



St. James Lutheran Church

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

Gospel "E"

Weekly Email Newsletter

February 25, 2014

Weekly Devotion: At Peace With God (Matthew 6:24-34)

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life. (6:25)

Humans are prone to worry, especially about the future, because life takes many unexpected twists and turns. It's as if we believe that focusing on our worry will make us better prepared should the worst happen. Jesus cautions against allowing anxiety to overtake our lives, because anxiety magnifies the smallest events into catastrophes. Not only does much of what we worry about never happen, worry uses energy that could be put to better use.

In place of worry, Jesus encourages us to trust. That doesn't mean we'll have everything we think we should or that life will be easy, but we will be more at peace. We'll have more clarity about when we need to act and when we need to hold still. We'll be given deeper understanding about which plans are part of God's leading and which stem from our anxiety.

To choose not to worry requires a tremendous amount of trust. Trust requires that we walk with God and learn something about God's faithfulness. Through the ups and downs of life, we learn God can be counted on to have our good at heart.

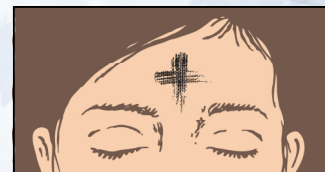
Your love, O God, gives me everything I need. Thank you, in Jesus' name. Amen.

(From Christ in Our Home for 2/24/14)

Ash Wednesday and Lenten Worship

Lent on Ash Wednesday (March 5) with the imposition of ashes at both the **12:30 p.m.** and **7:00 p.m.** worship services. Please note the daytime service time change.

Beginning the following week (March 12), 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.



Butter Braid Sales Are Now Underway

The youth will be selling Butter Braids on Sunday mornings in the narthex, or you are welcome to contact one of the youth or the church office to place your order. Orders will be accepted through noon on Sun., Mar. 16. Cost is \$12 each. Money is due upon ordering. Varieties include strawberry cream cheese, apple, cinnamon, blueberry cream cheese, almond cream, raspberry, or caramel rolls.

Butter braids will be available for pick-up on Sun., Apr. 13 (the Sunday before Easter). Have family coming into town? This is a great breakfast treat for guests!

The butter braid fundraiser is held annually just before Easter. So now is the time to stock up until next year!

Proceeds benefit youth summer camp and trips at St. James. Matching funds provided by Thrivent Northwest Minneapolis Chapter.

Mark your Calendar

- 3-5 *Ash Wednesday worship, 12:30 & 7:00 p.m.*
- 3-14 *Sr. High Lock-in*
- 3-21 *Family Movie Night, 6:30 p.m.*

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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