

# Youth & Children's Voice

## **Youth Confirmation Banquet 11:30 am Sunday, May 2**

1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation youth will prepare lunch for all who have completed their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of confirmation regardless of their decision about being confirmed. Please sign-up for the banquet so the youth know how much food to prepare.

## **Regional Confirmation St. Mark's Cathedral 11 am Saturday, May 15**

Adult & youth Confirmation will begin with a 10 am rehearsal. All participants, mentors, & clergy, please arrive early to find parking. The liturgy typically lasts 1½ hours. Youth age 16+ who have completed the confirmation requirements & mentor year, & who desire to be confirmed, please contact Sheila Foster. Adults who desire confirmation or reception please contact Rev. Marilyn.

## **Baccalaureate Worship 9 am Sunday, May 16**

We'll celebrate our High School Seniors & all our youth & children as they continue on their journey. Seniors will present Bibles to the 1<sup>st</sup> graders, & share their wisdom with us all. Seniors wanting to be involved in the worship, please contact Sheila Foster & share what will you be doing next year! Some will go off to college in faraway places, others will stay closer to home. Others will take a year to explore life's possibilities. We want to celebrate all of these journeys. Future plans of seniors will be printed in the Small Voice.

## **Faith Formation Programs Celebration in the Parish Hall 10 am Sunday, May 16**

All youth & children's programs will meet in the Parish Hall for a special celebration. A panel of young people will present, & answer your questions about their experience this year. We'll have a show of the Youth Art Reflection Time creations. Families Inc. will put on a BBQ picnic at 11 am. Contact Beth Hydeuke-Kelm for more information.

## **Vacation Bible School Planning 11 am Sunday, May 23 in the School Gathering Room**

This year's July 12-16 VBS will be "A Miracle Man" A Journey through the Life of Jesus. The program includes making a Market Place, crafts, music, drama, storytelling, & of course food! We'll travel in time from the birth of Jesus to his death & resurrection. Pre-school - 5<sup>th</sup> graders may participate. We invite younger youth to be helpers, and older youth & adults to be leaders. We'll need many volunteers with many different gifts. Please come see how your gifts can serve. Contact Sheila Foster or Christine Karp for more information.

## **Sr. High Youth Mission Trip Driving to Denver, June 16-23**

This opportunity is available to all current 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. If you've never experienced a mission trip, now's the time. Registration forms are due by May 10. The trip cost is only \$200 & will be well worth it. We seek gas card donations to help offset the anticipated hike in fuel prices. Please contact Sheila Foster if you're able to help. Don't miss out on this week of service, community, & spiritual growth. Contact Sheila Foster, Jill Todd, Rich Oswald, or John Kobinski for more information about the trip.

## **Faith Formation Committee Meeting Report**

Leaders of children, pre-school - high school, along with children & youth, met April 11 to discuss our current Faith Formation Programs. All agreed they find the new programs to be worthwhile & fulfilling to both the leaders & participants. We'll do some subtle program tweaking to make them even better, but you can count on our Sunday morning schedule & programs to remain the same for next fall. If you have questions or comments please contact Sheila Foster. *Thank you* all who attended and all who shared wonderful feedback & ideas.

## **Don't forget these dates**

- 5/1** Music Camp Early Bird Registrations, ECW Grant Requests & payment in full are due
- 5/2** 10 am YEP prepares Banquet
- 5/2** 11:45 am 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Banquet
- 5/15** 11 am Regional Confirmation
- 5/16** 9 am Baccalaureate with Bible presentation to 1<sup>st</sup> graders
- 5/16** 10am reception for Senior High Graduates
- 5/16** Last Day of Sunday School Celebration
- 5/23** Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting
- June 16-23** Grade 8-12 Youth Denver Mission Trip
- July 12-16** Vacation Bible School age 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- August 8-14** Episcopal Youth Music Camp