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**SUNDAYS THROUGH MAY 18**  
 7:30, 9 & 10:30 am  
 Nursery Care at 9 & 10:30 am  
 Sunday School & Adult Formation 10 am

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**  
 7 pm Holy Eucharist  
 Nursery Care at 6 pm



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*Gathering in Love to Serve*

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People of the Parish

The Ministers

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With all the cares and occupations of this life have we forgotten that we are constantly walking in the Lord's sight? Do you find yourself placing your trust in earthly things only to be let down when they fail you? Throughout the ages, God has shown God's self to be trustworthy of placing our entire life into the tender hands of the Holy One. While infomercials and politicians beckon us to place our faith in them, I will be putting my trust in Jesus.

## Luke 12

**25-28** "Has anyone by fussing before the mirror ever gotten taller by so much as an inch? If fussing can't even do that, why fuss at all? Walk into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They don't fuss with their appearance—but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them. If God gives such attention to the wildflowers, most of them never even seen, don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you?"

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*Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

(Book of Common Prayer, the General Thanksgiving)



**SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS MEMORIAL WEEKEND, SUNDAY, MAY 25**  
Sunday worship times change to 8 am & 10 am. Care for children under age 5 will be available Sundays during the 10 am liturgy only. The Wednesday evening healing Eucharist continues year 'round at 7 pm, with care available for children under age 5.

Wherever you are on your faith journey...St. John's welcomes you.

ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAY  
*All Are Welcome!*

**Sunday Mornings, 10 am in the Parlor**

**On May 4** Carolyn Fick, Veterans Administration Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult Mental Health, will discuss issues with reentry of military personnel & their families following extensive tours of military duty. How can we as members of the community be part of efforts to improve the return to civilian life for these people? Join us for this presentation & discussion.

**On May 11 & 18** (ending June 1) Mark Thorson, member & Bethel University Professor, presents a new series, *Cities of Earth & Heaven*, about the often misunderstood concept of separation of church & state. The topic is especially timely in this election year. Join us!

**Wednesday Evenings**

**5:30 pm** Light Suppers continue through May 21. Please join us for a BBQ & potluck for our final Wednesday evening.

**6 pm Options**

**New series for May:** Join new member & fitness professional Stacy Sola for *Fitness Fusion*, a combination of meditation & body movement to Christian & other upbeat music. Wear comfortable clothes & shoes; bring a mat if you have one. Sign up in the Parish Hall so we know how many to expect! Call Rev. Marilyn, ext. 16, with questions.

***The Community of the Cross of Nails*** continues through May 7. Based on a worldwide reconciliation movement which began following World War II, it is a very powerful series leading us to reconciliation in our individual lives as well as in our faith & public communities.

**On May 14**, join us for recent PBS video, *Colorblind*, in which a 1960's Detroit class reunite & discuss how their teacher & classmates successfully negotiated integration amid the racial tensions of the community.

**Early Notice**

At 9 am Sunday, June 8 we welcome our own Alison Feigh, Child Safety Specialist with the Jacob Wetterling Foundation, former Youth & Children's Minister here at St. John's, and now author of two new children's books. She will discuss the books and the broader topic of child safety. A reception, book sale & signing will follow 10 am worship.

PASSAGES

BAPTISM

Makenzie Victoria Zacharias  
3/22/2008

MARRIAGE

Barry William Kostyk &  
Patti Marie Becker 4/12/2008

GET OUT YOUR  
GARDEN GLOVES!

Join fellow parishioners & Boy Scout Troop 494 Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9 am - 1 pm for St. John's Historic Cemetery Spring Cleanup on the SE corner of White Bear Ave & South Shore Blvd. The scouts will grill out for all in attendance. Please bring your own lawn care hand tools, such as rakes.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN  
SPRING GRANTS

All grant requests must be submitted in writing to Pat Pickering, ECW President, by May 8<sup>th</sup>. Place your request in the Episcopal Church Women mail slot, or mail it to the church, Attention: Pat Pickering. The Episcopal Church Women will award their Spring Grants on May 15<sup>th</sup>.



