

Pew's News

January 1, 2012
Happy New Year!

Reflecting the Light of Christ in Crystal

St. James Lutheran Church, Crystal, Minnesota

www.stjamesincrystal.org

Welcome Pastor Christopher Kinney!

Today we welcome Pastor Christopher Kinney as our guest preacher. He was ordained in 1999 and has served parishes in the South Bronx, New York City; Frankfurt, Germany; and Winthrop, Minnesota. Currently, Pastor Chris is on leave from call attends Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights and provides pastoral supply and counseling in the Twin Cities metro area.

Pastoral Vacations

Pastor David & Pastor Jill are on vacation and will return on January 2. In case of an emergency, contact Pastor Chris Bellefeuille from Valley of Peace Lutheran at 763-218-7864.

Youth Fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings

The next restaurant fundraiser for the St. James youth will be Mon., Jan. 16, 3:00-9:00 p.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings in Crystal.

You **must present the ticket** located on the name tag table in order for St. James to get 10% of each food order.

Annual Meeting January 29

The annual meeting of St. James Lutheran Church will be held on Sun., Jan. 29. A potluck meal will be held at noon, with the meeting beginning at 12:30 p.m.

If you plan to attend the potluck, please sign the sheet in the narthex indicating a main dish, salad, or dessert. Volunteers are also asked to help with set-up.

Kid Pack Packing Day

Our next packing day for the weekend Kid Packs is Tues., Jan. 3, 4-7 p.m. We pack at Emergency Food Network: 8501 54th Avenue North in New Hope. (*On 54th between Boone and Winnetka Avenues.*)

Volunteers are needed! Please contact Cassie Marino (763-504-4980 or cassie_marino@rdale.org) if you are available and would like to assist with packing. Please wear comfortable clothing and closed toe shoes.

Not Just Any Calendar!

Have you checked out the 2012 Bonfire Ministry Calendar now available in our narthex? It's full of pictures of the three Bonfire churches: St. James, First Lutheran, and House of Hope. The calendars were produced as a celebration of our work together as well as a fundraiser to support that important work.

We have much to be grateful for with our Bonfire Ministry collaboration. **Please make a generous donation of support to our collaboration in 2012** and take a calendar or two. If you don't need it, share it with your neighbor. It would be the Bonfire thing to do. Yes, God does keep blessing this collaboration. Thank you for your support!

Pr. David Lechelt

Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed Mon., Jan. 2 for the New Year holiday.

9:57 Update

Happy New Year! 9:57 does not meet today. We will see you next Sunday (January 8 at 9:57 a.m.)... bring a friend and let us SURPRISE you!

Offering Envelopes

2012 offering envelopes are now available in the narthex. Please take your set of envelopes today.

CPR Training in January

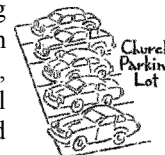
A CPR and AED training session will be held Sat., Jan. 14, 9:00 a.m.—noon. Contact John Lindstrom if you would like to attend: john3990@hotmail.com.

Decoration Change

Volunteers are needed to take down Christmas decorations on Sat., Jan. 14 at 9:00 a.m. All help is welcomed!

Parking Information

When coming to church on Sunday mornings, please be mindful of those who need to park closer to the church entrance.



This Week's Events

Sunday, January 1:

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, January 2:

Office Closed

7:00 p.m. Property Committee

Tuesday, January 3:

4:00 p.m. Kid Pack

5:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

6:30 p.m. Bells

7:00 p.m. Kung Fu / Book Club

Wednesday, January 4:

6:00 p.m. Youth / Nominating

7:00 p.m. Choir / G.A. / Gam-Anon

Thursday, January 5:

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl

1:00 p.m. Archives

5:15 p.m. Yoga

7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Friday, January 6:

9:30 a.m. Bulletin Stuffers

4:00 p.m. Violin

7:00 p.m. Kung Fu

Saturday, January 7:

