

Youth & Children's Voice

MarketFest 5:30 – 9 pm Thursdays through July 30

We welcome youth volunteers & families to help at St. John's booth. Contact Becky & Glenn Monson. Young people attract young people, and we want to invite more young families & youth to check out St. John's.

Fruitful Trails Vacation Bible School for everyone of all ages

**Sundays, July 12, 19, & 26
11:30 am – 1:30 pm**

Attend one or all three. This VBS opportunity is for individuals & entire families. Sign up to help and participate on the Activity Table so we can anticipate food quantities for our lunches. Each Sunday we'll gather in the Parish Hall. Weather permitting we will travel to an outside destination close to the church.

7/12 *Lunch in the Parish Hall.*

"The Ark of God" 2 Samuel 6:1-15, 12b-19

7/19 *Lunch in the Parish Hall. Please bring a cardboard box big enough to wear on your body. We'll have some available.* **"God's House"** 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

7/26 *We'll walk to Downtown, White Bear Lake's fountain for our story & a picnic. We'll have a special sign-up sheet for lunch items.* **"The Fruits of the Harvest"** 2 Kings 4:42-44

Safe Guarding God's Children Training

Everyone involved in any St. John's Ministry is required to attend a 3 hour Safe Guarding God's Children training session & authorize a background check. Dates known at this time:

Wed 7/15, St. David's, Minnetonka, 6-9 pm, \$10 for dinner, RSVP: David Sheldon, 952/935-3336 ext 14.

Sat 7/25, St. John in the Wilderness, 9 am - Noon in the Parlor. Sign-up on Activity Table.

More dates will be announced for the fall.

Music Camp Performance for All 1 pm Saturday, August 15

Camp Heartland, Willow River, MN

We have 17 youth & 6 adults from St. John's participating in Episcopal Youth Music Camp 2009. The final program/performance is open to all who wish to see what we have created throughout the week. Campers will share choral selections, handbell pieces, orchestral arrangements & band masterpieces. We may also share some pieces from the "Lion King" Please come join us for incredible music.

Now is the time to volunteer. All our youth & children's programs are led by volunteers whom we equip with training & resources to be successful leaders of St. John's programs. It's a fact that churches providing grounded, well-led programs become the spiritual homes of more families. We want to increase our growth potential & strengthen our programs with more leadership. We need you! September may seem a long way off, & making a commitment is a challenge. Perhaps you feel you're overcommitted, or someone else has better skills or more time, & there certainly has to be someone else who can do the job. As our programs grow our volunteer leadership is decreasing. We need growth in programs *and* leadership commitment. When children & youth see more adults volunteer for Sunday School, Youth Ministry Groups, & COFTA, they want to participate. Please contact Sheila Foster or Christine Karp today to volunteer.

Celebrating Our Faith Through the Arts

COFTA is a performance based group for 4th – 12th graders. An experiential & fun overnight is planned for Saturday, September 19 - 9 am Sunday, September 20. COFTA meets regularly at 6 – 7:30 pm on Wednesday evenings September– May. Come join us for the fun, enthusiasm, Bible stories & personal stories we share as we

create drama, music, visual arts, dance, & more creative expressions. Much of what we create becomes part of the 9 am worship service. Come be part of the faith, fun, & friendships.

Graduating Seniors, Life after High School

We have amazing young adults at St. John's, & it's time for us to pray for them as they begin the next step of their life journey. Consider mailing them notes of inspiration (see your directory for addresses) as they journey on to other places. Our Graduating Seniors submitted information about their future plans. **Caryn Thor:** UW, Madison double majoring in Spanish & Legal Studies hoping to becoming a lawyer. Caryn also plans to study in Chile for a semester. **Amy Whillock:** UW, Madison majoring in international studies & biology. Amy hopes to go to med school. **Siri Peterson:** Boston College majoring in chemistry & onto graduate school to become an environmental chemist. **Matt Moertel:** UW, Madison, & plans to eventually go into law. **Olin Johnson:** will attend Century College while continuing to worship at St. John's.

Don't Forget These Dates:

July 6 – 11

grade 8 – 12 *In state* Mission Trip

July 12, 19 & 26

Intergenerational VBS for all

July 25

Safeguarding God's Children training

August 9 – 15

Episcopal Youth Music Camp

September 13

Rally Day; Sunday School & Youth Program registration

September 19

COFTA Overnight, grades 4-12

September 20

1st Day of Sunday School, Jr. & Sr. High Youth Education Programs (Confirmation Preparation)