## Bible Readings

Thursday, May 1, noon  
Ascension Day

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

Sunday, May 4, 7:30, 9 & 10:30

Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

Sunday, May 11, 7:30, 9 & 10:30

Day of Pentecost  
Mother's Day  
Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30  
Psalm 104:25-35, 37b  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21  
John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Sunday, May 18, 7:30, 9 & 10:30

Trinity Sunday  
Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
Psalm 8, or Canticle 2 or 13  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, May 25, 8:00 & 10:00

Summer Schedule Begins  
Memorial Day Weekend  
Isaiah 49:8-16a  
Psalm 131  
1 Corinthians 4:1-5  
Matthew 6:24-34

*Underlined verses  
are read by the Lector during the  
family-friendly liturgy.*

## DEAR MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S,

I am so excited to be back with you again this summer! I have completed my studies and have graduated from the Marriage and Family Therapy master's program and I am now working toward licensure as a marriage and family therapist. I will be working with individuals, couples, and families who would like to come and see me this summer. If you are interested in these services, please call me at 651/208-9829.

Thank you and God bless you all,  
Kate Walsh

## PENTECOST, THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH

This year Pentecost falls on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11. Please wear something red to help us celebrate the birthday of the Church.

## NO COFFEE AFTER WORSHIP ON 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAYS BEGINNING MAY 18???

If you can make coffee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday monthly, please call Joann Smith, 651/439-1568.

Thank you Coffee Makers on other Sundays: Mary & Jim Bartley and Sandy Stevenson (1<sup>st</sup>), Kim Johnson & Joanna Torgerson (2<sup>nd</sup>), Janet Kelber & Joann Smith (4<sup>th</sup>), and Helen Kissel & Nance Purcell (5<sup>th</sup>).

## WELCOMING NEWS

Marketfest is coming! This year's is 7 weeks beginning Thursday, June 19 (exception: Wednesday, July 2, due to the holiday). Sign up in the Parish Hall to reserve your evening! Contact Jason Knauss, 651/426-3535, or Becky & Glenn Monson, 651/771-6810, if you have questions.

## TUBMAN FAMILY ALLIANCE MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>

St. John in the Wilderness is sponsoring its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ingathering for Hill House, a women's shelter located in Lake Elmo, which provides a safe place for women & children transitioning to new lives and violence-free living.

Under the direction of the Tubman Family Alliance, Hill House offers a full range of services including providing needed items to women & children fleeing family violence.

We invite you to contribute bath & hygiene kits, new clothing, baby supplies & household items in support of these families.

Please mark your calendar. Blessings!

## THE GEHRENBECK RETIREMENT PARTY

Helen & David Gehrenbeck will retire on July 1<sup>st</sup>. We invite everyone to attend a party Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> to celebrate their ten years of music ministry to St. John's.

A social hour will begin at 6 pm. A dinner catered by the Lake Elmo Inn will be served at 7 pm. The cost for the dinner is \$20 per person.

All active parishioners will be mailed an invitation, including a reservation form & return envelope, the first week of May. Please mark your calendars and come to the party to celebrate with Helen & David.

