

Pews News

September 21, 2014

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

www.stjamesincrystal.org

Men's Fellowship Dinner

All men are invited for the Wildfire Men's Fellowship Dinner to be held at Holy Nativity (3900 Winnetka Ave N, New Hope) on Sun., Oct. 5 at 5:00 p.m.

The program will be by Can Do Canines. This organization is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities by creating mutually beneficial partnerships with specially trained dogs. They provide service in the areas of hearing, mobility, diabetes, seizure response and autism.

The menu will be ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, bread and dessert. Cost is \$10.

Reservations are due to Roland Smith (763-545-0049) by Sun., Sept. 28.

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 \$4,099.*

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 (8501 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.

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.

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
Wholeness and healing for Jane Ann and her sister
Sarah & her family
Kevin
Naomi
Wendy
The people of West Africa dealing with Ebola
Everyone seeking employment

Bob Leinonen
Tom Ritter
All caregivers
Dan M.
Ryan K.
Rose, with a broken hip
Bruer family for Phil's deployment to Afghanistan
Ada George

Grief Support Group

Bonfire Ministry will be hosting a Grief Support Group with different topics for the next 11 weeks. 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.

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.

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.

Worship Assistants

Cross Bearer- Nicole Fountinelle
Acolyte- Emma Fountinelle,
Danielle Charging

This Week's Events

Sunday, September 21:

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

Monday, September 22:

6:30 p.m. Scouts
7:00 p.m. Council

Tuesday, September 23:

9:30 a.m. Quilting
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:30 p.m. Bells
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Wednesday, September 24:

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

Thursday, September 25:

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

Friday, September 26:

4:00 p.m. Violin

Saturday, September 27:

Sunday, September 28:

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: \$15,699
Received to date: \$241,936
- Capital Fund: \$3,422
Received to date: \$64,385
- Special Offering (*KidPack*) \$182
- Attendance: 165

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

Next Week's Texts

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Matthew 21:23-32

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 by Sun., Oct. 5 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.

Third Grade Bibles

Parents will place the Bible in their 3rd graders hands during worship on Sun., Sept. 28 at 9:00 a.m.

A class was held on Sat., Sept. 20. If you missed the class, but still want to participate, please contact Pastor Kristen at kbrechler@stjamesincrystal.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 judgelinda@msn.com).

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.

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.