Sunday, January 8:

8:15 a.m. Second Sunday Singers

8:45 a.m. ELW worship

9:47 a.m. Adult Ed / Surprise Sunday

11:00 a.m. Now the Feast worship

Last Sunday's Statistics

- Mission & Ministry: \$7,871
Received to date: \$357,695
- Capital Fund: \$991
Received to date: \$80,346
- Special Offering (*Home Free*): \$258
- Attendance: 73

St. James Staff

Pastor David Lechelt (952-913-0852)

Pastor Jill Bergman (651-269-0266)

Shayna Anderson, Family Ministry

Lana Teigen, Financial Coordinator

Amanda Burns, Dir. of Communications

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Adult Ed Schedule

Adult Ed is held on Sundays at 9:57 a.m. in the Peter & Paul room. All are welcome to attend! No adult ed on Sunday, Jan. 1. Adult ed will resume as usual with Pastor David on January 8. Enjoy the season with your family!

Pledge Cards

It's not too late to turn in your 2012 pledge card. We welcome you to place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. Thank you!

Outreach Partner: Loaves & Fishes

Loaves and Fishes began in 1982 at three sites in the Twin Cities metro area; there are now eight sites. St. James in partnership with House of Hope serves meals every third Thursday of the month at River of Life Lutheran Church (22nd and Fremont Ave. N.)

In 2011 our team served an average of 159 individuals meals (plus second and third helpings). The total meals were 1,930 at \$.73 per meal. St. James members prepare the meal at 2:00, then House of Hope and St. James members serve the meal from 5:30-6:30 with time to clean up. There is always a need for more volunteers! You can volunteer on a regular basis or as a substitute. Please contact Fern Schneider or Emily Hauan to volunteer.

More information about Loaves & Fishes is available in the display case and on the bulletin board. Thank you for your support for these past 28 years; let us continue to fund this program.

Summer Camp 2012

Many families begin to make their summer plans early in the year, so we want to help you get a jump start with dates for camp.

Day Camp – Mark your calendars for June 25-28. Ages 5 through 5th grade are welcome. More details to come!

Camp at Luther Park in Danbury, WI—Registrations and the camp schedule are available now on the bulletin board outside the church office. Children as young as 1st grade can attend overnight camp! Costs, dates and times vary. Sign up by March 31st and get an early-bird discount from St. James!

The Page Turners

January's pick: Canoeing with the Cree by Eric Sevareid.

Sevareid made his name as a CBS news correspondent. But at a young age, Sevareid experienced an adventure most only dream of. In 1930, as a teenager fresh out of a Minneapolis high school, he took a 2,200-mile canoe trip to Canada's Hudson Bay with friend Walter Port. Sevareid detailed the journey in his book "Canoeing with the Cree." [by Tim Post, Minnesota Public Radio]

January's Book Club Meeting: Tues., Jan. 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Peter and Paul room. Join us! All are welcome.

February's pick: Freakonomics: a rogue economist explores the hidden side of everything by Steven D. Levitt & Stephen J. Dubner.

Worship Times

Worship each Sunday is held at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The education hour begins at 9:57 a.m.

January Herald

The January Herald newsletter is ready to be picked up near the front door.

Note to Compassion International Sponsors

Sponsors, did you know that you can now write to your sponsored child by logging in to compassion.com? They have an awesome new tool to use! You pick from different stationery templates, write your letter, upload pictures from your computer and click send! It's quick, easy and perhaps will help you (like it helps me) remember to write to and pray for your sponsored child. Check it out if you haven't already. If you're not a Compassion sponsor and would like to know more about it, contact Shayna Anderson or Pastor Jill Bergman!

-Shayna Anderson,
Dir. Of Family Ministry

Church Office Hours

The church office is open Mon-Thurs. 7:15 a.m.—4:30 p.m. and Fri. 7:30-10:00 a.m.