

Pews News

October 5, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

www.stjamesincystal.org

Pet Blessing Today at 11:00

Please bring your pet(s) to a special Pet Blessing service on the church patio today at 11:00 a.m. If you prefer, you may bring a photo of your pet for the blessing.

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 \$4,369.**

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.

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.

DAYD Drivers Needed

Drivers are needed for Dinner at Your Door. If you have a car and an hour a month to spare, you can help our elderly, disabled, shut-ins and those recovering from surgery by delivering a hot nourishing meal. Meals are picked up at Crystal Community Center around 10:30 and delivered to 6-8 homes in the area. You may be a regular or substitute driver. Volunteering for this ministry is very rewarding. Be a DAYD driver. Please contact Barbara Parsons at 763-228-2272 for more info or to sign up.

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 on Sun., Oct. 26 in Wold Hall at 10:10 a.m.

We are short of bath towels. Wal-Mart has some that are only \$1.97 or you can donate gently used ones. If you donate money to Global Newborn Kits, Nancy Dahlquist will purchase them.

Ivory soap is also still needed. Family Dollar stores have regular sized wrapped Ivory soap in packs of 10 for around \$4.

Washcloths are needed. Wal-Mart has packs of 18 washcloths for \$4.

Sheets or material (any color) to cut into 36" squares or white sheets to make rolled bandages are needed.

Thanks to all who have already helped sew baby shirts and receiving blankets, knit and crocheted baby hats, and have donated other items that are needed for these kits.

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.)

Sarah & her family
Everyone seeking employment
Kevin
Naomi
Wendy
Kathy, for successful surgery
Alex, for proper diagnosis and treatment
Tom Ritter
Bob Leinonen
All caregivers
Dan M.
Ryan K.

Everyone seeking employment
Lori, for health concerns
John & Patrice, with an uncertain future
Butch Kesler, for health issues
Karen & family
Global Health Ministries
Elva, for relief from ongoing headaches
Patience and love for those trying to help
older people
Thelma B.
Les Lamb

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.

Children's Ministry Team

The children's ministry team will meet on Wed., Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m. New members are always welcome!

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!

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given by George & Orla McClure in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

NEAR's Needs

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

This Week's Events

Sunday, October 5:

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School / Adult Ed
11:00 a.m. Blessing of the Animals
3:30 p.m. Piano Recital
4:00 p.m. Grief Support

Monday, October 6:

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

Tuesday, October 7:

5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:30 p.m. Bells / Alt. Worship Planning
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu / Book Club

Wednesday, October 8:

6:00 p.m. Youth
6:30 p.m. Confirmation / Children's
Ministry Team
7:00 p.m. GA / Choir

Thursday, October 9:

2:00 p.m. Worship Planning
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Friday, October 10:

4:00 p.m. Violin

Saturday, October 11:

8:30 a.m. Fall Work Day

Sunday, October 12:

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

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$2,258
Received to date: \$261,939
- Capital Fund: \$1,307
Received to date: \$66,120
- Special Offering (*KidPack*) \$352
- Attendance: 126

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:

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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.

Alternative Worship Update

The new Alternative Worship task force met on Thursday evening, September 11. Sarah Valentine, Jeannette Valentine, Emily Valentine, Betty Sultvedt and Pastor Randy attended. After enjoying a pizza, we visited about our hopes and dreams for a new worship service at St. James.

The team members agreed to scout contemporary worship services in the Twin Cities over the next three weeks to gather ideas for what we may want to do at St. James. If you would like to join this effort, please feel free to contact one of the team members listed above. Our next meeting is Tues., Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m. A light dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Pastor Randy at romsdahl@stjamesincrystal.org today if you plan to attend the meeting.

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!

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.

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.

The Page Turners Book Club

October's pick: The Eighty-Dollar Champion: Snowman, the horse that inspired a nation by Elizabeth Letts

Harry de Leyer first saw the horse he would name Snowman on a truck bound for the slaughterhouse. On Harry's modest farm on Long Island, he ultimately taught Snowman how to fly. One show at a time, against extraordinary odds, the pair climbed to the very top of the sport of show jumping. Their story captured the heart of Cold War-era America. They were the longest of all long shots - and their win was the stuff of legend. [from amazon.com]

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

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

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

Synod Moment

Our Synod supports Global Health Ministries (GHM) as we do here at St. James. GHM's **Annual Conference** on Global Health Care will be held **October 18** at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in South Minneapolis. This year's conference theme is "**Dying of a Very Little Thing.**" Drs. Michael Osterholm, Steve Friberg, and Martha Aas will share information and stories about basic, fundamental barriers to individual and community health in the countries where we work, and what can be done about it. Go to the GMH website to register.

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.

HOH Lutefisk Dinner

Tickets to House of Hope's Lutefisk Dinner on Fri., Nov. 7 go on sale today. Cost is \$18 for adults; \$8 for children 3-12 years. Seatings are at 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.



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: _____