

# Pews News

September 28, 2014

*Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal*

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

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## Men's Fellowship Dinner Reservations Due Today

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 today to Roland Smith (763-545-0049).

## 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 toe 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.

## 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.

## Pet Blessing Next Sunday

Please bring your pet(s) to a special Pet Blessing service on the church patio at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, October 5. If you prefer, you may bring a photo of your pet for the blessing.

Children are also encouraged to bring their favorite stuffed toy animal pets to the children's message during the 9:00 a.m. worship service for a special blessing of their beloved toy pets.

## 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.)*

Rebecca Bithow, to receive a kidney trans-  
plant

Peace in South Sudan

Alex, for proper diagnosis and treatment

Tom Ritter

Bob Leinonen

All caregivers

Dan M.

Ryan K.

Everyone seeking employment

Sarah & her family

Kevin

Naomi

Wendy

The health workers of West Africa

Elva, for relief from ongoing headaches

Patience and love for those trying to help  
older people

Thelma B.

Bruer family, for Phil's deployment to  
Afghanistan

The Maki family

## 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).

## 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.

## 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 Joyce Held in memory of Michael Held Sr.

## Worship Assistants

Cross Bearer: Marielle Smith  
Acolytes: Gwen & CeCe Smith  
Communion Assistants: Isabel Anderson, Jenyang Gach

## This Week's Events

### Sunday, September 28:

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

### Monday, September 29:

5:30 p.m. Lutefisk Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Scouts

### Tuesday, September 30:

4:00 p.m. KidPack  
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts  
6:30 p.m. Bells  
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

### Wednesday, October 1:

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

### Thursday, October 2:

9:00 a.m. Archives  
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl  
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

### Friday, October 3:

4:00 p.m. Violin

### Saturday, October 4:

### 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

## Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$3,245  
Received to date: \$245,181
- Capital Fund: \$428  
Received to date: \$64,813
- Special Offering (*KidPack*) \$192
- Attendance: 179

## 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.

## Parking Information

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



## Contact St. James:

6700 46th Place North  
Crystal, MN 55428  
763-537-3653 (phone)  
office@stjamesincrystal.org  
www.stjamesincrystal.org

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:aburns@stjamesincrystal.org).

## Augsburg Centennial Singers

Former St. James Interim Pastor, Dave Valen's choir will be singing at Cross of Glory in Brooklyn Center on Sat., Oct. 4 at 7:00 p.m.

## Mpls. Area Synod Moment

The 2014 Synod Bishop's Theological Conference focused on how our synod pastors might become stronger, more culturally competent leaders. We devoted much time and energy to the nature and consequences of racism in our culture and churches and ways we can be a force for the change God is calling us to live for the sake of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Please know that we will continue and grow in our commitment and efforts to eliminate racism and invite the diversity God has created for the sake of God's glory, justice, peace and the life of our congregation.

## 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](mailto:judgetelinda@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.

## ELCA Moment

In partnership with Lutheran congregations and Lutheran social ministry organizations, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service has welcomed more than 379,000 refugees to the United States since 1939. This ongoing partnership and work is driven by God's love for all people and a vision for congregations to be welcoming and generous centers for mission and ministry. The work of the ELCA through Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service includes responding to people caught in conflict and facing persecution, advocating for their needs and interests, helping people access resources for basic human needs, working with foster care programs for minors, legal assistance, developing new and innovative service programs and partnerships, and much more.