

The Youth Voice

Calling all Christmas Play actors, costume designers & prop artists!

This year's Christmas Play, "A Story for the Ages," includes singing, dancing, & a part for everyone of all ages. We will hold a meeting for parents, children, & youth at 6 pm on Wednesday, 11/5 to go over the practice schedule & assign parts. Weekly 6-7:30 pm rehearsals in St. Bernard's Room begin Wednesday 11/12, with no rehearsal 11/26 due to St. John's Thanksgiving Eve Pot Luck & Worship. We have 2 opportunities to share our story with the congregation: 7 pm Wednesday, 12/11 & 9 am Sunday, 12/21. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends & family to share the congregation's excitement with others. Sign-up on the table outside the Parish Hall.

Did you know?

Every Sunday I hear, "But, I don't go to Sunday School." St. John's has an education track for every age, pre-school - adult. Just because you've never been to Sunday School doesn't mean you can't start. Everyone is welcome & encouraged to participate. During the 10 am education hour, classes for pre-school - 5th grade are downstairs from the Parish Hall. Upstairs from our worship space in St. Angelico's Room is the Jr. Youth Education Program (YEP) for 6th - 8th grade. Sr. YEP for 9th - 12th grade is in St. Bernard's Room. And, adult education is in the Parlor. Worship is only part of being a church community member. Have you ever wondered why we do things in worship in the way we do, or wanted to feel more connected to the community? Education can help fill in the blanks. For children & youth especially, education time is important. It's an opportunity to make new friends, and create a deeper knowledge & understanding of worship & God's love for us. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity.

November 9th Service Opportunity

The Episcopal Church Women's Bazaar ends on Sunday, November 9th, and this could be your opportunity to lend a hand. Boxes will need to be moved back down into the basement and tables will need to be put away. If you could stay a little later that Sunday and help put things away, I'm sure the ECW would be very grateful for the help.

Wreath Sales begin Sunday, November 23rd

The youth will take orders for wreaths & swags in the Parish Hall. The youth create the sales, and Twin City Nursery, across from McDonald's on Hwy 61, fills them. The money raised will go into the Youth Fund to support our Mission Trips, Music Camp, & other service experiences. Please help our youth to help others and to grow in faith through these experiences.

Advent Inter-generational Event

Everyone is encouraged to attend this November 30 craft-making extravaganza. Prepare for Advent by making an Advent Log, or ornaments for St. John's trees & your tree at home.

Super Bowl event Feb. 1st

It may seem early to think about the Super Bowl, but it could be a fun opportunity for all. St. John's will host a party during the game, and this could be an opportunity to invite friends or host a snack bar. If you have great ideas contact Sheila Foster, 651/429-5351 ext. 12 or Youth@StJohnWilderness.org.



Don't Forget these dates

- November
- 5 6 pm Christmas Play Info Meeting
 - 8 11 am Regional Confirmation
 - 9 Episcopal Church Women's Bazaar
 - 12 6-7:30 pm Christmas Play Practices Begin
 - 26 Thanksgiving Eve pot luck & service
 - 29 9 am - Noon Advent Retreat (youth invited)
 - 30 10 am Advent Intergenerational Event

- December
- 6 10 am all parish Tree Decorating followed by caroling at Cerenity Nursing Home
 - 6 5 pm Youth Advent Overnight (Cookie Baking & Delivery to the night shift) 4th - 12th grades
 - 14 4 pm Lessons & Carols
 - 17 6 pm Christmas Play Rehearsal, 7pm Worship & Play Performance
 - 21 8:30 am costumes on for 9 am Play Performance during worship
 - 31 5:30 pm Pizza Party & 6 pm Caroling

- January
- 4 10 am The Bigger & Better Treasure Hunt
 - 17 Sr. High Youth Overnight
 - 18 St. John's Annual Meeting (all youth attend)
 - 24 Diocesan Youth Acolyte Festival begins (St. Mark's Cathedral)

Weekly Events

Wednesdays 6 - 7:30 pm
CAP (Children's Activity Program) ages 3-7, & COFTA (Celebrating Our Faith Through the Arts) 4th- 12th grades. (Grades 2+ may join Youth Choir.)

Sundays 10 am
education for children, youth, adults, & 1st year confirmation