

Pew's News

May 4, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

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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 on May 18th at 10:00a.m. You are invited to help with and participate in this event to honor Shayna's heart, compassion and service. Well done good and faithful servant!

*Faithfully Yours,
Pr. Kristen Brechler*

9:57 Celebration

Our 9:57 small group and workshop leaders have given so much time and energy to each one of our children and youth throughout the year. Please be present to share your thanks with the leaders for their commitment. The morning will include a special blessing at worship and a special appearance by magician Brian Richards at 9:57! Please join us!

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. More info to fol-

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!

Family in Need of Furnishings

There is a family of four (two parents, two children) in our community who are currently living in a completely unfurnished apartment. If you have ANY furnishings (beds, tables, chairs, etc.), please contact Amanda Burns in the church office at 763-537-3653 to make arrangements to have it picked up and brought to the family. Thank you for helping those in need!

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 by Sun., May 18. 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!

First Quarter Statements

If you would like a copy of your first quarter giving statement, please contact Financial Coordinator Lana Teigen at 763-537-3653 or lteigen@stjamesincrystal.org.

Spring Craft Retreat

Attention crafters! We will hold the Spring Craft Retreat on Sat., May 17, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Wold Hall.

Each crafter will get at least four feet of table space, lunch, dinner, beverages, and a fun time! This is a time to come and work on those unfinished projects or start a new one!

The cost is \$35 and all proceeds go to the St. James Youth Group. Sign-up sheets are outside the church office.

Flower Pick Up

If you ordered flowers from the Children's Flower Fundraiser, they are available for pick-up today in Shayna's office!

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Sat., May 17 at 8:00 a.m. at Fat Nat's (36th Ave. & Winnetka Ave).

This Week's Events

Sunday, May 4:

8:45 a.m. ELW Worship
9:57 a.m. Adult Ed / 9:57
11:00 a.m. *Now the Feast* Worship

Monday, May 5:

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. Property Committee

Tuesday, May 6:

5:15 p.m. Men's Golf
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:30 p.m. Bells
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu / Book Club

Wednesday, May 7:

9:30 a.m. Women's Golf
6:00 p.m. Youth Night
6:30 p.m. Confirmation (off-site)
7:00 p.m. GA / Choir

Thursday, May 8:

7:00 p.m. Kung Fu / CPR (@HOH)

Friday, May 9:

4:00 p.m. Violin

Saturday, May 10:

Sunday, May 11:

8:15 a.m. Second Sunday Singers
8:45 a.m. ELW Worship
9:57 a.m. Adult Ed / 9:57 Celebration
11:00 a.m. *Now the Feast* Worship

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$3,307
Received to date: \$121,764
- Capital Fund: \$452
Received to date: \$28,623
- Special Offering (*Feed My Starving Children*): \$249
- Attendance:

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

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May's Outreach Partner: Global Health Ministries

As an outreach partner of Global Health Ministries, St. James will again provide much needed "Newborn Kits" which will be assembled in October. Material for the kits is collected all year. GHM will send them to the areas where they are needed so that the midwives and the new mothers may feel that they are not alone, that someone cares and that they can welcome the babies into a safer world. Please help as we collect the contents of these kits, which will be assembled in October.

Bath towel (no longer than 48"), wash cloth, 36" square of muslin or sheeting, wrapped Ivory soap, newborn stocking cap, baby shirt, (to waist only) and receiving blankets. Nancy Dahlquist will be storing these items until we are ready to assemble the kits. Contact her at 763-537-1002.

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.

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.

Summer Worship Begins May 25

Beginning on Sun., May 25 through Labor Day, we will move to one worship service at 9:30 a.m.

The Page Turners Book Club

May's pick: Too Bright to Hear Too Loud to See by Juliann Garey.

In a look at mental illness that weaves together three timelines, Greyson Todd leaves his successful Hollywood career, wife and young daughter to travel the world, giving free reign to the bipolar disorder he has been forced to keep hidden for almost 20 years. Garey pulls no punches in her absorbing debut novel, a harrowing story of one man's descent into madness and his painful struggle to recover. [from hclib.org]

May's Book Club Meeting: Tues., May 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Peter and Paul room. Join us! All are welcome.

June's pick: An Irish Country Doctor by Patrick Taylor

For more information, contact Linda Judge (at 763-533-4081 or judgetlinda@msn.com).

Office Hours

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

Next Week's Texts

Acts 2:42-47

John 10:1-10

Kid Pack Packing Day

The next packing event is Tues., April 29 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.

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.

Office Closed

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