



St. James Lutheran Church

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

Gospel "E"

Weekly Email Newsletter

July 28, 2014

Pastoral Devotion

Beloved in Christ,

Last Sunday, Jesus invited us to imagine what the Kingdom of Heaven may be like, and to imagine that it is breaking open in our lives. This week, Jesus invites to consider the nature of power and how we can exercise our power in the world. Gerhard Frost offers one poetic perspective:

*If I am asked
What are my grounds for hope,
This is my answer:
Light is lord over darkness,
Truth is lord over falsehood,
Life is Lord over death.
Of all the facts I daily live with,
There's none more comforting
Than this: If I have two rooms,
One dark, the other light,
And I open the door between them,
The dark room becomes lighter
Without the light room becoming darker. I know
This is no headline,
But it's a marvelous footnote;
And God comforts me in that.*

*Grace and peace,
Pastor Randy*

9:57 (Sunday School) Registrations

Registrations for 9:57 (Sunday School) for children age 3 to 5th grade are available on the bulletin board outside the church office, or online at <http://www.stjamesincrystal.org/957.htm>. Rally Day kicks off the 9:57 year on Sun., Sept. 7 at 9:57 a.m. in Wold Hall.

If you have any questions, contact Pastor Kristen Brechler at 763-537-3653 or kbrechler@stjamesincrystal.org.

KidPack Fundraiser on August 17

Shop at Frattalone's Ace Hardware and help KidPack! Mark Jennings, manager, and his wife, Dorothy Tischer, at Frattalone's on 36th and Winnetka, will donate to the KidPack program for purchases made on **Sunday, August 17th** (store hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

They will donate \$1.00 for any purchase, or \$2.00 for a purchase of \$10.00 or more (pre-tax). There is no need to keep any receipts; the store will keep track of sales and inform KidPack of the results.

At Frattalone's large garden center and paint department, you are certain to find things you need.

If you have questions, please contact Al Anderson of First Lutheran Church of Crystal at 763-537-1876. Thank you for your support of the KidPack Program.

Mark your Calendar

- 8-3 *Camp Onomia kids leave*
- 8-6 *Youth trip leaves*
- 8-10 *Pr. Randy Installation service*
- 8-16 *Men's Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.*

Forest School Supplies

During the month of August, St. James will be collecting school supplies for Forest Elementary School. Please watch for sales and bring donations in by August 31. Thanks for helping prepare these kids!

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