



St. James Lutheran Church

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

Gospel "E"

Weekly Email Newsletter

January 8, 2014

Weekly Devotion: A gentle ox

A bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench. (Isaiah 42:3)

My dad was as strong as an ox, maybe stronger. One memory of his strength stands out for me. One of my older brothers was born with Spina Bifida. For a baby born in 1940, this condition spelled many tough challenges, including a shortened lifespan. One Saturday in 1953, Dad drove across the state of Wisconsin to take my two brothers and me to a Milwaukee Braves baseball game. I remember feeling very proud that we had tickets for seats in the upper deck, where we'd have a great view of the game. Gently and unselfconsciously, Dad hoisted thirteen-year-old Chris with his right arm and carried him up to our seats as we tagged along behind. Dad provided me with an early model of strength gentle enough to support those who are vulnerable. I can't remember much about the baseball game, but Dad's example has stayed with me for life. By example, Dad taught me to use what strengths I have— physical, mental, or spiritual— for the good of others.

Holy Savior, teach me to know my strengths, so that I can use them for the good of my sisters and brothers and all creation. Amen.

(From Christ in Our Home for 1/9/14)

Bishop Ann Svennungsen To Visit St. James Sunday Evening

St. James Call Committee has finished developing a Ministry Site Profile, a way we describe ourselves as we are engaged in finding our new pastor.

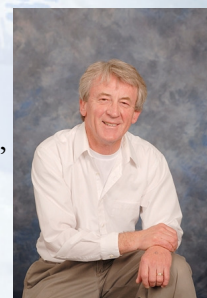
On Sun., Jan. 12 at 7:00 p.m., Bishop Ann Svennungsen will join us to listen deeply to what we are thinking and wanting, and to share her thoughts about this pastoral search. Please join us for this most important time together.

If you are in need of a ride, please contact the church office at 763-537-3653.



Gary Heil to Lead Music Sunday

We are excited to welcome back Gary Heil to lead the music at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sun., Jan. 12. We hope you can join us for worship and Gary's great guitar music.



Mark your Calendar

1-26 *Annual Meeting & Potluck, noon*

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

Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Mon., Jan. 20 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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