



St. James Lutheran Church

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

Gospel "E"

Weekly Email Newsletter

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Pastoral Devotion

In the book of Ezekiel, God speaks a warning to God's chosen people, "The upshot is this, Israel: I'll judge each of you according to the way you live. So turn around! Turn your backs on your rebellious living so that sin won't drag you down. Clean house. No more rebellions, please. Get a new heart! Get a new spirit! Why would you choose to die, Israel? I take no pleasure in anyone's death." (*Message translation*). The challenges of our time seem overwhelming – global warming, war fare, an E bola epidemic, hunger, poverty, injustice ... and the list goes on. Each of these challenges to humanity is also a consequence of humanity's rebellion against God. However, rather than destroying humanity for the harm we have done and are continuing to do, God invites us to turn from rebellion toward healthy relationships which bless and encourage. Let us together seek new life in Christ with new hearts and new spirits. This happens through God's grace, and that's good news for sure!

Pastor Randy

Men's Fellowship Dinner

All men are invited for the Wildfire Men's Fellowship Dinner to be held at Holy Nativity (3900 Winnetka Ave N, New Hope) on Sun., Oct. 5 at 5:00 p.m.

The program will be by Can Do Canines. This organization is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities by creating mutually beneficial partnerships with specially trained dogs. They provide service in the areas of healing, mobility, diabetes, seizure response and autism.

The menu will be ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, bread and dessert. Cost is \$10.

Reservations are due to Roland Smith (763-545-0049) by Sun., Sept. 28.

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.

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

9-30 *KidPack Packing Day*

10-5 *Pet Blessing*

10-11 *Fall Work Day*

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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