

Pews News

October 19, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

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Adopt-A-Student Challenge

KidPack Adopt-A-Student update: St. James has lovingly adopted 90 students at \$54.00 for the KidPack Adopt-A-Student challenge. Thank you for the support of our youngest citizens. Our goal at St. James is to adopt 350 students for the 2014-2015 school year KidPack initiative.

If you are able to adopt a student, please consider making a donation as part of your workplace charitable giving (simply enter under Community Shares Bonfire Ministry non-profit and write "KidPack Adopt-A-Student"). Or live in a community where you no longer receive Trick-or-Treaters? How about considering a \$54.00 donation for Halloween? Thanksgiving memorials are also a consideration for KidPack Adopt-A-Student. Thank you to all for giving of your time and resources to support children living with weekend hunger in our own back yards.

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.

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.

Outreach Partner: Global Health Ministries

Next Sunday, Oct. 26, St. James will be assembling the Newborn Kits for Global Health Ministries.

We still need bath towels. Great deals can be found at stores such as Wal-Mart, or any gently used ones would be great.

GHM 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.

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
Butch Kesler, with health issues
Global Health Ministries
Ryan K.
Dan M.
Kathy W.
Kristine
My grandchildren
All caregivers
Bob Leinonen
Tom Ritter
Alex, for proper diagnosis and treatment
Man seen filling out job application
Roger, with health issues
Sarah & her family
Everyone seeking employment

Kevin
Naomi
Wendy
The health workers of West Africa
Carrie, going to Jordan to serve for 27 months
Jim, for strength
Elva, for relief from ongoing headaches
Patience and love for those trying to help older people
Thelma B.
Lori, for health concerns
John & Patrice, with an uncertain future
Elaine H.
Dusty Meister, injured on the job

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.

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.

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 10:30 a.m.

Craft Sale

The annual Craft Sale will be Sat., Nov. 8, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Proceeds benefit the youth fund.

Questions about having a booth? Contact Kristi VonDeylen at atvbabe@comcast.net.

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 today for \$18. Advance sales only.

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

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given by Nancy Lohmann in celebration of the marriage of her granddaughter, Kelsey Okey, to Scott Rohde, on Friday at Westwood Lutheran Church.

Statements

Third quarter financial statements are available in the narthex. Please pick yours up today.

This Week's Events

Sunday, October 19:

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

Monday, October 20:

10:45 a.m. Dinner at Your Door
6:30 p.m. Scouts
7:00 p.m. Council

Tuesday, October 21:

1:00 p.m. Library Work Day
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:30 p.m. Bells
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Wednesday, October 22:

9:00 a.m. Worship Planning
6:00 p.m. Youth
6:30 p.m. Confirmation
7:00 p.m. GA

Thursday, October 23:

9:00 a.m. Archives
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Friday, October 24:

8:00 a.m. Meatball Prep
4:00 p.m. Violin/ Meatball Bake
6:00 p.m. Montessori Harvest Party

Saturday, October 25:

8:00 a.m. Lefse Bake / Men's Breakfast
10:30 p.m. Confirmation rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Ordination Service

Sunday, October 26:

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

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$8,532
Received to date: \$282,501
- Capital Fund: \$548
Received to date: \$68,494
- Special Offering (GHM) \$296
- Attendance: 160

St. James Staff

Pastor Randy Romsdahl (612-803-2879)
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Altar Flowers Sign-Up Sheet Outside Office

If you would like to purchase flowers in honor, memory or celebration of someone, a sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the church office. Cost is \$30.

Dinner at Your Door Drivers

Drivers are needed for the Dinner at Your Door Program. Regular and substitute drivers are needed. Regular drivers can expect to volunteer about one hour each month. Substitute drivers are called as needed. This is a very small amount of time to give to a program that means so much to so many people. Having a meal delivered each day allows many people to remain independent. You will find volunteering for this program to be very rewarding. For more information call Barbara Parsons at 763-227-2282.

Nursery Volunteers

We are in need of caring volunteers to help with childcare during the worship service. Please consider the time you can give, and sign up on the sheet outside the nursery, or call the church office. Thank you!

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. Questions can be directed to referendum@rdale.org or 763-504-8022. Additional information is also available at yes281.org.

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.

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.

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

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 [judgelinda@msn.com](mailto:judgetlinda@msn.com)).

Super Herald Articles Due November 1st

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.

Next Week's Texts

Leviticus 19:1-2

Matthew 22:34-46

Over 55's

Please contact Ruth Stanchfield if you are interested in the Plymouth Playhouse, for music of Johnny Cash. We could try for the first Thursday in November at 1:00 p.m. for \$28.

KidPack Packing Day

The next KidPack Packing Day is Tues., Oct. 28 at 4:00 p.m.

If you are able to help or have questions, contact Melodie Hanson at 763-504-4981.



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 today.**

Given in memory of: _____

Given By: _____

Number of roses ordered: _____ Amount paid: _____