

# Pews News

October 12, 2014

*Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal*

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

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## Parent Connection Group Started

A new group, Parent Connection, will meet Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. in the Wally Krahn area (outside Wold Hall). Parents will meet for support and connections. All are invited to participate. For more information contact Pastor Kristen.

## Adopt-A-Student Challenge

Bonfire is challenging each congregation to raise enough funds for 350 students through the KidPack Adopt-A-Student program.

\$54 provides weekend KidPacks for one student for the entire school year, \$675 for half a classroom, and \$1,350 for an entire classroom of 25 students. There are pew envelopes available specifically for this cause. Please help KidPack fund the 2014-2015 school year. *We are at \$4,819.*

## Moonlight Madness

When: Fri., Nov. 14 – Sat., Nov. 15 (9 p.m. - 7 a.m.)

Who: Middle School Students

Cost: \$35

Moonlight Madness is a city-wide youth event with open gym, dance, Grand Slam, movies and bowling. This is a fun way to meet new people at St. James and around the Twin Cities. It's a Blast! Cost is \$35 per person. We have limited spots (8-10) for this fall event. Completed Registration forms with payment will reserve your spot. A waiting list will be created if necessary. Deadline to register is Wed., Nov. 2. Contact Pastor Kristen for more information.

## Youth Craft Retreat Fundraiser

Calling all crafty people! The youth will be holding another craft retreat Sat., Nov. 15, 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. Come and get an early start on those holiday projects and gifts, or catch up on some unfinished projects.

The cost is \$35 and includes at least 4 feet of work space, lunch, dinner, refreshments, and door prize drawings. All proceeds benefit the youth group.

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex; deadline is Nov. 8.

Contact Amy Jermstad with any questions, 612-868-3411 or [ajermstad@gmail.com](mailto:ajermstad@gmail.com).

## Outreach Partner: Global Health Ministries

Global Health Ministries is still collecting and sending Personal Protection Equipment to Liberia in response to the Ebola virus outbreak. They are sending gloves, gowns, masks, face shields, hand sanitizer, etc. via suitcases, air freight and sea containers. Please donate to Global Health-Ebola.

## Gluten Free Communion Elements

Please note that gluten free elements are available for communion at St. James. These elements are in the center/middle of the communion servers.

## 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.)*

Karen & family  
Global Health Ministries  
Butch Kessler, for health issues  
Sarah & her family  
Everyone seeking employment  
Kevin  
Naomi  
Wendy  
My family back in Liberia  
Alex, for proper diagnosis and treatment  
Tom Ritter  
Bob Leinonen

All caregivers  
Dan M.  
Ryan K.  
Kathy, for successful surgery  
My grandchildren  
Elva, for relief from ongoing headaches  
Patience and love for those trying to help older people  
Thelma Bruning  
Lori, with health concerns  
John & Patrice, with an uncertain future

## Grief Support Group

Bonfire Ministry will be hosting a Grief Support Group with different topics through mid-December. It is being held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings in the Peter & Paul room.

You are welcome to begin attending at any point. Each session is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence.

Weekly topics:

- Is this normal
- Challenges of Grief
- The Journey of Grief-part 1
- The Journey of Grief-part 2
- Grief and Your Relationships
- Why?
- Guilt and Anger
- Complicating Factors
- Stuck
- Lessons of Grief- part 1
- Lessons of Grief—part 2
- Heaven
- What Do I Live for now?

Contact Bonfire Parish Nurse Debbie Haney for more information, 612-408-2049.

## Fall Work Day

It's time to get St. James sparkling clean before winter. The Fall Work Day will be on Sat., Oct. 11 beginning at 8:30 a.m. A light brunch will be provided. Come for as long as you are able! Many hands make light work.

## Adult Ed

Everyone is welcome to attend Adult Ed in the Peter & Paul room on Sunday mornings at 10:10 a.m. Grab a cup of coffee or lemonade on your way!

## Confirmation Sunday

9th Grade students will be confirmed on Sun., Oct. 26 at 9:00 a.m.

Rehearsal and lunch will be Sat., Oct. 25 at 10:00 a.m.

## Lutefisk Dinner

St. James' Lutefisk Dinner is set for Sat., Nov. 22 with seatings at 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. Tickets go on sale October 19 for \$18. Advance sales only.

