

Youth & Children's Voice

Palm Sunday, April 5

We need youth for the "Passion" reading at 9 &/ or 10:30 am worship. If you are able & willing to read a part at either or both liturgies please contact Rev. Marilyn Baldwin, 651/429-5351 ext. 16 or education@stjohnwilderness.org.

Reconciliation (AKA: Confession & Absolution) Wednesday, April 8, 4 – 7 pm (followed by worship)

We encourage children, youth, & adults (parents) to participate. The Reconciliation of a Penitent is available for all who desire it. It's not restricted to times of illness. Confessions may be heard anytime & anywhere. However, a special opportunity is available during Holy Week. A confession's content is confidential between the Priest, the Confessor, & God. If you have offenses weighing you down and creating a division between you & God, now is the time for reconciliation. For more information contact Fr. Mark or Rev. Joanie, 651/429-5351, ext. 11 or 14.

Maunder Thursday Youth Overnight & All Parish Prayer Vigil April 9, 7 pm

Please arrive between 6-6:30 pm to set up foot washing stations & rehearse music to be performed during foot-washing. At 7 pm all overnight participants must be in worship. The overnight begins following worship. A sign-up sheet & overnight forms will be available on the Activity Table. Friends are invited to attend but must have a completed "Friends of St. John's" form signed by a parent regardless of their age. All youth attending the overnight will stay through the approx. 1 hour "Good Friday" noon liturgy. If you have questions please contact Sheila Foster, Youth & Children's Minister, 651/429-5351 ext. 12 or youth@stjohnwilderness.org.

Good Friday, April 10,

9 am Morning Prayer in the Narthex Garden

The youth will lead Morning Prayer.

10 am Interactive Stations of the Cross followed by the noon liturgy

Everyone will have the opportunity to experience the Stations of the Cross in a new way. Through visual art, interactive activities, song & reflection questions, individuals of all

ages will find this to be a journey into which they can easily enter. The story of Jesus' last journey & death will prepare us all of the resurrection & our New Life in Christ. For more information please contact Sheila Foster.

The Great Vigil of Easter 5 pm Saturday, April 11

The afternoon begins with 4 pm drama rehearsal for those participating in the amazing stories to be told during this liturgy. Worship begins at 5 pm, followed by a wonderful "Agape" Meal that is open to all & a sign of God's amazing Unconditional Love. An Easter Egg Hunt for younger children follows dinner. Depending on the weather the hunt may be outside.

Easter Day, Sunday, April 12, 8 & 10 am Worship

There will be no Sunday School classes on this day. However, please don't miss the Easter Drama to be shared at the 10 am liturgy. Please come to all the 7 pm liturgies every day of Holy Week. Imagine an entire week worship opportunities.

Youth Confirmation Banquet Sunday, May 3 at noon

The 1st Year Confirmation youth will prepare a banquet lunch honoring all those who have completed their 2nd year of confirmation, regardless of their decision about being confirmed. Sign up for the banquet so the youth know how much food to prepare.

Date Change for Regional Confirmation:

11 am Saturday, April 25.

Thank You to St. John's Parishioners from the Northern Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) Youth.

The 40th Northern TEC was made possible by the gracious & welcoming community of St. John's. The hospitality extended made it possible for 120 young people to experience the true gift of the Holy Spirit & the loving compassion of Jesus Christ. Everyone was somehow changed & moved in faith during the weekend. However, without the open doors of St. John's this experience would not have been possible. *Thank you from all the TEC youth.*

Celebrating Our Faith Through The Arts (COFTA) Update

COFTA is a drama arts group for 4th – 12th graders. We are nearing the end of the school year & a summer break from our usual Wednesday evening COFTA youth group program. We look forward to Fall & an exciting September overnight start-up retreat. A date will follow in the May Voice. The September overnight will be an opportunity for everyone to gather, discover, & try out some new art forms that we hope to use in worship & other venues throughout the next year. This will be an opportunity to invite your friends. For more information contact Sheila Foster, youth@stjohnwilderness.org or 651/429-5351 ext. 12, or Kate Johnson, chrisandkatejohnson@mac.com or 763/355-9410.

Don't Forget These Dates:

April

- 8** Reconciliation 4 – 7 pm; all Confirmation Youth must participate
- 9** Maunder Thursday Liturgy; youth in charge of Foot Washing. Youth Prayer Vigil overnight.
- 10** Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10 am
- 11** Holy Saturday, 4 pm
- 12** Easter Day Worship 8 & 10 am (no Sunday School)
- 25** Regional Confirmation 11 am

May

- 3** 10 am Sr. High YEP prepares lunch for Banquet
Noon, 2nd Yr. Confirmation Banquet
- 17** 9 am Baccalaureate & Bible presentation to 1st graders
10 am reception for Senior High Grads
- 17** Last Day of Sunday School Celebration

Looking to Summer

June 15 – 19 VBS for age 3 through grade 5

July 6 – 11 *In state* Mission Trip, grades 8 – 12

August 9 – 15 Episcopal Youth Music Camp