

The Youth Voice

Baccalaureate Sunday, May 18th

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 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 16th-17th

Youth (8th-12th 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 (8th-12th 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 6th-8th Grade

The Wednesday evening Jr. High Youth Group end of the season finale will be May 14th. 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 9th-12th 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 18th or 25th. 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.

Needed: 2nd Year Confirmation Mentors

Seven youth are currently participating in our 1st Year Confirmation Class. They will begin the 2nd 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 10th

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 18th

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 3rd grade - 12th grade. Episcopal Youth Music Camp will be held August 10th-16th 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.