

Youth & Children's Voice

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.

Rally Day, Sunday, September 13

Please come celebrate the start of a new academic year. We have programs & community building experiences for all youth pre-school through grade 12. This is the time to register your child(ren) & youth for St. John's programs, which require a parent's signature for everyone who is in high school or younger to participate, including high school seniors who are 18 years old.

We need you to volunteer now!

September is around the corner, and Youth & Children's Ministries need your help. Youth & Children's programs are led by volunteers whom we want to equip with the resources & training needed to be successful leaders of successful St. John's programs. To volunteer please contact Youth & Children's Minister Sheila Foster, Youth@StJohnWilderness.org or 651/429-5351 ext.11, or Christine Karp, 651/653-6369.

St. John's Youth Mission Trip

"Building Bridges" in Minneapolis

July 6 – 10, 2009

Eight youth & 3 adults traveled from White Bear Lake via city bus & light rail landing in South Minneapolis at All Saints' Episcopal Indian Mission, the night time resting place of our industrious group.

The group worked at St. Mark's Cathedral's Monday night soup kitchen for young adults. They also landscaped the Lyndale Park Peace garden and pulled weeds in the tobacco garden at the Indigenous People Task Force Housing Unit. The youth became very handy with cleaning supplies as they cleaned All Saints' & the Families Moving Forward daytime Shelter. At the Department of Indian Work the youth helped implement a new process for the food shelf while sorting & organizing clothes.

Many more experiences remain to be shared. Please visit St. John's website to view many more pictures, and ask a participant to share a story or two of his or her experience. All Saints' mission currently feeds 160 – 200 people each Sunday night at their soup kitchen. Our hope is to continue building bridges, connecting with the community & inviting others join us in this relationship-building process. We hope to volunteer 3 or 4 times annually at All Saints' soup kitchen. All Saints hopes to raise enough money to buy an entire buffalo which would provide thousands of meals in a year. We hope to help them with this project.

Sheila Foster, Youth & Children's Minister



Maggie, Emilee, Ben, Olin, Rich, Sheila, Wayne, Sydney, Zoe, Kate

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 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.

Don't Forget These Dates:

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)

