



St. James Lutheran Church

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

Gospel "E"

Weekly Email Newsletter

October 2, 2014

Pastoral Devotion

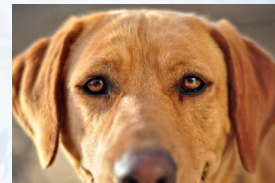
In times such as this, the global magnitude of the challenges facing humanity may seem over-whelming: a seemingly unstoppable Ebola epidemic in Africa, global warming and ever-increasing emissions of greenhouse gases, and violent, terrorism and brutal warfare in Africa and the Middle East. And yet, God is present within us, speaks into our lives, and acts through them. Frederick Bueckner reflects Philippians 3:4b-14, "All the absurd little meetings, decisions, inner skirmishes that go to make up our days. It all adds up to very little, and yet it all adds up to very much. Our days are full of nonsense, and yet not, because it is precisely into the nonsense of our days that God speaks to us words of great significance - not words that are written in the stars but words that are written into the raw stuff and nonsense of our days, which are not nonsense just because God speaks into the midst of them. And the words that he says, to each of us differently, are "Be brave ... be merciful ... feed my lambs ... press on toward the goal." Our lives matter. We make a difference. God knows.

*God bless,
Pastor Randy*

Blessing of the Animals October 5

Please bring your pet(s) to a special Pet Blessing service on the church patio at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, Oct. 5. If you prefer, you may bring a photo of your pet for the blessing.

Children are also encouraged to bring their favorite stuffed animal toy pets to the children's message during the 9:00 a.m. worship service for a special blessing of their beloved toy pets.



Global Health Ministries Event

St. James will be assembling newborn kits and making rolled bandages for Global Health Ministries, October's Outreach Partner, on Sun., Oct. 26 in Wold Hall at 10:10 a.m. All ages are invited to help at this event!

Bath towels, full size bars of Ivory soap, washcloths, white sheets, and any color material is still needed. Monetary donations will be used to purchase the items still needed to make the kits and bandages.



Fall Work Day October 11th

It's time to get St. James clean before winter! The Fall Work Day has been set for Sat., Oct. 11 beginning at 8:30 a.m. A light brunch will be provided. Come for as long as you are able. Many hands make light work!

Mark your Calendar

- 10-19 *Latefisk Tickets go on sale*
- 10-25 *Ordination Service for Kaitlyn Ferguson at 5:00 p.m.*
- 10-26 *Confirmation Sunday*

Parent Connection Group

A new group, Parent Connection, will meet Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. in the Wally Krohn area (outside Wold Hall). Parents will meet for support and connections. All are invited to participate. For more info, contact Pastor Kristen.

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