Many volunteers are needed for this event; sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

## This Week's Events

### Sunday, October 12:

9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:10 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Ed  
4:00 p.m. Grief Support

### Monday, October 13:

12:30 p.m. Thrivent Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Scouts  
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee

### Tuesday, October 14:

9:30 a.m. Quilting  
10:45 a.m. Dinner at Your Door  
1:00 p.m. Worship Planning  
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts  
6:30 p.m. Bells / Altar Guild  
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

### Wednesday, October 15:

10:00 a.m. Mary Circle  
7:00 p.m. GA / Choir

### Thursday, October 16:

7:00 p.m. Kung Fu / Prayer Shawl

### Friday, October 17:

8:00 a.m. Lefse Prep  
4:00 p.m. Violin

### Saturday, October 18:

8:00 a.m. Lefse Bake / Men's Breakfast

### Sunday, October 19:

9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:10 a.m. Adult Ed (*no Sunday School*)  
4:00 p.m. Grief Support

## Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$12,031  
Received to date: \$273,969
- Capital Fund: \$1,825  
Received to date: \$67,946
- Special Offering (*GHM*) \$176
- Attendance: 152

## 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  
Amy Jermstad, Sunday Morning Custodian and  
Sunday School Coordinator

## Office Hours

Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday,  
7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Thursday 7:00  
a.m. to noon; Friday 7:00 - 9:30 a.m.

## Contact St. James:

6700 46th Place North  
Crystal, MN 55428  
763-537-3653 (phone)  
office@stjamesincrystal.org  
www.stjamesincrystal.org

## ELCA Moment

In an effort to help contain the Ebola outbreak in Africa, provide food assistance and more, members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) have committed an initial \$100,000 as of Sept. 25 to support the response efforts of partners and Lutheran companion churches there. The Lutheran Church in Liberia and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone, for example, have asked the ELCA for assistance in containing the outbreak, distributing food, shipping personal protective equipment, training of health care workers, offering education about prevention and completing an isolation unit at Phebe Hospital and School of Nursing in Monrovia, Liberia. Through Lutheran Disaster Response, the following allocations are underway: (1) \$25,000 to the Lutheran Church of Liberia, which is providing food assistance to nearly 1,000 households in six territorial areas. The assistance includes a month's supply of oil, rice and fish per household; (2) \$15,000 to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone, which is overseeing the distribution of oil, rice and fish to 3,000 individuals; (3) \$50,000 to ACT Alliance (Lutheran Development Service in Liberia), working to raise awareness and share messages about Ebola symptoms and prevention methods to 4,500 individuals (2,000 males and 2,500 females) in Liberia. Lutheran Development Service hired a contractor to ensure that the construction of the isolation center at Phebe Hospital and School of Nursing meets World Health Organization standards; (4) \$10,000 was given to Global Health Ministries at the request of the Lutheran Church in Liberia. Global Health Ministries provides medical supplies and funding for health care programs in Lutheran churches in 20 countries. The funds helped cover air-freight costs to ship personal protective equipment to Monrovia. See more at: <http://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/7699#sthash.aFyLWSON.dpuf>

## Robbinsdale Area Moment

The Robbinsdale Area School Board voted to place two school funding requests on the November 4 ballot.

Question 1 is a renewal of an existing operating levy at no tax increase and question 2 adds technology levy with a tax increase of \$7 (based on the median district home value of \$195,000). Be an informed voter.

For more information about the November 4 referendum, including fact sheets, polling locations, the absentee voting process and tax impact charts, visit [www.rdale.org](http://www.rdale.org). Questions can be directed to [referendum@rdale.org](mailto:referendum@rdale.org) or 763-504-8022. Additional information is also available at [yes281.org](http://yes281.org).

## The Page Turners Book Club

November's pick: The Singing Wilderness by Sigurd F. Olson.

"The singing wilderness has to do with the calling of the loons, northern lights, and the great silences of a land lying northwest of Lake Superior," Olson writes. Olson tells his story through descriptions of the simple events in nature that bring meaning to his life. His insights are sharpened by his knowledge of the natural world and warmed by his passion for the outdoors. The Singing Wilderness is an essential antidote to the trials of modern life. [from University of Minnesota Press]

November's Book Club Meeting: Tues., Nov. 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Peter and Paul room. Join us! All are welcome.

December's pick: The Paris Wife by Paula McLain

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

## Super Herald Articles Due in Early November

Please start looking ahead if you are planning an event for your group. We will be having a Super Herald covering the months of December, January, February and March. Articles must be submitted by **November 1** to be included in this newsletter. Please email to Amanda at [aburns@stjamesincrystal.org](mailto:aburns@stjamesincrystal.org).

## Next Week's Texts

*Isaiah 45:1-7*

*Matthew 22:15-22*

## Ordination Service

Ordination service for Kaitlyn Ferguson will be Sat., Oct. 25 at 5:00 p.m. at St. James Lutheran Church.

Kaitlyn received a call to St. John's Lutheran Church in Mound, MN to be their Associate Pastor.

## NEAR's Needs

The NEAR Food Shelf is in need of paper grocery bags and egg cartons (1 doz. size). Thanks for your help!



## All Saints Sunday Roses

*White roses, echoing the white of baptismal garments and of the funeral pall, may be given in memory of loved ones for the worship services on Sun., Nov. 2.*

To place an order, please complete this form and place it, along with your payment, in the offering plate or give to an Altar Guild member who will be available at a table in the narthex after worship. Cost per rose is \$2. **Orders will be taken through Oct. 19.**

Given in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of roses ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_