# St John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church-May 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sundays thru 5/18 7:30 am Eucharist (no music) 9 am Family-friendly Eucharist Childcare to age 5 avail 9 & 10:30 10 am Christian Education, & Sr. High Youth Group (St. Bernard's Room) 10:30 am Choral Eucharist 11:30 am Handbell Choir (St. Cecilia's Room)	Every Monday Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline		Every Wednesday 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Light Supper (thru 5/21) 6:00 pm Nursery Care, Youth Choir, & Adult Education 6:15 pm Confirmation (thru 5/14) 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group thru (5/14) 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	1 Ascension Day Noon Holy Eucharist Rummage Preparation	2 9 am Rummage Sale (Parish Hall) until 3 pm	3 9 am Cemetery Cleanup to 1 pm 9 am Rummage Sale (Parish Hall) until noon
4 Guest Preacher at 9& 10:30 Dean Simrill 9 am Holy Baptism 11:45 am BeFriends	5 Clergy Conference Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline 7 pm Outreach Committee Meeting (Parlor) All are welcome!	6 Clergy Conference 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group (Parish Hall) 2:30 pm Holy Eucharist (Cerenity) 4 pm Executive Committee Meeting (Fireplace Room) 6:30 pm Altar Guild Meeting (Parlor)	7 See Every Wednesday above Clergy Conference	8	9 2 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (Parish Hall) until 7 pm	10 11 am Regional Confirmation (St. Mark's Cathedral, Mpls)
11 Pentecost Mother's Day Hill Home Ingathering Please wear something red for Pentecost	12 Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline	13 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group (Parish Hall)	14 See Every Wednesday above 7:30 pm Ministry Forum (Parlor) A representative of each ministry, committee or group is expected; all are welcome!	15 June Voice deadline 7:45 am Kids Hope Mentors Breakfast (O. H. Anderson Elementary, Mahtomedi) 9 am Episcopal Church Women Board Meeting (Parlor)	16 4 pm Youth Mission Trip Overnight (Camp Heartland, Willow River, MN)	17 Youth return from Camp Heartland; Overnight (St. John in the Wilderness)
18 Trinity Sunday 9 am Baccalaureate 11:45 am Healing Team Meeting (St. Luke's Room) Noon Vestry Meeting (St. Cecelia's Room) 5 pm Confirmation Banquet	19 Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline	20 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group (Parish Hall)	21 See Every Wednesday above 10:15 am Holy Eucharist (St. Andrew's Village) 11:30 Retired Men's Group Lunch (Keys, downtown WBL) 7:30 pm Good Grief Group	22 5 pm Wedding Rehearsal	23 4 pm Wedding	24
25 Summer Schedule Begins 8 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Holy Eucharist	26 Memorial Day Office Closed Noon Small Voice bulletin insert deadline	27 9 am Tuesday Morning Originals Watercolor Painting Group (Parish Hall)	28 See Every Wednesday above 7:30pm CanSurmount cancer support group (Parlor)	29 2:30 pm Holy Eucharist (Cerenity)	30	31 Out to Lunch (Parish Hall)

