

The Youth Voice

Chicago Mission Trip Update

The youth have created an online journal. Go to <http://nerp.net/~rich/chicagomt08/> to read about our Chicago Youth Mission Trip experience. Stay tuned for Mission Trip stories in the August Voice.

MarketFest

We Need Youth Volunteers

Thursdays, 5:30 – 9 pm

Please sign up on the activity table outside the Parish Hall to help with St. John's MarketFest booth. MarketFest is every Thursday evening through July 31st. Our booth will include a game or two & popcorn to give away. We want to staff our booth with at least 2 youth each week to tell others about our youth opportunities at St. John's.

Vacation Bible School

Wade in the Water

For Everyone of All Ages

Sundays, July 13, 20, & 27

11:15 am – 1:30 pm

This VBS opportunity is for individuals & entire families. Attend 1 or all 3. Sign up on the activity table, to help and/or participate, so we know how much food we need for our lunches following 10 am worship. We'll begin our program after lunch, with engaging activities for all.

July 13th, "All things new"

The Creation Story & the Wedding at Cana. St. John's Parish Hall

July 20th, "God as our Life Saver"

The Story of the Flood, & Peter Walks on Water. Possible pontoon field trip on White Bear Lake.

July 27th, "Wade in the Water"

Hagar Hears God's Promise, & the story of Christ's Baptism. We're planning a BBQ & program at West Park, 2350 11th St.

Pontoon Boats Needed: If you own a pontoon boat on White Bear Lake and can help on July 20th please contact Sheila Foster, 651/429-5351 ext. 12.

Episcopal Youth Music Camp

Spaces are Still Available

Registration information for EYMC is available. The **deadline is extended to July 15th**. The camp is for youth entering 3rd – 12th grades. EYMC will be held August 10th-16th at Camp Heartland in Willow River, MN. if you need more information on this amazing summer faith formation / music program, please talk to Sheila Foster, Music Camp Dean, 651/429-5351 ext 12. Camp information can also be found online:

www.StJohnWilderness.org and
www.EpiscopalYouthMusic.org.

"Safe Guarding God's Children" Training (AKA "Safe Church")

Everyone involved in St. John's ministries is required to attend a 3 hour Safe Church Training session. These dates are currently available to you:

Saturday, July 19th, 12:30 pm, St. John in the Wilderness' Parlor. Sign-up on the Activity Table outside the Parish Hall.

Saturday, September 13th, 9 am, Nativity Episcopal Church, Burnsville Contact: Anna Ostenso

The Episcopal Diocesan Website, www.episcopalmn.org, lists open registration trainings if you are unable to attend either of these.

Please contact Sheila Foster after you have attended training so we can document that you have completed it.

Music Camp Performance for All

1 pm Saturday, August 16th
Camp Heartland, Willow River, MN

This year's performance will include a mass handbell selection especially written for our campers who will each play at their own music level to create a wonderful masterpiece. If you've never experienced a 4-part mass ring this will be a treat. Campers will also share a sneak peak of the 2009 Music Festival Choral pieces and

perform songs from "Children of Eden" a Broadway Musical. The Orchestra, Band, & Recorders will also share the pieces they have learned throughout the week. The Performance is on the outside stage. In case of rain we'll be in the main lodge.

Sheltering Arms Grant awarded to St. John in the Wilderness

"Celebrating Our Faith through the Arts" a new Wednesday evening youth program for 4th – 12th grades, will be an opportunity to gather and create drama, skits, props, music, costumes, & more. Sheila Foster will be directing this program on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30 pm beginning in September.



Jr. High Sunday School Teachers & Wednesday Evening Celebrating our Faith Leaders Needed

Do you have a gift of sharing God's love, of being able to listen, or do you enjoy creating projects with young people? Do you enjoy storytelling or creating stories? If you have a passion for being creative in any way, there may be a Sunday morning or Wednesday evening opportunity just waiting for you. Please contact Sheila Foster, 651/429-5351 ext. 12 or Youth@StJohnWilderness.org, to discuss how your gifts can be used to benefit the young people of St. John's.

