



# St. James Lutheran Church

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

## Gospel "E"

Weekly Email Newsletter

February 11, 2014

### Weekly Devotion: Promises (Deuteronomy 30:1-9a)

*The Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you. (Deuteronomy 30:3)*

When I was eight years old, I was given an important job. Our soil on the farm needed lime, so my father hired a man to haul in a number of loads of lime and spread it on the field. I was to open and close the gate each time he came with a load and left after spreading it. The delivery man told me "thank you" or nodded politely each time I opened or closed the gate. Then he said, "You do such a good job, I'm going to bring you a candy bar when I come with my last load." A candy bar in those days was like a precious jewel. Anticipation grew as I closed the gate after the final load. I waited for my precious reward, but the driver didn't stop, leaving behind a broken-hearted boy with empty hands.

We often promise God or our friends "I'll do better" or "I'll come to see you soon," and then unintentionally, we forget. A promise is a sacred pact. God promises, "I will never leave you or forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). Jesus extended this promise to his disciples, and they went to their death believing him. They knew he would keep his promise.

**Forgive me, Lord Jesus, for all the promises I have broken and all the hurts I have caused because of them. Amen.**

*(From Christ in Our Home for 2/11/14)*

### Youth Snow Tubing

The St. James youth will go snow tubing at Bandlands Sno-Park in Wisconsin on Sat., Feb. 15. Meet at church at 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$20 plus concessions. Questions can be directed to Ryan Walesch at [ryan.stjamesyouth@gmail.com](mailto:ryan.stjamesyouth@gmail.com).

### Family Skating and Sledding Party

Let's get moving and have some fun! All families are invited to meet at St. James on Sun., Feb. 26 at noon for a soup lunch and then go to Lion's Valley Place Park for an afternoon of sledding and ice skating. Cost for lunch is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Questions can be directed to Shayna Anderson at [sanderson@stjamesincrystal.org](mailto:sanderson@stjamesincrystal.org).

### Men's Fellowship Dinner

House of Hope will be hosting the next quarterly Men's Fellowship Dinner on Sun., Feb. 23 at 5:00 p.m.

The guest entertainer will be ventriloquist Kevin Doely. He has been making people laugh for many years and is a pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Fridley, as well as an author and musician.

Please sign up on the sheet available on the round table in the narthex. Cost is \$10 and is due by Feb. 16. All men are invited, so spread the word to your family and friends!

#### Mark your Calendar

- 2-15 *Men's Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.*
- 2-16 *No 9:57!*
- 2-23 *Family Sledding Party, noon*

#### Statements for Taxes

End of year giving statements are not mailed out, so if you would like it as you prepare your taxes please stop in to get it in the narthex.

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