

Pews News

September 14, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

www.stjamesincrystal.org

Lighthouse Sunday School Begins Today

Lighthouse Sunday School begins this morning at 10:10 a.m. in Wold Hall. All children age 3 through 5th grade should report to your classroom downstairs.

If you have not yet registered, it's not too late! Registration forms and information sheets are available on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you have questions, please see Pastor Kristen or Amy Jermstad.

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 \$3,878.

KidPack Assemblers Needed

Mark your calendar for the next KidPack Assembly day on Tues., Sept. 30, 4:00 –6:00 p.m. at the Emergency Food Network (501 54th Ave N, New Hope). Please wear comfortable clothing and closed toed shoes.

To volunteer, contact Melodie Hanson at 763-504-4981.

KidPack is a collaborative effort to fight local weekend hunger for children in our own backyards. Weekend snacks are assembled and delivered to schools on Fridays for children to bring home.

3rd Grade Bible Milestone

3rd Grade families are invited to a Bible Workshop on Sat., Sept. 20 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., to discover more about the Bible and how it impacts our faith and daily life. This workshop will be followed by a milestone celebration on Sun., Sept. 28 during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. For more information contact Pastor Kristen, or the church office to register.

DAYD Drivers Needed

Drivers 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.

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.)

Arnold

Bruer family for Phil's deployment to Afghanistan

Sarah & her family

Kevin

Naomi

Wendy

The people in West Africa dealing with Ebola virus

Everyone seeking employment

Our children as they begin the school year

Susan, in her new job

All caregivers

Rose, with a broken hip

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Sat., Sept. 20 at 8:00 a.m. at Fat Nat's (36th & Winnetka Ave). All men are welcome to attend!

Grief Support

Bonfire Ministry will be hosting a Grief Support Group with different topics for the next 12 weeks. It will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings beginning today in the Peter & Paul room.

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

Over 55's

Please let Ruth Stanchfield know if you are interested in attending the Yellow Tree Theatre to see "The Rainmaker."

Possible dates are Sun., Oct. 5 (\$22), Wed., Oct. 8 (\$18) or Thurs., Oct. 9 (\$20).

More information will follow next week.

9th Grade Confirmation Orientation

All 9th graders and their parent (s) are asked to meet in Pastor Kristen's office for a 9th grade orientation this morning at 10:10 a.m.

More information about the program this fall, as well as requirements will be given out.

CPR Training

The next CPR/AED training session will be Mon., Sept. 15 at 1:00 p.m. at First Lutheran.

Contact Bonfire Parish Nurse Debbie Haney at 612-408-2049 if you plan to attend.

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.

Activities will include cleaning light fixtures, replacing furnace filters, checking emergency lights, washing windows, cleaning the stove, parking lot, wiping down chairs and tables, and replacing light bulbs.

This Week's Events

Sunday, September 14:

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

Monday, September 15:

10:45 a.m. Dinner at Your Door
1:00 p.m. CPR Training (@ First)
6:30 p.m. Scouts

Tuesday, September 16:

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, September 17:

10:00 a.m. Mary Circle
1:00 p.m. NEAR Meeting
6:30 p.m. Confirmation
7:00 p.m. GA / Choir

Thursday, September 18:

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

Friday, September 19:

4:00 p.m. Violin

Saturday, September 20:

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
9:30 a.m. 3rd Grade Bible Class

Sunday, September 21:

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: \$11,170
Received to date: \$240,336
- Capital Fund: \$1,520
Received to date: \$60,964
- Special Offering (*Kid Pack*) \$105
- Attendance: 190

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.

Parking Information

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



Next Week's Texts

Jonah 3:10-4:11
Matthew 20:1-16

St. James Staff

Pastor Randy Romsdahl (612-803-2879)
Pastor Kristen Brechler (651-307-6563)
Lana Teigen, Financial Coordinator
Amanda Burns, Director of Communications
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Amy Jermstad, Sunday Morning Custodian and
Sunday School Coordinator

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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.

Power of One

The Power of One is a partnership between St. James members and Forest teachers, who work together to build developmental assets of children. Through the Power of One, teachers are able to pair a caring adult with students they identify as needing help building skills such as reading, writing, math and relationships.

Could you give one hour per week to help a child with reading, math or other subjects? Please contact the church office if you are interested.

Directory Pictures

If you had your photo taken for the new directory and did not place an order, your free 8x10 is in the narthex.

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 & March. Articles must be submitted by November 1 to be included in this newsletter. Please email to Amanda at aburns@stjamesincrystal.org.

Mpls. Area Synod Moment

Each September, our Minneapolis Area Synod Bishop sponsors the "Bishop's Theological Conference" for all rostered (pastors, deacons, and associates in ministry) in our synod. The topic for this year's conference is "A New Pentecost: Becoming a Culturally Competent Leader." Pastor Randy will be attending this conference both for the sake of learning and for renewal. Each year, this conference has provided opportunities to grow in leadership and for renewal in faith and relationships. Please hold Pastor Randy in prayer as he attends this year's conference from Sunday evening, September 14 through Tuesday morning, September 16.

St. James' Website Accepts Donations!

The St. James website accepts one-time and recurring donations via checking, savings, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover). Click on the "Donate Now" button located on the left side of the homepage, www.stjamesincrystal.org. It's never been easier to make a donation to St. James!

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 judgetlinda@msn.com).

ELCA Moment

The World Health Organization has declared the Ebola virus disease (EVD) epidemic a "worldwide health emergency." The virus, which started in Guinea and spread to Liberia and Sierra Leone, has now spread to Nigeria. It is being reported that more than 1,770 people have been infected with the Ebola virus, with approximately 961 having died as a result.

Lutheran Disaster Response, in partnership with Global Health Ministries and the Lutheran Church in Liberia, assisted in the [shipment of personal protective equipment](#) to Phebe Hospital and Curran Lutheran Hospital in Liberia. The personal protective equipment, which consists of hazmat suits with hoods and boots and disinfectant, is scheduled to arrive at Roberts International Airport in Liberia.

Respite Care

Respite Care is held at House of Hope the first and third Tuesday of each month, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The caregivers support group is held there from 10:00 to 11:45 a.m. those same days.

This is a ministry of Bonfire's Health & Wellness team and is open to any family, member or non-member.

There is a nominal cost for the program, that can be negotiable if necessary. Lunch is served each time the program is run.