



St. James Lutheran Church

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

Gospel "E"

Weekly Email Newsletter

March 10, 2014

Weekly Devotion: 'A Gift to the World'

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:18)

Your life is not for yourself. My life is not for myself. The deepest desire of you and me is to give myself to others. That's part of me. Not just a part of my life, all of me. I am created to give myself away. In my giving myself away I want to be a fruitful person, not a successful person, not a rich person, not a person with many results— to have a fruitful life. Our lives bear fruit in the giving. I am more and more aware that the deepest joy of the spiritual life is precisely in giving myself, giving ourselves, in giving ourselves away. We can do it because we know that we are the beloved who are blessed and broken, but that we were broken in order that we could become a gift for the world.

Heavenly Father, help me love my neighbor as you love me.

(By Henri J.M. Nouwen *God's Abiding Love: Daily Lenten Meditations and Prayers, Monday First Week of Lent* © 2014 Creative Communications for the Parish)

Lenten Worship

Join us for Lenten worship each Wednesday through April 9 at **12:30 p.m.** and **7:00 p.m.** All are invited to *bring your own lunch* and eat together in Wold Hall at 12:00 p.m. prior to the daytime worship service at 12:30 p.m.

The Lenten series is based on "The Great Habits of Highly Effective Disciples." This week's theme: Cross Bearing (Matthew 16:21-26). All disciples are invited to gather for the services.

Empty Bowl Fundraiser Tomorrow

You are invited to enjoy soup and bread at the annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser on Tuesday March 11 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Sandburg Learning Center. Monies donated will go to PRISM and NEAR. There will be free entertainment and ceramic bowls for purchase.

March Food Drive Underway

One in ten Minnesotans miss 10 meals per month. This affects children most since 40% of Minnesota children go hungry. You might want to look around and count to ten. That tenth person might be hungry. Our congregation can help by donating to the March Food Drive.

Last year members of St. James generously donated \$4,856. Every dollar you donated went for food. For every \$20 donated, a square foot box could be filled with food. The Bonfire congregations are trying to raise enough money/food to fill a trailer. Please write checks out to St. James with NEAR on the memo line. Be a Hero! Fight Hunger!

Mark your Calendar

3-14 *Sr. High Lock-in*

3-16 *Butter Braid sales end*

3-21 *Family Movie Night, 6:30 p.m.
(Frozen)*

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is this Saturday, Mar. 15, at 8:00 a.m. at Fat Nat's in New Hope. Men of all ages are welcome to attend.

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