

Youth & Children's Voice



Winners of the January 3, 2010 "Bigger and Better" Treasure Hunt: The Chilly Chix & the "Rich Oswalds" shared the honor of having their team names placed on the trophy. Congratulations to all the youth teams who braved the cold weather and rose to the challenge!

8th Grade Rite of Affirmation, 9 am February 7

What is the Rite of Affirmation? Why do we have this opportunity? As our youth go through the different steps of life we acknowledge their growth in wisdom, maturity, and in this case their faith life. As a faith community it is our mission to recognize the young people's steps through faith. In 8th grade (age 13 or 14) young people are moving into a place of independence from their parents. This is our opportunity to recognize their growth and to recognize our role as a community of supporters and guides on their faith journey. The Rite of Affirmation is an opportunity for us all to gather around our young people and say that we recognize you are growing up and maturing, and we want to support you on your journey.

Diocesan Youth Music Festival, February 6

The Festival is an all day event for youth choirs from all over the Diocese of Minnesota. The choirs engage in music rehearsals led by the Cathedral's Canon Musician, Raymond Johnston. The choristers will also have the opportunity to attend workshops in areas of faith formation, music, and leadership. Everyone is invited to hear the many young voices of our Diocese at a Festival Evensong Service beginning at 4:30 pm at St. Mark's Cathedral in Minneapolis. This is a beautiful service which will include more than 100 youth voices. Please contact Sheila Foster for more information.

Pretzel Making Event, 10 am February 28

Pretzel time is here! Join us in the Parish Hall following 9 am family-friendly worship. We will make pretzels, a traditional symbol of prayer. See the Children's Ministry board for more information on the history of the pretzel. We need volunteers to pre-bake pretzels, bring in dough, and man the ovens. Contacts: Christine Karp or Sheila Foster

John 12:24

*Very truly, I tell you,
unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.*

Great Northern Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)

TEC is a spiritual renewal weekend for 9th - 12th grade youth who attend the weekend as a Candidate one time during high school. Candidates arrive at 10 am on a Friday and participate in a weekend that is all about "YOU." The Candidates are asked to leave all of the worries about school, tests, friends, family, and all the things that can weigh a young person down, and commit to a weekend that for some will transform the rest of their lives. Many youth remain involved in TEC as a Team Member. The TEC Team provides all of the care of the Candidates over the weekend. The number one rule for the Team is that the weekend is for the Candidates. If you are a high school youth and have not yet been a TEC Candidate, please consider making this the time. The Spring Northern TEC will be held at St. John in the Wilderness, and I would like to see every youth possible participate in the March 19 - 21 weekend. Registration forms will be available on the Youth Board in the Parish Hall.

Episcopal Youth Music Camp, August 8-14

Registration Forms are available on the Youth Board in the Parish Hall & on line at Episcopalyouthmusic.org. Music Camp is for all youth entering 3rd - 12th grades in Fall 2010. Don't miss out on the reduced \$485 Early Bird registration due May 1.

Don't forget these dates!

February

- 6 10 am Diocesan Youth Music Festival & 4:30 pm Evensong, St. Mark's Cathedral
- 7 9 am 8th Grade Rite of Affirmation
- 10 5:30 pm Mardi Gras Celebration & Potluck
7 pm Burning of the Palms and worship
- 12 Bishop's Overnight, St. Mark's Cathedral
- 17 6 pm COFTA rehearsal until 6:45 pm
7 pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy
- 26 Great Northern TEC Team Planning Overnight

March

- 5-7 Diocesan Jr/Sr High Ski Trip
- 17 5:30 pm St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner
7 pm Worship (*no COFTA*)
- 19-21 Great Northern Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)
- 31 4-7 pm Reconciliation, Confirmation Youth participation required

April

- 1 Maundy Thursday Liturgy & youth overnight
- 2 10 am Interactive Stations of the Cross for all
Noon Good Friday Liturgy
- 3 4 pm COFTA rehearsal
5 pm Holy Saturday Worship