



St. James Lutheran Church

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

Gospel "E"

Weekly Email Newsletter

August 27, 2014

Devotion "The Truth-teller"

I am with you to save you and deliver you. (Jeremiah 15:20)

Jeremiah was a truth-teller. He made the people of Judah uncomfortable. He told them that their situation was worse than they imagined. He urged them not to count on God to deliver them from their foolishness. In return, the people cried: Don't be such a pessimist! Stop ruining our happiness. Life is good; enjoy it! History proved Jeremiah right, but that was small comfort for all the persecution he endured.

Or was it? When the prophet poured out his frustrations and pain to God, God told him his struggles would go on. At the same time, the Lord reassured him of God's presence. His enemies would not prevail. In a word, God gave Jeremiah the comfort of integrity. We are not always praised for being right. Still, it is better to be right than wrong, whether we get rewarded or not. Our satisfaction comes from within, not without. God's gift of integrity blesses us as well.

Lead me, dear Jesus, to count on your strength rather than relying on the praise of others. Amen.

(From Christ in Our Home, August 28, 2014 based on Jeremiah 15:15-21 © Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission.)

Worship Recommendation Decision

At our congregation's council meeting on August, 18, the worship committee's recommendation that our worship life continue into the fall with one worship service at 9:30 am was accepted and considered carefully. The council also considered the valuable feedback which it had received in the two listening sessions it sponsored on Wednesday night, August 13 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 17 following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. After thoughtful conversation in which many perspectives and preferences were shared, the council voted to adopt the worship committee's recommendation with the following changes and additions:

1. Beginning on Rally Sunday, September 7, 2014, the St. James worship schedule will be worship at **9:00 a.m.**
2. A task force will begin immediately to gather the information and resources needed to create and implement a new worship service at St. James. This worship service will be held at a time and day to be finalized by the council upon receiving the recommendations of the New Worship Task Force. Emily Valentine and Pastor Randy have begun this process at a meeting on Tues., Aug. 18. Please contact Pastor Randy (763-537-3653) or Emily Valentine if you are interested in working on the New Worship Task Force.

Rally Sunday Celebration

Please plan on joining our congregation for a festive, Rally Sunday worship at our new worship time of 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 7! Following worship, Sunday School families are encouraged to register their children for Sunday School and then join the congregation for hotdogs and a potluck picnic on the east deck and lawn. Please bring a dish to pass and your own beverages to the picnic. Our congregation is providing hotdogs and buns. There will be a bounce house and games for the children (and young at heart)! Also come to find out more about the many ministries of our church.

Car Care Saturday Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help change oil and clean vehicles, among other things, for Car Care Saturday, Sept. 13 beginning at 8:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet is outside Pastor Randy's office (or at the Car Care table at the Ministry Fair on Sept. 7).

Mark your Calendar

9-1 Office Closed

9-13 Car Care / Tennis Tournament

KidPack Tennis Tournament

Corey Loken is hosting a tennis tournament to raise money for KidPack on Sat., Sept. 13. For information about playing, contact Corey at 763-234-7838. Donations are accepted at: <http://www.razoo.com/story/Serving-Up-Weekend-Snacks-2014>

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