

Pews News

April 5, 2015
Happy Easter!

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

www.stjamesincrystal.org

Today's Easter Flowers Given By:

Anderson, Dave in memory of my parents, Russell & Irene Anderson
Anderson, Jerry in memory of Shirley Anderson
Anderson, Joel & Shayna in honor of Juliana & Joshua
Blom, Connie in honor of Luke, Jacob, Grace, Abby & Noah
Brooker, Nadine in honor of my family
Brown, Mary in honor and thanksgiving for the St. James community
Buck, Michele & Tim in memory of Edgar Buck
Burns, Andy & Amanda in honor of our children, Lydia, Parker & August
Burrington, Dee in honor of my great-grandchildren
Galajda, Marian in memory of Bill DeBruyn and Brother, Wayne Lubrecht
Harlow, Jackie in memory of loved ones
Held, Joyce in honor of Clayborne Held
Hellen, Ozzie in memory of loved ones
Johnson, Roger & Robin in memory of our fathers, grandson, family & friends
Kistner, Bill & Eunice in honor of granddaughters, Taylor & Brooke
Lodahl, Sonya in honor of my family
Lohmann, Nancy in memory of parents, Ethel & Selmer Shern
Looft, Karon in memory of my parents, Lillian & Michael Homsey and other loved ones
Nelson, Audrey in memory of Marvin & Dan Nelson
Olsen, Jim & Judy in honor of our children and grandchildren
Overland, Marilyn in memory of loved ones
Reinking, Donna in memory of my family and friends
Rierson, Wayne & Barb in memory of Roland & Violet Justi, Vernetta Rierson
Romsdahl, Randy & Diana in memory of Arnie Hall, Janice Romsdahl
Rykken, Maxine in memory of my loved ones
Skalicky, Ron & Cindy in honor of our family
Smith, Tim & Becki in memory of loved ones
Stanchfield, Mike & Becky in memory of Richard Stanchfield
Stanchfield, Ruth in honor of my family
Stromback, Miles & Sharon in memory of loved ones
Teigen, Terry & Lana in honor of Tatum, Taverie & Calin
Thomsen, Margaret in memory of John G. & Pearle Thomsen, Arthur & Margaret Johnson, and Kristine & John Thomsen
Tutila, Peg in memory of Erv Tutila
Weiland, Maria in memory of Tina Werbowonko, John & Helen Youngward
Valentines, in memory of Katie Valentine

* Plants may be taken home following the 11:10 a.m. worship service.

Congregational Vote

The St. James Lutheran Church Council has voted to hold a special meeting of the congregation on Sun., Apr. 12 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 attend worship on April 12, and stay for the special meeting immediately following worship so that you may cast your vote regarding this very important decision.

Lenten Offering Cans

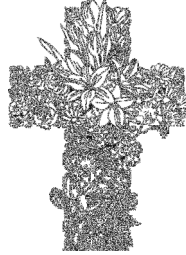
Please begin returning your offering cans. The Lenten Can Offering will be used to support Families Moving Forward (FMF).

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 families at Easter
Safety for Miguel & Nicole as they expect their baby
Tom, for recovery from bypass surgery
Kathy & Jim
Bob Leinonen
All caregivers
All immigrants

All who hunger
Thank you for the blessings of the past week
Ryan K., for appropriate employment
Make us your servants
Jim, for strength
All those dealing with depression or other mental illness
Safe travels for all out of town this weekend



Flower Fundraiser

Students going to camp are raising funds for camp. Check out the beautiful flower options from Lynde Flowers. Orders are due Sunday, April 12th. 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.

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 Bella Anderson. Bella is Italian by birth, Lutheran by marriage, and the resident exercise guru. She is owner, operator, CEO, personal trainer, and client at a local exercise franchise. Her exercise routine can be performed anytime, anywhere. Exercise the Lutheran way.

New Member Classes

New member classes will be held Sundays, April 12 and 19 at 10:10 a.m. New members will be received in worship on Sun., April 26. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Randy Romsdahl at rromsdahl@stjamesincrystal.org.

No Second Sunday Singers

There won't be Second Sunday Singers next week!

Office Closed April 6

The church office is closed on Mon., April 6 in observance of Easter Monday. In case of an emergency, contact Pastor Randy at 912-803-2879.

This Week's Events

Sunday, April 5:

9:00 a.m. Worship
11:10 a.m. Worship

Monday, April 6: Office Closed

6:30 p.m. Scouts
7:00 p.m. Property Committee

Tuesday, April 7:

1:00-3:00 p.m. Parish Nurse
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu / Book Club
7:30 p.m. Band Practice

Wednesday, April 8:

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

Thursday, April 9:

6:00 p.m. Wildfire
7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Friday, April 10:

4:00 p.m. Violin

Saturday, April 11:

9:00 a.m. CPR Training

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

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$3,493
Received to date: \$103,387
- Capital Fund: \$609
Received to date: \$21,630
- Special Offering (NEAR) \$1,506
- Attendance: 177

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.

CPR / AED Training

The next CPR / AED training session will be Sat., April 11 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Wold Hall.

This is a free event, but space is limited. Please register by contacting Bonfire Parish Nurse Debbie Haney at 612-408-2049 or John Lindstrom at 612-669-5962

The Page Turners Book Club

April's pick: *My Promised Land: the triumph and tragedy of Israel* by Ari Shavit.

Israeli journalist Shavit presents a history of and meditation on Zionism's successes and failures. This work attempts a personal, political, intellectual, and cultural history of Israel though dozens of interviews with those who participated in the Zionist enterprise. Long a critic of the "Occupation," Shavit argues that Israel's future depends not only on giving up that land but on coming to terms with those displaced by Zionism. [from Library Journal]

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

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

For more information, contact Linda Judge (at 763-533-4081 or judgelinda@msn.com).

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

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!

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.