



# St. James Lutheran Church

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

## Gospel "E"

Weekly Email Newsletter

February 5, 2014

### Weekly Devotion: My other sheep (Psalm 112:1-10)

*Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid. (Psalm 112:8)*

He lived alone in a building most people would label a shack. He had some sheep and felt responsible for each one. Instead of always going outside to check on them, he drilled a small hole in his windowless wall that was at eye level from a reclining position on his couch. From there he could check on his flock as he took it easy. He never told me how he kept track of them at night, but he told me, "I ain't never lost one yet."

Faithfulness comes in many sizes, and often we are not aware of who the faithful ones are. This man had a Bible and used it. He only saw the inside of a church at funerals, but he possessed a simple and uncluttered faith in God. To realize we are loved by God is one of the greatest securities we possess. God doesn't always remove our pain and sorrow, but the Lord helps us work through it. God doesn't always expect us to understand, but the Lord does ask us to trust. We don't have all the answers, but we are loved by the one who has them.

**In all things, Lord Jesus, help me to realize that you have not forgotten me. Amen.**

*(From Christ in Our Home for 2/7/14)*

### Children's Ministry Survey

Families and St. James community we want your input! Please complete the survey by *February 9* at the link here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8Y5QFWT> (Paper copies are located in the narthex.)

### Bonfire Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Bonfire Ministry will be this Sunday, Feb. 9 at 1:00 p.m. at House of Hope Lutheran Church. All are welcome to attend.

### 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*

#### Second Sunday Singers

Come early to the first worship service to rehearse and sing in the pick up choir that sings the second Sunday of each month. All are welcome at 8:15 a.m..

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