



St. James Lutheran Church

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

Gospel "E"

Weekly Email Newsletter

November 5, 2014

Pastoral Devotion

Our gospel story for Sunday, November 9 is from Matthew 25:1-13. Frederick Buechner offers the following reflection: "Is the point of Jesus' stories that they point to the truth about you and me and our stories? We are the ones who have been mugged, and we are also the ones who pass by pretending we don't notice. Hard as it is to believe, maybe every once in a while we are even the ones who pay an arm and a leg to help. The truth of the story is not a motto suitable for framing. It is a truth that one way or another, God help us, we live out every day of our lives. It is a truth as complicated and sad as you and I ourselves are complicated and sad, and as joyous and as simple as we are too. The stories that Jesus tells are about us. Once upon a time is our time, in other words."

Pastor Randy

Church Photo Directory is Here!

If you had your picture taken for the new church photo directory, please pick it up today in the narthex. (*One per family photographed.*)

If you were unable to get your photo taken, we will announce when the books will be open for all St. James members to take home. Watch the Pews News for more information!

Craft Sale This Saturday

The annual Craft Sale will be Sat., Nov. 8, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. There will be a variety of vendors and crafters. The St. James youth will be selling concession items. Questions about having a booth? Contact Kristi VonDeylen at atvbabe@comcast.net.

Family Movie Night

Everyone is welcome for a fun evening on Fri., Nov. 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Wold Hall for the movie *Planes: Fire & Rescue*.

Craft Retreat

Calling all crafty people! The youth will be holding another craft retreat Sat., Nov. 15, 9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. Come and get an early start on those holiday projects and gifts, or catch up on some unfinished projects.

The cost is \$35 and includes at least 4 feet of work space, lunch, dinner, refreshments, and door prize drawings. All proceeds benefit the youth group.

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the office; deadline is Nov. 8.

Contact Amy Jermstad with any questions, 612-868-3411 or ajermstad@gmail.com.

Mark your Calendar

11-16 *Blessing of the Keys*

11-22 *Lutefisk Dinner*

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

Men's Breakfast

The next men's breakfast is set for Sat., Nov. 15 at 8:00 a.m. at Fat Nat's (36th & Winnetka Ave). Men of all ages are welcome!

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