

# Youth & Children's Voice

## Wreath Sales Help Support the Youth

The youth will take orders for wreaths & swags in the Parish Hall on Sundays, November 29 - December 13. Parishioners will pay the youth for their order & will then be given a receipt to take to Twin City Nursery for their order to be filled. All orders must be picked up by or on December 20. The money raised will go into the Youth Fund that supports our Mission Trip to Denver, CO; Music Camp; & other service experiences.

## 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Advent Overnight

### Friday, December 4 – Saturday, December 5

It's all about baking cookies for others. We will gather at 5 pm in the church kitchen to make dinner & then bake cookies to be delivered to those at nursing homes & hospitals who work the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> shifts. This is a fun community-building event to remember others while we ready our hearts for the coming of Jesus. For more information, or if you are able to be an adult volunteer or driver, contact Sheila Foster. *Tree Trimming Party & Caroling on Saturday, December 5:* we will conclude our overnight by participating in St. John's Tree Trimming Party & Caroling at Cerenity Care Center. All families of all ages are welcome to join in on the experience. The overnight will conclude with the caroling. A 2009/10 registration form and a special events permission form must be on file for participation.

## Don't miss the Christmas Play!

### 7 pm Wednesday, 12/16 & 9 am Sunday, 12/20

St. John's young people have committed their time to prepare another telling of the 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas story: "Away in the Manger." There will be music and a story you won't want to miss.

## Christmas Eve 4 pm Service Tableau

### Actors of All Ages Needed

A sign-up sheet will be on the Activity Table near the Parish Hall. The Tableau is a non-speaking representation of the First Christmas. We will create a living picture of Joseph, Mary, and Baby Jesus in the Stable. There will be a rehearsal & costume fitting at 11 am on Sunday, December 20 in St. Bernard's Room. The tableau will take place at the 4 pm Christmas Eve Service. There will be a 3 pm rehearsal & costuming.

## 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Bigger and Better Event

### 10 – 11:30 am Sunday, January 3 in the Parish Hall

#### Form your teams now!

All that we have is in the eye of the beholder. Youth will form teams of 4-5 with an adult. Each team will be given the same starting item and then go out into the White Bear Lake community to see how they can make their beginning item grow into something even *Bigger & Better*. Youth can form their groups prior to the event and perhaps work together on strategy. Each group will be assigned at least 1 adult to travel with them. However, no cars will be used. This will also be an opportunity for the youth to go out into the community to connect with neighbors as ambassadors of St. John's. There will be judges to assign points in 3 categories: creativity, storytelling/cooperation, courage/evangelism. Judges & adult volunteers are needed. Contact Sheila Foster.

## Celebrating Our Faith Through the Arts youth drama group

COFTA have had great feedback about their presentations during 9 am worship. *Please come to the Epiphany Worship Service at 7 pm Wednesday, January 6.* COFTA will be telling the story of the Magi and their visit to the Christ Child.

## Save These Very Important Event Dates

**February 6**, Diocesan Youth Music Festival

**February 12 – 13**, Diocesan Youth Overnight, St. Mark's Cathedral, Mpls (The IX Bishop of MN will be Ordained: The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, Bishop-Elect)

## Don't Forget These Dates

### December

- 4** 5 pm 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Advent Overnight (Cookie Baking & Delivery to the night shift)
- 5** 10 am All Parish Tree Decorating followed by caroling at Cerenity Care Center
- 13** 4 pm Lessons and Carols
- 16** 6 pm Christmas Play Rehearsal  
7 pm Worship & Play Performance
- 20** 8:30 am costumes on  
9 am Worship Service  
10 am Parish Hall Reception (No Sunday School)  
11 am Christmas Eve Tableau Rehearsal
- 27** Winter Break: No Sunday School
- 30** No COFTA, handbells, or Youth Choir

### January

- 3** 10 am The Bigger & Better Treasure Hunt
- 6** 7 pm Epiphany Service and COFTA presentation
- 16** Sr. High Youth Overnight (Annual Meeting Muffins)
- 17** St. John in the Wilderness Annual Meeting (all youth attend)
- 23-24** Jr. High Diocesan Overnight

## Wednesday Evening Events

- 5-5:45 pm Handbell Choir, 6<sup>th</sup> grade - adult
- 5:30-6 pm Light Supper
- 6-7:30 pm COFTA, 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades (Celebrating Our Faith Through the Arts Youth Drama Group)
- 6-7 pm Youth Choir, 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades

## 10 am Sundays, Education for All

- Godly Play* 3 years – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, meets downstairs
- Youth Activity Program (YAP)* 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades  
Meets upstairs in St. Bernard's Room
- Youth Education Program (YEP)* 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades  
Meets upstairs in St. Angelico's Room
- Youth Art Reflection Time (YART)* 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades  
Meets in hallway near the Parish Hall
- Adult Formation* senior high through adults  
Meets in the main floor Parlor
- Bible Study* Senior High through adults