



St. James Lutheran Church

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

Gospel "E"

Weekly Email Newsletter

May 28, 2014

Weekly Devotion: 'How Can I Keep from Singing'

Sing to God, sing praises to his name (Psalm 68:4)

Have you ever caught yourself humming or whistling a tune while washing dishes, fixing a leaky faucet, or weeding the garden? Perhaps the words of a favorite hymn have popped into your mind while driving the car or taking a walk.

Music does play an important role in our lives. We sing the alma maters of our educational institutions. We sing our national anthem at sports events. We sing along with musicians at their concerts. At times, we are moved to tears when a well-loved song or hymn evokes strong memories and touches us deeply. Certainly, singing can be a response to our thoughts and feelings.

The Book of Psalms is filled with different types of songs. Responding to many of the significant events recorded in the Old Testament, the psalms are songs of thanksgiving, praise, wonder, confession, lament, and even despair. Whether written for the individual or for corporate worship, each one praises and gives thanks to our loving God, who is with us as we travel through life. Join in the song. Sing to God.

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of music. Help me to use my voice to praise you always. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Summer Worship Continues

St. James will continue with one worship service on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Adult Ed will be held at 10:45 a.m. This schedule will continue through August 31.

Congregational Meeting June 1

The Senior Pastor Call Committee has chosen a final candidate and the council has given their approval. Now it's up to **YOU** to vote and make it official.

The congregational vote on the Senior Pastor candidate will be **Sun., June 1 at 10:45 a.m.** in the worship center (following worship at 9:30).

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

5-31 *Car Care Saturday*

6-1 *Congregational Meeting, 10:45 a.m.*

6-8 *Pentecost Sunday*

Garage Sale

St. James is hosting a garage sale at Tim & Becki Smith's home (4301 Washburn Ave N., Minneapolis) May 30-31. If you'd like to help call 612-812-2022.

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