

Youth & Children's Voice



Episcopal Youth Music Camp was a huge success!

St. John's had 13 Campers, 3 Leadership Team Members, & 4 Staff Members (photo above). During our Friday Night Eucharist with Fr. Mark the campers were asked to share where they experienced or saw Jesus during their week of camp. Many campers wanted to share; they all shared a similar thought: "everywhere." They said that they saw Jesus in their friends, in the music, in the worship & campfires, in the food, in nature, and in all of our programs & activities. Jesus was everywhere, in everything, and in each other.

Thank you all of St. John's members who helped support Music Camp and its mission to bring young people into relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We felt the love of Christ in our week. It was like a handprint on our hearts.

Fall Faith Formation Start-up 10 am Rally Day Worship, Sunday, September 12

Get ready to bring your family to 10 am worship then join us on the front lawn for the All-Parish Photo, then in the parking lot for food, fun, friendship, & children's activities. Please complete a Faith Formation Registration Form for each family member age 3-18 years, to participate in Sunday School, youth programs & activities.

Sunday Programs follow 9 am Worship beginning September 19

Sunday school will begin at 10 am & end at 11 am.

Youth Pie Day

Perhaps you've heard that some of St. John's youth end up at Bakers Square, across from Maplewood Mall on White Bear Ave, on Pie Day. Oops, I mean Wednesday night at 8 pm. They gather following Wednesday programs that end at 7:30 pm. With the purchase of a beverage your pie is free. Even if you're not in COFTA or music ensemble, you're still invited. September 15 is the 1st official Pie Day. This is an opportunity to catch up on summer fun & discuss upcoming fall activities. Contact Maxine Kobinski, Sydney Foster, or Wayne Todd for more information.

Wednesday Evening Schedule Beginning September 8

5:30 pm Weekly Supper in the Parish Hall
6 pm COFTA Worship Dramatic Arts, grades 4-12
6:45 pm Multi-generational Music Ensemble, Grade 6 – Adult; we invite younger children with a parent or guardian.
8 pm Sr. High Youth Pie Day at Bakers Square

Sunday Morning Schedule

Beginning September 19

8:30 am Ensemble warm-up or COFTA run-through
9 am Family-friendly Worship
10 am education & programs hour
10:30 am Eucharist with Chancel Choir
11:30 am Handbell Choir (grade 6 - adult)
Younger children shall audition; please contact Zoe Foster.

Christmas Play Rehearsals

It may seem early to discuss Christmas Play rehearsals, but we want to give you a heads-up: 10:15 am Sunday play practices begin November 21. We'll have a short gathering story & song, then everyone will participate in play practice. We'll have a light snack between the services. More information will be available late October - early November. We hope even more families will be able to participate. Depending on the number of participants, we may rehearse in either the Gathering Room (downstairs) or the Parish Hall.

Don't Forget These Dates

September

- 8 Wednesday Evening Programs begin
- 12 Rally Day, 10 am worship, register for Sunday School & Youth Programs
- 19 Sesquicentennial (150th) Year Begins
1st Day of Sunday School:
age 3 – grade 3, & grades 4–12
(Confirmation Prep.) begin at 10 am
- 26 Mission Trip Youth lead Adult Ed.

October

- 3 St. Francis Pet Blessing during 9 am Worship on the Lawn
- 16 11 am Hayride at Lendt's Pumpkin Patch
- 21 Great Northern Teens Encounter Christ weekend (Hibbing)
- 31 All Hallows' Eve,
St. Crispin Blessing, non-violent costumes & Trick or Treat for the Food Shelf