

Pews News

March 29, 2015

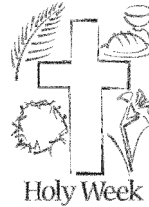
Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

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

www.stjamesincystal.org

Holy Week Worship Schedule

- **Maundy Thursday**, April 2, 7:00 p.m.
- **Good Friday**, April 3, 7:00 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday**, April 5, 9:00 a.m. and 11:10 a.m.



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 Ginger Johnson. She is the resident food expert and mastermind of the Lutheran Food Wheel. She loves food so much she married a man named Herb, and named her daughters Cinnamon and Sugar.

Donut Sunday

Today is Donut Sunday! Please enjoy a donut with your coffee this morning. The suggested donation is \$.75.

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.

April Herald Newsletter

The April *Herald* newsletter is now available near the front door.

Flower Fundraiser

Students going to camp are raising funds for camp. Checkout the beautiful flower options from Lynde Flowers. Orders are due Sunday, April 12th. Contact Amy Jermstad or Kristi VonDeylen for more information.

Worship Participants

Assisting Minister: John Lindstrom
Lectors: Thomas Becker, Sonya Lodahl, Corey Loken, Gary Myers, Gwen Smith

Communion Assistants: Joseph & Helena Davies, Nyadoar Gach, Stan & Connie Tikkanen

Cross Bearer: CeCe Smith

Acolytes: Nicole Fountinelle, Daisy Har

Lenten Offering Cans Collect Money for Families Moving Forward

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

Our St. James church council has voted to support our congregation's involvement in Families Moving Forward (FMF). FMF is a non-profit dedicated to helping families who are homeless to become housing secure.

We will participate by hosting a group of homeless families from our community every night for one or two weeks each year. We will want to form a FMF support team of about 30 to 40 people to support this ministry. Please prayerfully consider participating in this ministry. Many different gifts are needed, from preparing the evening meal and breakfast to go, to helping children with homework, to being a compassionate listener to adults going through a rough patch in their lives.

An overall coordinator, or small team of coordinators, will especially be a blessing! Please contact John Lindstrom or Pastor Randy for more information. No hosting weeks have been scheduled yet for St. James. However, in the coming weeks, we will be moving forward with FMF!

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

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.

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.)

Fran
Heidi
Sarah & her family
Everyone seeking employment
Kathy W.
Lauren
Jim, for strength
Joseph, with health issues
All who hunger
All who wait

Man seen filling out job application
Kathy & Jim
Bob Leinonen
All who struggle
All immigrants
Make us your servants
Thank you for the blessings of the past week
Our children
All who are traveling during Holy Week

This Week's Events

Sunday, March 29: Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Adult Ed / Sunday School
11:10 a.m. Worship
3:30 p.m. Piano Recital
4:00 p.m. GriefShare

Monday, March 30:

6:30 p.m. Scouts

Tuesday, March 31:

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 1:

6:00 p.m. Bread Baking (*1st Communion*)
7:00 p.m. Choir /GA

Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday

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

Friday, April 3: Good Friday

4:00 p.m. Violin
7:00 p.m. Worship

Saturday, April 4:

9:00 a.m. Easter Decorating

Sunday, April 5:

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

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$3,544
Received to date: \$99,894
- Capital Fund: \$354
Received to date: \$21,021
- Special Offering (NEAR) \$1,201
- Attendance: 154

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, contact 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, learning 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.

March's Outreach Partner: NEAR Food Shelf

"Be a Hero—Fight Hunger"

Did you know...

- Visits to area food shelves continues to increase.
- There are matching funds from Feinstien Corp. in March and April.
- NEAR can purchase food at warehouse prices from several places.
- At least ten congregational members volunteer at NEAR weekly or bi-weekly.
- There were over 100 cans of soup brought to church on March 22 for our Soup Sunday.
- Hunger is a daily issue in many homes.
- Each person should receive 15 pounds of food each month at the food shelf.
- The distributed food is just an emergency- meant to last 3 days.
- Each one of us has an opportunity to help someone that is having a hard time providing food for themselves or their family.
- Donations are very much appreciated by the clients at the NEAR Food Shelf.

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.

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!

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.

KidPack Packing Day

The next KidPack packing day is Tues., Mar. 31 at 4:00 p.m. at the Emergency Food Network (8501 54th Ave N- New Hope). Please contact Melodie Hanson for more information at 763-504-4981.

Easter Décor Volunteers

A few volunteers are needed to help put up Easter decorations on Sat., Apr. 4 at 9:00 a.m.