

Pews News

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

April 26, 2015

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

www.stjamesincrystal.org

Congregational Vote Results

St. James Lutheran Church members voted April 12th in a congregational vote to call Pastor Kristen Brechler to serve as Associate Pastor. Pastor Kristen has been serving as Interim Associate Pastor since September 2013.

Butter Braids

If you have not picked up the Butter Braids that were ordered through the youth fundraiser, they are located in the storage room freezer (next to the kitchen).

GriefShare

If you personally have experienced a death of a loved one or a friend, you are invited to attend the upcoming GriefShare ministry seminar series. GriefShare is a 12 week course that uses a series of videos to stimulate conversations to help participants work through their grief. GriefShare seminars are sponsored by Bonfire Ministry and are open to anyone who is experiencing grief.

The GriefShare ministry seminars are held at St. James on Sunday afternoons, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The next series begins on Sun., May 31. There is a \$10 fee for the GriefShare seminars, and scholarships to cover this fee are available. For more information and/or to register for this upcoming session, please call Bonfire Parish Nurse, Debbie Haney, at 612-408-2049.

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 Applications Still Being Accepted

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 to Pastor Kristen. 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 Worship

St. James will move to one worship service at 9:30 a.m. during the summer beginning on May 24 and continuing through September 6.

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 sacltikkanen@hotmail.com). Friends, co-workers or relatives are welcome to join as well.

The women's golf season will be held at French Park each Wednesday morning beginning May 6 at 9:00 a.m. Contact Eunice Kistner for more information at 763-416-3268.

Donut AND Popcorn This Morning

Today is Donut Sunday! Suggested donation is \$0.75. We will also have popcorn available for the Sprouting Stewardship series.

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.)

All those dealing with depression, anxiety, or a mental illness

All caregivers

All who grieve

All who hunger

Butch Kessler, as he struggles with health issues

Connie

Deanna

All looking for employment

Otis, for peace

New Members

Today we joyfully welcome the following new members:

Melvina Badio

6920 Humbolt Ave N Apt 308
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
763-208-1791

Jackson David Jr.

7001 Dupont Ave N
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
763-222-6343

Damawai Kamara

5701 Quebec Ave N Apt 108A
New Hope, MN 55428
952-215-2168

Lawrence Knowlden

1707 69th Ave N Apt 236
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
763-273-7338

Sara Capers

5218 70th Ave N
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429
612-232-9167

Hunter, Scarlett

Over 55's

Reminder to everyone attending the Hennepin Tech lunch on April 27: you should be there by 11:15 a.m. to check in and get your tickets. The luncheon starts at 11:30 a.m.

Financial Statements

First quarter financial statements are available. Stop by for a kiss and your statement in the narthex today!

Spring Work Day

It's time for some spring cleaning! Spring work day will be held Sat., May 16 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Please come for as long as you are able. A continental breakfast for volunteers will be served at 10:30 a.m.

Teacher Appreciation

Teacher appreciation day for Lighthouse Sunday School will be Sun., May 3. This will also be the final day of Sunday School for the program year.

Worship Participants

Assisting Minister: Gwen Smith

Lector: Joseph Davies

Communion Assistants: Julie & Isabelle Anderson, Nyadoar Gach, Sonya Lodahl, George McClure

Cross Bearer: Faith King

Acolytes: Danielle Charging, Christian Sturges

Ushers: Jim Hauan, Becki Smith, Clarence Peterson, Tim Buck

Cantor: Anna Becker

This Week's Events

Sunday, April 26:

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

Monday, April 27:

11:30 a.m. Over 55's
 6:30 p.m. Scouts

Tuesday, April 28:

9:30 a.m. Quilting
 1:00-3:00 p.m. Parish Nurse
 4:00 p.m. KidPack
 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
 7:00 p.m. Kung Fu
 7:30 p.m. Band Practice

Wednesday, April 29:

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

Thursday, April 30:

7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Friday, May 1:

4:00 p.m. Violin

Saturday, May 2:

Sunday, May 3:

9:00 a.m. Worship
 10:10 a.m. Adult Ed / Sunday School /
 Band Practice
 11:10 a.m. Worship
 4:00 p.m. GriefShare / Piano Recital

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$4,257
 Received to date: \$125,796
- Capital Fund: \$965
 Received to date: \$24,530
- Special Offering (FMSC) \$746
- Attendance: 201

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

Contact St. James:

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

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.

Kids Sing in Worship

The children will sing in worship on Sun., May 10 at 9:00 a.m.

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.

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.

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.)

Facebook Friends

We want to be your friend... on Facebook! Search for St. James Lutheran Church (not a group page; it will show like a person's account) and 'Friend' us.

We post on a regular basis, so it's an easy way to keep up to date with the activities at St. James!

Parking Information

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

Please note that the drive-through is now a loading zone only.

KidPack Packing Day

The next KidPack packing day is Tues., April 28 at 4:00 p.m. at The Food Group (8501 54th Ave N- New Hope). Please contact Melodie Hanson for more information at 763-504-4981.

Library News

In recognition of Mothers' Day on May 10, the library has selected books about mothers. We would also like to display your favorite mother and child picture. Stop in the library to pick up a book and drop off a picture.

Geraniums For Pentecost

Geranium plants may be ordered to help decorate for Pentecost Sunday, May 24. Your geranium orders need to be placed by 10:45 a.m. on Sun., May 10. Plants can be picked up following the 9:30 a.m. Pentecost Sunday worship.



Number of plants ordered	Amount paid	Given in MEMORY / HONOR of :
_____ dozen @ \$31.00 = _____		_____
_____ half dozen @ \$18.00 = _____		_____
_____ single plant @ \$3.75 = _____		_____
Total paid _____		Given by: _____

I'd like to donate _____ (indicate #) of my plants for planting outside at St. James.