



# St. James Lutheran Church

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

## Gospel "E"

Weekly Email Newsletter

April 2, 2014

### Weekly Devotion: 'A Place Called Home'

*For they shall soon come home. (Ezekiel 36:8)*

All of us long to go home at some point in our lives. We may have married and moved away. Or we may have relocated with our job to a distant country. Soldiers who go to war surely feel far from their birthplace and long to go home one day; those who love them anticipate the day of their return— they feel it as heartache. Some folks are taken captive and leave their homeland by force. The current reality of human trafficking is proof that this kind of displacement is rampant throughout the world.

God promises to restore those who have experienced displacement. We do not always know when or how this will take place. We wait with anticipation— someday we will have a family reunion of joy and celebration. God has promised to be with us in our time of separation. We wait with hope for the fulfillment of that promise when all people will be reunited with their loved ones in a place called home.

**Lord, keep me close in my time of separation from my family, through Christ. Amen.**

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### 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: Honest with Ourselves (Luke 23:32-43). All disciples are invited to gather for the services.

### Kid Pack Needs Your Help

Kid Pack is running out of money and needs your help to continue. There will be serious fundraising going on over the summer to try and fund the 2014-2015 school year, but next month's packing needs your help today. If each Bonfire congregation raises \$1250 by April 15, a matching donation will be given. As of 4/1/14, St. James raised \$770 toward that \$1250 goal. Every donation counts. Thanks in advance for giving so generously to help the area school children.

### Flower Fundraiser

St. James children will be selling hanging baskets and pot fillers in the narthex the mornings of April 6 & 13 as a fundraiser for summer camp. Flowers will be here on Sun., May 4.

#### Mark your Calendar

- 4-5 *Spring Tea*
- 4-12 *First Communion Instruction*
- 4-20 *Easter Worship, 8:45 & 10:00*

#### Easter Flowers

Sunday is the last day to turn in your Easter flower orders. Additional order forms will be available in the narthex on Sunday morning.

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