



St. James Lutheran Church

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

Gospel "E"

Weekly Email Newsletter

January 29, 2014

Weekly Devotion: Honor and respect (Psalm 15)

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right. (Psalm 29:2)

Two elderly bachelor brothers, Sam and Alfred, lived together. Sam was one of the fiddlers in our five-member band, where the oldest was ninety-two and the youngest was fifty-eight. Their fear of germs kept them confined to their home most of the winter. Sam and Alfred requested Communion each month, and I looked forward to seeing them. Their home was immaculate. Each had his favorite chair. They sat attentively during the service. Alfred in his hard-back rocker and Sam in his worn leather chair. Their eyes never left me through the entire service, and I was awed by their rapt attention.

Immediately following the final "Amen," they slowly arose and silently shook my hand. They didn't do this because they thought I was such hot stuff, but out of deep respect for the Word of God. They sensed the deep meaning of the words, "This is my body" and "This is my blood." For them, these words truly were the power that gave them life and the reason they were alive. As I walked quietly to the door, they each laid a hand on my shoulder and said, "Thank you."

Lord of compassion, help me to live by your Word and honor you in everything I do, through Christ. Amen.

(From Christ in Our Home for 1/31/14)

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> (Copies are also located in the narthex/lobby.)

End of Year Giving Statements

End of the year contributor statements are available in the narthex. You may want as you prepare your taxes, so please pick it up. 2014 offering envelopes are also in the narthex.

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

1-26 *Annual Meeting & Potluck, noon*

1-27 *Over 55's at Old Country Buffet, 11:30 a.m.*

Kid Pack Assemblers Receive Award

The kid pack assemblers were surprised on Tues., Jan. 28 as the mayor of New Hope presented them with the Good Citizen Award. Way to go!

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