

Pews News

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

April 12, 2015

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

www.stjamesincystal.org

Congregational Vote Today

The St. James Lutheran Church Council has voted to hold a special meeting of the congregation TODAY immediately following both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. worship services, for the sole purpose of voting on whether to call Pastor Kristen Brechler to serve as Associate Pastor at St. James Lutheran in Crystal.

The call committee of the congregation has unanimously recommended that the congregation call Pastor Kristen Brechler to serve as Associate Pastor at St. James Lutheran. Both the Executive Committee and the Council have voted unanimously to endorse the call committee's recommendation that the congregation call Pastor Kristen.

Please stay for the special meeting immediately following worship today so that you may cast your vote regarding this very important decision.

Lenten Offering Cans

Please return your offering cans. The Lenten Can Offering will be used to support Families Moving Forward (FMF).

Over 55's

The Over 55's will enjoy a gourmet meal at Hennepin Technical College (9000 Brooklyn Blvd.) on Mon., Apr. 27 with serving starting promptly at 11:30 a.m.

Choose from two entrees: tilapia fraumage (\$15.50) or carved beef medallions (\$18). Each entrée is served with house salad and dressing, potato, vegetable, dinner rolls and butter, dessert and choice of beverage. The price includes tax and gratuity/service charge. Checks should be made out to Over 55's.

Reservations and payments need to be given to Eunice Kistner (763-416-3268) or placed in the Over 55's box in the church office by April 13.

Women's Spring Tea Set for April 25

Mary Circle will host its annual Springtime Dessert Buffet Tea on Sat., Apr. 25 at 12:15 p.m.

Goodies and tea sandwiches will be served at the brunch.

Tickets are \$8.00. Advance ticket sales only on Sunday mornings or from the church office. Make checks payable to Mary Circle. Reserve your tables of 8 today.

Entertainment will be provided by **The Looney Lutherans**, a trio of wacky gals—Ginger, Bella, and Lois. This week you'll meet Lois Jensen. Her husband Stan is very excited to print the gals new "lifestyle guide" on a printing press he bought at an auction last summer. However, his new purchase is currently sitting in the garage needing some repair, so it may be a while.

Wildfire Churches Service Project on April 18

Join members from other Wildfire congregations on Sat., April 18, 10:00 a.m.—noon to clean up Twin Oak Park, located at 5116 Willshire Ave N (just off the end of the Crystal airport on Bass Lake Road).

Crystal Parks will provide "pickers" and bags— we need you! Please sign up in the gathering space so we know how many are coming from St. James. Snacks to follow the event!

Sign up for Feed My Starving Children from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and make it a double-header!

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.)

Butch Kessler, as he struggles with health issues
Sarah & her family
Kevin
Naomi
Wendy
Everyone seeking employment
All those dealing with depression, anxiety, or a mental illness
Dan M.
Kathy & Jim

Bob Leinonen
All immigrants
All who hunger
All caregivers
Ryan K., for suitable employment
Paul, seeking work
Jim, for strength

Flower Fundraiser

Students going to camp are raising funds for camp. Check out the beautiful flower options from Lynde Flowers. Orders are due today. Contact Amy Jermstad or Kristi VonDeylen for more information.

No Parking on St. James' Drive-Up

The drive-up in front of St. James has been re-classified as a 15-minute loading zone only. This means that there will be no day parking allowed on the drive-up to St. James. We will offer valet parking during worship services; stay tuned for that announcement.

New Member Classes

New member classes will be held today and April 19 at 10:10 a.m. in the Peter & Paul room. New members will be received in worship on Sun., April 26. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Randy Romsdahl by email at rromsdahl@stjamesincystal.org.

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given by Terry & Lana Teigen in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

March Food Drive Update

St. James donated over 110 cans of soup on Pack the Pews Sunday. You also donated \$1,506, which will go a long way this summer. Thank you!

Garage Sale Leader

Are you passionate about garage sales? Would you love to see one at St. James?

We are looking for someone who would be interested in spearheading a garage sale this summer at St. James. This would involve creating a committee and then leading the group through the process of holding a garage sale.

If you are interested in leading this initiative, please contact Pastor Randy.

Worship Participants

Assisting Minister: Joel Anderson

Lector: Mary Roening

Communion Assistants: Nyadoar Gach, Bob & Diane Michaelson, Stan & Connie Tikkanen

Cross Bearer: CeCe Smith

Acolytes: Nyadoar Gach, Isabelle Anderson

This Week's Events

Sunday, April 12:

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Adult Ed / Sunday School /
New Member Class / Band
Practice
11:10 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. GriefShare

Monday, April 13:

12:30 p.m. Thrivent Meeting
6:30 p.m. Scouts
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee

Tuesday, April 14:

9:30 a.m. Quilting
10:45 a.m. Dinner at Your Door
1:00-3:00 p.m. Parish Nurse
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:30 p.m. Altar Guild
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu
7:30 p.m. Band Practice