# St John's Lay Liturgical Ministry-May 2008

LAY READER	LECTOR	LEM	ACOLYTES	LAY HEALER	USHER(S)	GREETER(S)	ALTAR GUILD	VERGER
Noon Thursday  Judy Kroesch	May 1	Ascension Day  Mary Whitney					Gere Letourneau Lynn Gadbois Alice McClaren Meg Thorson	
4  7:30 June Bennett  10:30 Randy Johnson	7:30 Marge Polanek  9:00 Will Long  10:30 Jim Delamater	Wed 7, 7 pm June Bennett 7:30 Jane Kyle 9:00 Linda Monyak Janet Waller 10:30 Pris Campbell	9:00 E. Mahoney Moertels 10:30 L. McCarthy S. Kraning	9:00 Dianne  10:30 Cathryn	7:30 Ken Whitney 9:00 Cossalters  10:30 Johnsons	9:00 Holtzes  10:30 Krista Sullivan	Jane Kyle Pris Campbell June Hochbrunn Barb VanSteen	Dennis Thoenke
11  7:30 Bob Peck  10:30 Jill Todd	7:30 June Bennett  9:00 Caryn Thor  10:30 Laurel Stiebler	Wed 14, 7 pm Ken Paddock 7:30 Mary Whitney 9:00 Susie Mahoney Barb VanSteen 10:30 Greg Schmit	9:00 Thors J. Markoe 10:30 L. DuFresne S. Bartley S. Sears	9:00 Dianne  10:30 Sherri	7:30 Ken Whitney 9:00 Canterburys  10:30 Jim Hartmeister Mike Gerlach	9:00 Terry Rooney  10:30 Linda Wadell	Joann Smith Cyndi Domin Alice Fagley Pat Pickering	Margaret Thor
18  7:30 Joe Afryl  10:30 Joyce Anderson	7:30 Sherri Afryl  9:00 John Fennig  10:30 Barb Kraning	Wed 21, 7 pm Linda Monyak 7:30 June Bennett 9:00 Bari Chilton Ed Chilton 10:30 Judy Kroesch	9:00 Longs Whillocks 10:30 K. Paddock Mariers	9:00 Mary  10:30 Krissa	7:30 Ken Whitney 9:00 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Graders  10:30 Mark Hosfield Jim Marier	9:00 Kobinskis  10:30 Longs	Gayle Kasmani Judy Kroesch Gere Letourneau Alice McClaren	John Brunner
25  8:00 Harvey Caldwell  10:00 Tim Hadley	8:00 David Gadbois  10:00 Helen Kissel	Wed 28, 7 pm Bob Peck 8:00 Jane Kyle Mary Whitney 10:00 Jim Petersen Pris Campbell	10:00 T. Young Karps Todds	8:00 Sherri  10:00 Amy	8:00 Ken Whitney Linda Carpenter 10:00 Domins DeSmets	8:00 Anne Herron  10:00 DeSmets	Bette Smeed Peggy Holper Anne Johnson Barb Merrill	Bryan DeSmet

**Ushers Note** Linda Carpenter has taken over usher-scheduling duties. If you have a scheduling conflict, please contact Linda, lthompson@kennedy-graven.com, or 651/773-5548. Linda will do her best to work out conflicts, but those brought to her attention at least three weeks in advance have the best chance of rescheduling. Thank you Chris Hawley for all of the hard work with the ushers over the past several months!



# Stewardship Update

## First Quarter Offerings

	Actual	Budget
<b>Pledges</b>	110,289	118,000
<b>Plate</b>	1,890	2,000
<b>Non Pledge</b>	4,044	600
<b>Holy Days</b>	1,492	2,525
<b>Prior Year</b>	4,495	2,000

**Plate** offerings are cash not attributable to a specific person.

**Non Pledge** includes checks from newcomers who haven't yet pledged St. John's, or cash placed by them in envelopes on which they have written their names.

**Holy Days** include Ash Wednesday & Easter, and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter may be affected by their timing.

**Prior Year** is catch up contributions from pledgers who had fallen behind at year end.

### AGAPE UPDATE

An estimated 150 people enjoyed the traditional Easter Eve meal. A very large thanks goes to all who participated in its preparation: Molly, Jim, & Ellen Anthony; Bari, Ed, & Sarah Chilton; Mary Gorbatenko; Angie Gordon; Janet Kelber; Jen Kobinski; Vic & Maddie Lee; Melanie & Rich Lee; Nance Purcell; Mark & Rosa Sears; Joann Smith; Cheryl Sticha; Kate Vincent; John Vruno; the Grill Meisters: John, Pete, & Zach.

This year we cooked 4 legs of lamb and introduced Plaki, a Greek seafood-vegetable casserole.

Thanks also goes to all the behind-the-scenes workers who helped with the clean-up and anyone else I possibly missed. To all those who shared this meal with your friends and neighbors, thanks. It was indeed a privilege to serve such a great family.

George Gorbatenko

### THANKS FROM THE MEMORIAL & GIFT COMMITTEE FOR GIFTS RECEIVED IN APRIL

...in memory of Betty Murphy and Nance Brown, for the Youth Endowment Fund & St. John's Heritage Fund (with the Saint Paul Foundation), many donations for the Children's Home Society & Family Services, 2 gifts for our parish through the United Way, and stained glass window covers gifted by Constance Kunin and Joan Gardner. Thank you so very much for helping support our church and its programs.





