

Pews News

May 31, 2015

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

www.stjamesincrystal.org

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.

Noisy Offering

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

VBS Decorating Crew

We are looking for helpers to transform St. James into a bayou theme. We will paint and decorate various places in the church. No artistic talent needed, just a helping hand. If you can paint by number that's a plus! We need helpers on Wednesdays, June 3 & 10 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sat., June 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information contact Pr. Kristen.

VBS Projects Ready

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". Projects will be available in the narthex this morning.

VBS Prayers

Join us in praying for VBS June 22-25. It is our goal to have 40+ children from 5 different churches on site this week, with 15 youth leaders and adult mentors. We pray we would reach out to the community and make connections in the neighborhood.

St. James' Communications Survey

Please take a few moments to take a survey about communications for St. James. As we access our current and potential communications tools, we would really appreciate your feedback. *The survey will be active through June 14, 2015.*

Please visit the following link to take the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/M55L89H>

If you do not have a computer or internet access, you may use the computer in the St. James Library to take the survey on Sunday mornings. Please see a library attendant for assistance using the computer— and follow the link above.

Financial Peace University

Starting on Tues., June 16 at 6:00 p.m., 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. Cost is \$93.

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

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

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
Those dealing with depression
Judie, for strength and healing for breast cancer
Relief from hip pain
Cindy Peterson
Bless Ryan K, in his new job; thanks for his employment
Kevin
Wendy
Naomi
Sarah & her family
Everyone seeking employment
My Jewish friends

My Muslim friends
Thanks for blessings of the past week
All who wait
All who grieve
Sue A., with health issues
Bless Daniel in his new job
Kathy & Jim
Bob Leinonen
All immigrants
All who hunger
All caregivers
Butch Kesler
Connie, as she goes through chemo treatments

Summer Worship Continues

St. James will continue with one worship service at 9:30 through September 6.

VBS Donation Fireflies

Please return donations by Sunday, June 14 (unless otherwise directed). We need to get a count of items and determine if additional shopping is needed.

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.

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given in celebration of Duncan Petrie's Eagle Scout Court of Honor by his grandparents Wayne & Karon Looft.

Donut Sunday

Today is Donut Sunday. The suggested donation is \$0.75. Enjoy!

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: Thomas Becker
Lector: Anna Becker
Communion Assistants: Rebecca Bithow, Jenyang Gach, Nyadoar Gach, Stan and Connie Tikkanen
Ushers: George McClure, Terry Teigen, Roger E. Johnson, Rick Jones, Judy Berney, Pat Ferguson, Ken & Phyllis Nelson
Acolytes: Geoffrey Bey, Jenyang Gach
Cross Bearer: Beck Petrie

This Week's Events

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
6:30 p.m. Eagle Scout Award

Monday, June 1

7:00 p.m. Property Committee

Tuesday, June 2:

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

Wednesday, June 3:

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

Thursday, June 4:

9:00 a.m. Archives\
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu / Piano Recital

Friday, June 5:

4:00 p.m. Violin

Saturday, June 6:

8:00 a.m. Car Care Saturday

Sunday, June 7:

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

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$2,167
Received to date: \$160,147
- Capital Fund: \$350
Received to date: \$28,716
- Special Offering (GHM) \$468
- Attendance: 119

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.

Loaves and Fishes

Brunswick Methodist is now serving every Wednesday and Thursday night. To volunteer, call 763-533-1661.

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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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.*)

May's Outreach Partner: Global Health Ministries

Material is still needed for assembling newborn kits in October are: regular size wrapped Ivory soap bars, washcloths, receiving blankets or t-shirt knit material that can be made into receiving blankets. Sheets or material that can be made into receiving blankets, sheets or material to cut into 36" squares (any color or white only to be used to make rolled bandages).

Library News

There is still time to bring books to the library for Car Care Saturday. Leave in the library or in the narthex near the library at any time.

The library has four new Read Aloud Bible Stories books on display. Stop by and pick one up.

Father's Day is June 21. The library would like to share your favorite pictures of Dad or Grandpas and their kids. Drop them off at the library or in the office.

The ELCA puts out a very informative magazine *The Lutheran* with a wide variety of articles. There are back copies available for you to take and read at your leisure. There are also assorted donated magazines outside the library that you may take and keep.

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 today. There is a \$10 fee for the GriefShare seminars, and scholarships to cover this fee are available.

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 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.