



St. James Lutheran Church

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

Gospel "E"

Weekly Email Newsletter

June 11, 2014

Weekly Devotion: 'Waiting for the Light'

Darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. (Genesis 1:2)

Rising from bed, I peek out the curtains each morning to assess the day. Seeing the sun lifts my spirit, and I step lightly into the new day. Seeing rain and clouds stirs a different impression, but they should not, not for a person of faith. So, sometimes I whisper an ancient prayer against the darkness, hoping it will lift my spirit: *I give you thanks, living and everlasting God, for you have restored my soul. Great is your faithfulness.*

The prayer turns my soul to the Source of life, thanking God for waking me and giving me life one more time. It invites gratitude for another day to step into a universe where the wind of God's Spirit sweeps across the face of the earth, caressing each leaf, every grain of sand, and every human heart.

The Spirit restores our souls with joy, stirring us to yearn for the gentle light of God's new creation to fill the earth and chase away every darkness. The wind of God's life blows afresh each day, waking us and inviting us to peer out our windows...in hope.

I give you thanks, living and everlasting God, for you have restored my soul. Great is your faithfulness, through Christ. Amen.

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Potluck Picnic Following Worship

There will be a potluck picnic following worship at 9:30 a.m. on Sun., June 22. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy some outdoor fellowship.

Pastor Randy To Begin July 21

St. James has voted to call Pastor Randall Romsdahl as the next Senior Pastor. He will begin in the office on Mon., July 21. There will be a Bonfire Ministry bonfire at St. James on Sun., July 27 at 6:30 p.m. Please come welcome him to St. James and introduce yourself!

Updated Church Directory

St. James will be creating a new directory! This project will require some volunteer effort. If you would be willing to volunteer a few hours of your time, please contact the church office at office@stjamesincrystal.org. We are looking for people to help with portrait sign ups on Sunday mornings in June and greeting our families during photography the week of **July 21-25**. This would be a great opportunity for student community service hours!

Please notify us of any changes to address, phone, or email so the directory can have the most updated information!

Photo session sign-up is now available online at www.stjamesincrystal.org.

Mark your Calendar

- 6-21 *Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m.*
- 6-23 *Day Camp Begins at 9 a.m.*
- 6-29 *Bonfire's bonfire at First 6:30 p.m.*

Day Camp

Day Camp for children age 5 through 5th grade is set for June 23-26. Registrations will be taken through June 15; if enough children are not registered camp will be canceled.

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