## May Birthdays

- 1 Barbara MacKenzie
- 1 Ann Watson
- 3 Megan Mahoney
- 4 Barbara Anderson
- 5 Carolyn Johnson
- 6 Donald Levin
- 6 Michael Marier
- 6 Wendy Muscanto
- 7 Thomas Carroll
- 7 Betty Chappell
- 8 Emy Marier
- 8 James Zinter
- 12 Kyle Peterson
- 13 Corey Domin
- 13 Charles Power
- 14 James Hartmeister
- 14 Maxine Kobinski
- 14 Dustin Reichert
- 14 Peter Schneider
- 14 Addie Zinter
- 15 Susan Larson
- 16 Linda Thompson-Carpenter
- 18 Sherri Afryl
- 20 Lara Dufresne
- 20 Doris Weinhagen
- 21 Debra Cossalter
- 21 Kyle Domin
- 23 Robert Cessna
- 23 Elizabeth Uppgren
- 25 Molly Kroesch
- 25 Marion Sanford
- 26 Ellis Pope
- 27 Stephen Moertel
- 28 Richard Fiddle
- 28 Alyssa Maloney
- 28 Bryan Vickstrom
- 29 Molly Anthony
- 29 Lois Hildebrandt
- 31 Alice McClaren

If you have a birthday this month but are not listed, please contact the church with your date of birth. Records are not always complete.

*Thank you.*

## Kids Hope USA Spring Event

The multipurpose room at O. H. Anderson Elementary School (pictured below) buzzed with excitement April 8<sup>th</sup> as Kids Hope USA Mentors from St. John in the Wilderness were eagerly introduced by the students to their family members. The Spring Celebration was officially underway. The evening of food, family, & fun was the first opportunity for parents & mentors to talk face-to-face about the Kids Hope program, and for the parents to learn a little bit about our special parishioners who have chosen to spend time each week with their children. The energy in the room was amazing.

After 2 months' planning by the leadership team, all enjoyed a meal of baked mostaccioli & rigatoni, green salads & garlic bread from Donatelli's Restaurant in White Bear Lake. A variety of cupcakes, milk & juices topped off the scrumptious meal. The ringing of laughter & good conversation filled the air.

Joining the group of parents, students, mentors, prayer partners, school personnel, & other volunteers were Kevin Donovan, Mahtomedi School Board member, and Mark Wolak, Superintendent of Mahtomedi Public Schools. Along with Denise Waalen, Principal, and Deb Lauer, Kids Hope liaison, both men expressed sincere appreciation & gratitude for the mentors' time & effort to make the Kids Hope program such a success at O. H. Anderson.

After dinner, all the children joined in a game that encouraged them to move about the crowd, learning and recording items of interest about those with whom they spoke. While someone did finish first, every child was rewarded for completing the task to the best of his or her abilities. There were lots of smiles on small faces as the kids reached into their gift bags to see what they had won. The evening ended too quickly for all participants. After many happy good-byes & hugs, families headed home with the knowledge that their children experience success through participation in the St. John's Kids Hope program.



## Children's Ministry

Our program year comes to an end with the baccalaureate service on Sunday, May 18 at 9 am. The graduating seniors will present Bibles to our first grade students during the worship. Join us afterwards for outdoor activities (weather permitting) and special treats.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Sundays, July 13, 20, & 27 from 11 am to 1:30 pm. It takes many hands to create this fun and faith-filled experience. If you are interested in helping for one Sunday or all three, we can use your time and talent! Sign up sheets are located on the Children's Ministry board in the Parish Hall.

Children's Ministry will meet next on May 11 at 11 am in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to come and share your ideas.

# The Youth Voice

## **Baccalaureate Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

We will celebrate our graduates' accomplishments during our 9 am Baccalaureate service. If you are graduating this year, please send Sheila Foster an email to [youth@stjohnwilderness.org](mailto:youth@stjohnwilderness.org) to let her know from where you are graduating. Please include a sentence or two about your Fall plans.

