straight across the parkway and turn left onto Xerxes, go one block and they're on the corner of 43rd and Washburn).

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](mailto: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!

## 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.)*

Taylor	All who hunger
Helena Davies for a good job	All homeless
Baby Aili	Bob Leinonen
George, for healing	Dan M.
The Sauber Family	Neighbors living under stress
Global Health Ministries	All seeking employment
The protection of all police officers and the families of officers who have died	Residents of Ukraine
Diane Johnson, for the relief of pain	All immigrants
Allayah, in foster care	Oda
Jackson, as he faces immediate and long-term challenges	Sarah & her family
Lynn Stromback	Kevin
	Naomi
	Wendy
	Jeyson

## Thank You Vets

Thank you to the vets for their service. We are privileged to have heard the stories of: Evie Jacobs, Frode Jespersen, Don Raether, Carroll Anderson, Chuck Schneider, Jim Hauan, Stan Tikkanen, Ken Nelson, Russ Sondrol, Ozzie Hellen, Bill Kistner, Jim Olsen, Erv Tuttila, Pr. Dave Valen and Les Lamb. To any whom we have not listed, thank you!

## Worship Information

### Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God,

**C: you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Readings

#### 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

#### John 14:15-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

### Service Participants:

**Preaching:** Pastor Kristen Brechler

**Assisting Minister:** John Renze

**Musician:** Mary Brown

**Lector:** Sandy Johnson

**Cantor:** Nancy Lohmann

**Communion Assistants:** John & Kristine Nymoen

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

**Greeters:** Emily Hauan, Mary Roening

**Altar Guild:** Eunice Kistner

**Nursery:** Tim Buck

## This Week's Events

### Sunday, May 25:

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

### Monday, May 26: Memorial Day

Office Closed

### Tuesday, May 27:

9:30 a.m. Quilting  
4:00 p.m. KidPack Gives Back  
5:15 p.m. Men's Golf  
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

### Wednesday, May 28:

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

### Thursday, May 29:

3:00 p.m. Forest Teacher Party  
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

### Friday, May 30:

Garage Sale at Smiths' home  
4:00 p.m. Violin  
5:00 p.m. Youth Cookie Making

### Saturday, May 31:

Garage Sale at Smiths' home  
8:00 a.m. Car Care Saturday

### Sunday, June 1:

9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting!

## Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$6,815  
Received to date: \$147,632
- Capital Fund: \$1,023  
Received to date: \$46,529
- Special Offering (GHM) \$416
- Attendance:

## Office Hours

Summer Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## St. James Staff

Pastor Dave Valen (612-499-1006)  
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  
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 collects donated medical and dental supplies and equipment from many hospitals, doctors, dentists, and other private donors. Some of the 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 and pack items so they are ready for shipment. Several members at St. James volunteer every Thursday to sort and pack medical supplies. More volunteers would be welcomed. St. James is now collecting donated materials for the Newborn Kits we will be assembling in October. There is a container at church to place donated supplies, or use a special offering envelope with Global Newborn Kits written on it.

## 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.

## Day Camp

June 23-26 at St. James  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. each day  
\$20 per child

See registration packet (located on the children's bulletin board) for all the info. Contact Pastor Kristen with any questions at 763-537-3653 or kbrechler@stjamesincrystal.org.

## 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.

## Blood Drive

Wildfire congregation, Cross of Glory, would like to partner with St. James for their blood drive on Tues., June 17. Please contact them to make an appointment or for more information: 763-533-8602.

## 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).

## 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.

## 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 today.

## Next Week's Texts

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

## Second Sunday Singers Continues Through the Summer!

Join us on the second Sunday of every month to sing in worship. On June 8, July 13, and August 10, we will gather at 9:00 a.m. to prepare a piece to sing at that morning's service. All ages and all abilities are welcome!

## 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. today. Plants can be picked up following Pentecost Sunday worship.



<b>Number of plants ordered</b>	<b>Amount paid</b>	Given in MEMORY / HONOR of: _____
_____ dozen @ 30.00 = _____		
_____ half dozen @ \$ 17.00 = _____		
_____ 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.