

Youth & Children's Voice

IT'S NOT TOO LATE; Children and Youth Registrations are still being accepted.

Godly Play, YEP, YAP, YART—Please do not be confused by these Children's & Youth education titles. **Godly Play** is an experiential storytelling curriculum for children in pre-school through 3rd grade. However, older children are invited to attend. **YEP** is for 9th – 12th grade youth who are considering Confirmation in the church; however, all youth in this age group are invited regardless of confirmation status. **YAP** is for 4th – 12th graders & is intended to be an opportunity to take the lectionary readings & put them into action through active learning. **YART** is for 4th grade – adults & is an opportunity to reflect on the weekly Psalms through various visual art forms. Please contact Sheila Foster for help in determining which program is right for your children & youth.

Please submit Questions for the Bishop Candidates

Submitting questions

We invite questions from all people with an interest in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, but especially want to encourage youth, children, youth groups, and Sunday school classes to participate. Guidelines for questions are available on the Search Committee blog, www.mnbishopsearchepiscopal.wordpress.com. Questions will be accepted beginning today through October 15 at 5 pm. Submit questions by email to the Reverend Michele Morgan at revmichelemorgan@gmail.com, by postal mail to 3154 Ulysses St NE Minneapolis MN 55418, or on the search committee blog. There will also be an opportunity to submit written questions just prior to each walkabout meeting.

“Celebrating Our Faith through the Arts”

COFTA Youth Group

All 4th – 12th grade youth are invited and wanted to gather on Wednesdays from 6 pm – 7:30 pm. We will also be developing some dramas to be used in the 9 am liturgy. Everyone has gifts and talents, known and unknown; this will be an opportunity to discover your gifts and how they can be utilized in worship, community building, and spiritual growth. Don't miss out on an opportunity to make new friends and share your creative side. Even if drama is not your thing there are many other gifts needed to create drama. **WE NEED YOU!** Beginning in November we will use this time for the Christmas Play. All dates are posted.

Trick or Treat for the Food Shelf

Last year the children, youth, and adults collected 154 lbs of non-perishable food items from our neighbors that live in the blocks adjacent to St. John's.

On Sunday, October 25 WEAR YOUR COSTUME TO CHURCH. Following church we will again go from house to house around St. John's to collect food. All of the homes will have received a flyer the week prior and will know how to participate. Now we need you to participate in helping to gather the food. We will also need extra adults and drivers to help with the food drive. Come be part of the fun, and help our community food shelf help others. This event is for everyone, and there will be a special St. Crispin's foot blessing following the liturgy before we start our food collection. Grown-ups can even wear a costume. We do ask that the costumes be non-violent with no weapons. It is not our goal to scare people or hurt them in any way.

Northern TEC Candidate Forms are available on the St. John's Youth bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Teens encounter Christ is for youth 9th – 12th grade. Invite your friends. **October 16 – 18 St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Duluth.** For more information contact Sheila Foster, Zoe Foster, Macella Kobinski, or Wayne Todd. Check out St. John's website for a program description.

DON'T FORGET THESE DATES:

October

- 4** 9 am St Francis Blessing of the Animals
- 10** 11am Intergenerational Hayride
- 16-18** Northern TEC (9th – 12th grade)
- 25** 10 am Trick or Treat for the Food Shelf
- 30 -31** Diocesan Convention Youth Overnight

November

- 4** 6 pm Christmas Play Information Meeting
- 6** 6 – 7:30 pm Christmas Play Parent Meeting
- 11** 6 pm Christmas Play Rehearsals begin
- 25** Thanksgiving Eve pot luck and worship
- 30** 0 am Advent Inter-generational Event

December

- 5** 10 am all-parish Tree Decorating followed by caroling at Cerenity Nursing Home.
- 4-5** 5 pm Youth Advent Overnight (Cookie Baking and Delivery to the night shift) 4th – 12th grade
- 13** 4 pm Lessons and Carols
- 16** 6 pm Christmas Play Rehearsal, 7pm Worship and Play Performance

Wednesday Events:

5 pm Children's Choir, 1st – 6th grade

5 pm Handbells, 7th grade – adult

6 pm Youth Choir, 7th – 12th grade

6 – 7:30 pm COFTA, 4th – 12th grade

Sundays 10 am education for children, youth, & adults