

Pews News

October 26, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

www.stjamesincrystal.org

Outreach Partner: Global Health Ministries Event TODAY

Today, St. James will be assembling newborn kits and making rolled bandages for Global Health Ministries. This is an intergenerational event and all ages are invited to help with this worthwhile project. We will be assembling the kits and bandages in Wold Hall following worship. Please come and help!

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 Sun., Nov. 2. Contact Pastor Kristen for more information.

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.

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.

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 are now available for \$18. Advance sales only.

Listen to old time music while enjoying: Lutefisk with cream sauce and melted butter, Swedish meatballs and gravy, boiled potatoes, homemade lefse, coleslaw, rice pudding with lingonberries, coffee and milk.

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

Matching funds for NEAR Food Shelf are provided by Thrivent Northwest Minneapolis Chapter.

November Food Drive

Next week will begin the November Food Drive for NEAR. Bags are available by the front door for your donations.

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
Arnette, for successful surgery and recovery
Joanne
Global Health Ministries
Sarah & her family
Everyone seeking employment
Kevin
Naomi
Wendy
All our grandchildren
Thanks for the blessings of the past week
Thomas Ritter
Bob Leinonen
All caregivers

Kathy & Jim W.
Families living in stressful conditions
Ryan K.
Oan M.
Kristine
Butch Kesler, with health issues
Lori, with health concerns
John & Patrice, with an uncertain future
Jim, for strength
Carrie, going to Jordan to serve for 27 months
Elaine H.
Those dealing with the Ebola virus
Our children

Confirmation Sunday

Today is Confirmation Sunday. Please congratulate the confirmands while we enjoy cake after worship!

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!

Statements

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

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.

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.

It's Time To Fall Back!

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Sat., Nov. 1.



Over 55's

Call Ruth Stanchfield if you are interested in attending a Johnny Cash musical at the Plymouth Playhouse on Thurs., Nov. 6 at 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$28.

All Saint's Decorations

People are needed to help set up decorations for All Saint's Day beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Sat., Nov. 1.

Kids Sing in Worship

The Sunday School children will sing in worship next week, Sun., Nov. 2!

This Week's Events

Sunday, October 26:

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

Monday, October 27:

6:30 p.m. Scouts

Tuesday, October 28:

9:30 a.m. Quilting
4:00 p.m. KidPack
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:00 p.m. Bells / Bonfire Council
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Wednesday, October 29:

6:30 p.m. Confirmation
7:00 p.m. GA / Choir

Thursday, October 30:

7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Friday, October 31:

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

Saturday, November 1:

8:00 a.m. Lefse Bake

Sunday, November 2:

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: \$4,916
Received to date: \$287,417
- Capital Fund: \$972
Received to date: \$69,466
- Special Offering (GHM) \$586
- Attendance: 146

Next Week's Texts

Revelation 7:9-17
Matthew 5:1-12

Parking Information

When coming to church on Sunday mornings, please be mindful of those who need to park closer to the church entrance.



St. James Staff

Pastor Randy Romsdahl (612-803-2879)
Pastor Kristen Brechler (651-307-6563)
Lana Teigen, Financial Coordinator
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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
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763-537-3653 (phone)
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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.

Adopt-A-Student Challenge

KidPack Adopt-A-Student update: St. James has lovingly adopted 96 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 nonprofit 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.

Women's Christmas Brunch

Tickets go on sale next week for the Women's Christmas Brunch *A Nordic Noel* on Sat., Dec. 6 at 10:00 a.m. Tickets are \$8.

This brunch is put on each year by Mary Circle and always includes delicious food and great entertainment.

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 judgetelinda@msn.com).

Bonfire Women's Retreat

Bonfire is having a Women's Retreat this fall with the theme "Getting to Know You!"

The retreat is Sat., Nov. 15, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Camp Ihduhapi in Loretto, MN. A carpool will leave from House of Hope at 8:30 a.m.

It will be a day of fun, laughs and action as we get to know each other.

The cost is \$35 for the day, including lunch and dinner. (\$30 extra if you'd like to do the zip line!) Checks can be made out to House of Hope.

Space is limited so register and pay now with either Deb Mans at 763-525-1324 or Karen Brehmer at 612-799-7069.

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.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Thanksgiving Eve worship will be held at First Lutheran Church this year on Wed., Nov. 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Donations of pies are needed for the pie social following the worship service. Watch for the sign-up sheet next week in the narthex!

Blessing of the Keys

We will bless the keys of Sr. High youth drivers on Sun., Nov. 16 during the 9:00 a.m. worship service.