



St. James Lutheran Church

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

Gospel "E"

Weekly Email Newsletter

November 17, 2014

Pastoral Devotion

My experience and observation of our Minnesota Lutheran faith is that we are busy, useful people. We work hard and want to do the right thing. We are generous and compassionate. And we love to keep busy. These gifts and strengths are all for the good. However, as our Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Elizabeth Eaton, notes in her column in the Lutheran magazine this month, we Lutherans may tend toward being religious, but not spiritual. She is, of course, having fun with the growing number of folks who claim to be spiritual but not religious. In our relationship with God, labels of "religious" and "spiritual" don't seem that helpful. What is critically important, however, is deciding to make time in each day to nurture your spiritual life. God is present in each moment, in each person. Find a place of quiet prayer and reflection. Begin prayer time with silent listening for what God wants you to know. Then thank God, praise God and ask God about whatever is on your heart. Enter into the holy presence of God, be renewed, and go forth in peace.

Pastor Randy

Lutefisk Dinner is Saturday

The annual Lutefisk & Meatball dinner is this Saturday. There are many volunteer opportunities that are still available. Many hands are needed to make this a successful community event! Please check the sign-up sheets in the narthex.

There are still a few tickets available. Tickets will not be sold at the door, so call the church office at 763-537-3653 for more information.

Commitment Sunday

Please prayerfully consider your commitment to the ministries of St. James in 2015. Please bring your pledge cards to worship on Commitment Sunday, November 23.

Advent Decorating

Volunteers are needed to help put up Advent decorations in the worship center on Sat., Nov. 29 at 9:00 a.m.

Women's Christmas Brunch

Mary Circle is hosting their annual Women's Christmas Brunch, *A Nordic Noel*, on Sat., Dec. 6 at 10:00 a.m.

Tickets are now available for \$8 on Sunday mornings, or from the church office.

There will be wonderful entertainment and delicious food. Invite your friends, family and neighbors for this fun event!

Mark your Calendar

11-22 *Lutefisk Dinner*

11-26 *Thanksgiving Eve Worship (at First Lutheran)*

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Thanksgiving Eve worship will be a joint Bonfire Ministry event at First Lutheran Church on Wed., Nov. 26 at 7:00 p.m. A pie social will be held following worship; pie donations are needed.

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