## **Youth Mission Trips**

### **Camp Heartland, May 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**

Youth (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) will help create a new water feature for the camp. Because some Heartland Campers are unable to use the pool, a water feature that will include fountains is being built. Our St. John's youth will be involved in the ground breaking of this project. We expect to work very hard and help Camp Heartland serve even more campers.

### **Chicago, June 22-28**

Youth (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) will travel by van(s) to Chicago. We will work with the Diocese of Chicago Episcopal Church Services to serve Chicago residents. People have been asking how they can help support the program. As fuel costs continue to rise, we can always use gas cards. We are still working with ECS services on exactly what our projects will be. We may be requested to provide donations along with services for their programs. Updates will follow in the weekly Small Voice bulletin insert.

## **Jr. High Youth Group Meetings 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

The Wednesday evening Jr. High Youth Group end of the season finale will be May 14<sup>th</sup>. From 7-8 pm we will have an outdoor party. Please bring something to share. Thank you to all the parents and youth in making this a wonderful year of ministry. We have had some amazing times.

## **Sr. High Youth Group Meetings 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade**

We are coming to the end of this school year season; however, there is still much work to be done as we plan for our Chicago Mission Trip in June. We will continue to gather at 10 am on Sunday mornings as we are able, to further plan the details of our trip. We will not have a formal meeting on Sundays May 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>. Beginning in June we will meet for updates in the Parish Hall following the 10 am liturgy.

I know that there is a desire to stay connected with each other beyond Sunday morning as we enter into summer. Rich Oswald has put together for us a Facebook account that is by invitation only. This monitored site can be a tool for us to keep everyone connected by sharing what we are doing over the summer. If you do not subscribe to Facebook, we will continue to update youth and parents through e-mail, the weekly Small Voice announcements, and the monthly Voice. If you feel that you are not receiving information, please contact Sheila Foster, 651/429-5351 ext. 12 or [youth@stjohnwilderness.org](mailto:youth@stjohnwilderness.org).

## **Needed: 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Mentors**

Seven youth are currently participating in our 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Class. They will begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the process this Fall. Do not be surprised if we ask you to be a Confirmation Mentor. It is a wonderful opportunity to look at your own faith while walking with our young people on their faith journey. Being a mentor is an opportunity to wonder and ask questions, a time to build relationships that can last for a life time. Bonds that are built in faith are bonds that last. Please consider being a mentor.

## **Spring Regional Confirmation 11 am Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

St. Mark's Cathedral  
519 Oak Grove, Minneapolis  
We will present Maggie DeSmet, Marcella Kobinski, and Lindsey Lee for the sacrament of confirmation. Please come and be present for this Holy moment as we confirm our youth.

## **Confirmation Class Banquet 5 pm Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

It has been a tradition to have a banquet at the end of the two year Youth Confirmation Program. We will gather with families and mentors to celebrate the journey of faith that each of the youth has participated in along with their mentors. This is a time to celebrate the participation in the process, to say thank you to the mentors and to the families who have supported the youth in the program. Thank you to our mentors John Brunner, Jody Eick, Kate Johnson, and Jill Todd. We will celebrate the Faith Journey of Maggie DeSmet, Zoe Foster, Louis Karp, Marcella Kobinski and Lindsey Lee.

## **Episcopal Youth Music Camp**

Registration information for Episcopal Youth Music Camp is still available. The camp is for youth entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Episcopal Youth Music Camp will be held August 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> at Camp Heartland in Willow River, Minnesota. Please talk to Sheila Foster, Music Camp Dean, if you would like more information on this amazing summer faith formation / music program.

Music camp is also in need of more Counselors, both male and female. The minimum age for counselors is 22. Perhaps you or someone you know would enjoy a fun and faith filled week at camp. Musical ability is *not* a requirement.