



St. James Lutheran Church

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

Gospel “E”

Weekly Email Newsletter

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Weekly Devotion: ‘Embracing All of Life’

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. (Luke 6:38)

Our lives are full of losses, failures and disappointments— disappointments of dreams, failures of hope, loss of friends, family or health. Over time, there are more and more things we can be negative about. Resentment makes us cling to our failures or disappointments and complain about the losses in our life. There is always a lurking danger that we will respond to life’s incredible pains with resentment. Resentment gives us a hardened heart, and we become resentful people. Gratitude in its deepest sense means to live life as a gift to be received gratefully. But in its deepest sense means to live as a gift to be received gratefully. But gratitude as the gospel speaks about it embraces all of life: the good and the bad, the joyful and the painful, the holy and the not so holy.

Creator of all, be by my side in times of trial and joy.

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

Lenten Worship Continues Wednesday

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: Keeping in Touch (Mark 14:32-42). All disciples are invited to gather for the services.

Family & Friends Movie Night

Join your friends and families for a showing of the movie *Frozen* on Fri., Mar. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Wold Hall!

Treats, crafts and fun are also included. This is a free event for *all ages!* Children must have a parent or caregiver present to attend.

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

- 3-21 *Family Movie Night, 6:30 p.m. (Frozen)*
- 4-5 *Spring Tea*
- 4-12 *First Communion Instruction*

No 9:57 on Sunday

There won’t be 9:57 (Sunday School) this Sunday, Mar. 23 due to spring break. They will resume on Sun., Mar. 30 at 9:57 a.m.

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