Wednesday, April 15:

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

Thursday, April 16:

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

Friday, April 17:

4:00 p.m. Violin

Saturday, April 18:

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

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Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$12,352
Received to date: \$115,739
- Capital Fund: \$1,128
Received to date: \$22,758
- Special Offering (FMSC)) \$123
- Attendance: 295

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
Amanda Burns, Director of Communications
Ryan Walesch, Senior High Youth
Ron Skalicky, Custodian
Mary Brown, Organist and Bell Choir Director
Deanna Loken, Choir Director

Office Hours

St. James' Office Hours are Monday-Wednesday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Contact St. James:

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

Loaves and Fishes

Brunswick Methodist is now serving every Wednesday and Thursday night. To volunteer, call 763-533-1661.

Wildfire VBS- "Crocodile Dock"

This year we are partnering with other churches in the community to provide an evening VBS for students (current age 3-5th grade) in our community. Other Wildfire churches will join us onsite here at St. James for a fun-filled week learning about Jesus as we explore "Crocodile Dock," June 22-25 from 5:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Fill out a yellow registration form and return to the church office. Friends are always welcome. Space may be limited, so sign up today! Cost: VBS is our gift to you! (*We will accept donations to offset costs.*)

VBS Staff

Sr. High students and Middle School students are invited to participate as staff of VBS this year. Fill out an application form, found outside the church office, and return by April 15. There are a number of paid positions available.

This is a great way to get service hours, earning credit for school or leadership opportunities to put on scholarship requests.

All Sr. High students will be given an adult mentor to provide help/guidance as we prepare and throughout the VBS week.

Contact Pr. Kristen for more information at kbrechler@stjamesincrystal.org.

Summer Camp for Children & Youth Grades 1-8

Students and friends of St. James are going to camp! Church camp proves to be a transforming experience for children and students. Join us for camp the first week of August at Camp Onomia or Camp Wapo. Pr. Randy and Pr. Kristen will rotate between the two camps.

Reserve your spot with a \$100 deposit. Fundraising information is available. Contact Pr. Kristen for more information.

Camp Onomia

Pioneers (grades 1-3) on August 3-6, 2015. Cost: \$215.

Explorers (grades 3-6) on August 3-8, 2015. Cost: \$420.

Register online at www.camponomia.org.

Camp Wapo

Youth camp (grades 6-8)* on August 2-7, 2015. Cost: \$400.

Register online at www.campwapo.org.

*Middle school students are encouraged to attend Camp Wapo.

April's Outreach Partner: Feed My Starving Children

Every day 18,000 children die from starvation. Feed My Starving Children (FMSC), along with nearly 600,000 volunteers, has packaged over 100 million meals for starving children in nearly 70 countries all over the world. Each Feed My Starving Children meal provides the key nutrients a starving child needs to survive and thrive.

All monetary donations collected through the special offering in April will support FMSC. Please make checks payable to St. James and write FMSC on the memo line.

The Page Turners Book Club

May's pick: The Samurai's Garden by Gail Tsukiyama

Tsukiyama uses the Japanese invasion of China during the late 1930s as a somber backdrop for her unusual story about a 20-year-old Chinese painter named Stephen who is sent to his family's summer home in a Japanese coastal village to recover from a bout with tuberculosis. Here he is cared for by Matsu, a reticent housekeeper and a master gardener. His developing friendship with 3 adults and a young woman his own age brings him to the beginnings of wisdom about love, honor, and loss. [from Booklist]

May's Book Club Meeting is Tues., May 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Peter and Paul room. Join us! All are welcome.

June's pick: The Book of Fate by Parinoush Saniee. (Book Club does not meet in July & August.)

Missing DVD

Check your DVD players for *Benchwarmers*. It was returned to the library with no DVD in the case.

"Living Better Longer"

Bonfire Parish nurse, Debbie Haney, and the Bonfire Health and Wellness committee invite you to a free senior event entitled *Living Better Longer* on Thurs., Apr. 23, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the North Memorial Outpatient Center (3435 Broadway Ave., Robbinsdale, MN 55422).

This is a free event (and free parking), but pre-registration is required: northmemorial.com/events or call 763-581-2410

There will be speakers on senior wellness, advance care planning, and funeral celebration planning. There also will be representatives from various community resources for seniors.

As an added bonus, there will be treats, raffles and free advice!

Fore! It's Time for Golf

It's time to commit to playing in a St. James golf league for the 2015 season.

Men's nine-hole-play is scheduled for Tuesday evenings at Theodore Wirth Golf Course, May 5 to July 21. If you are interested in some great fellowship and want to play golf with some fellow St. James members, contact Stan Tikkanen before April 30 (763-546-8155 or stikkanen@q.com). Friends, co-workers or relatives are welcome to join as well.

The women's golf season is still up in the air. Please contact the church office if you would like information once it is available.