

# The Youth Voice

## Treasure Hunt

St. John's *Seventh* Annual Treasure Hunt will be held Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, noon – 3 pm. Jr. High will take on the Sr. High in a lighthearted battle of wits. Please bring food to share for a 2 pm potluck lunch. This event includes transportation and requires a Special Events Permission Form (from the Parish Hall Youth Ministry Board.) If you haven't yet filled out a St. John's Youth Registration Form, you must complete this as well. Sign up for this event on the Parish Hall participation table.

## Jr. & Sr. High Epiphany Parties

This year we will celebrate our gifts for Epiphany. Sr. High youth will meet Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in St. Bernard's Room for a special exchange of *home made* gifts. Please bring a wrapped *home made* gift suitable for either gender. Jr. High youth will resume their Wednesday night, 7 pm gatherings on January 9<sup>th</sup>. The Jr. High youth will also exchange gender-neutral *home made* gifts. If you need ideas please contact Sheila Foster, 651/429-5351 ext. 12 or [fostercreations@gmail.com](mailto:fostercreations@gmail.com).

## Youth Mission Trip Planning

The youth are choosing between Chicago or Seattle mission locations. Trip dates will be approximately June 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, depending upon location. The youth are also finding ways to offset trip costs via fundraising outside of St. John's. We are planning a dinner and concert for mid-February at the Mason's Lodge, and a youth band concert for April in Minneapolis. A Youth Mission Commitment form will be coming your way soon. We ask the youth to make a commitment to the trip planning process along with their commitment to attend worship and youth meetings. A parents' meeting is being planned.

## Sr. High Youth Meetings

Due to a need for a regular connection of the Sr. High youth, they plan to meet every Sunday morning in St. Bernard's Room (game room) at 10 am. Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday monthly for Special Events Planning Meetings and the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays for community building games, topics & conversation.

1/6 Epiphany Party *home made* gift exchange

1/13 "Adopt a Platoon" Valentine Making

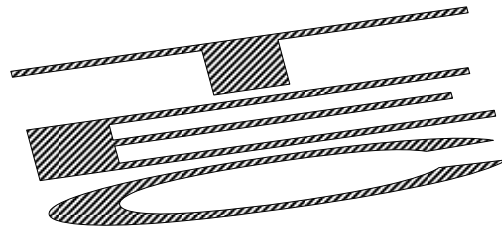
1/20 TEC Reunion Overnight & Parish Annual Meeting

1/27 Community Building Games

## Teens Encounter Christ Reunion Overnight 4 pm Saturday, 1/19 – noon Sunday, 1/20

All Sr. High Youth Teens Encounter Christ participants will gather in community at St. John in the Wilderness. We are inviting youth from other church communities for an evening of fun, fellowship, worship, and maybe a few surprises. One activity will be baking muffins for St. John's Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday morning at 9 am. A Special Events Permission Form is required for this overnight. An event form for youth outside of St. John's will be available on the Youth Ministry Board and will be e-mailed to Sr. High Youth. For more information please contact Ann Watson or Sheila Foster. We need Safe Church trained adults to help chaperone this event.

Please spread the word. Sign up in the Parish Hall.



Diocesan Jr. High Youth Event

## Saturday 1/26 – Sunday 1/27

Sixth – 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth and their chaperones will gather at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Minneapolis for an awesome overnight. This event will take the place of the annual Acolyte Festival. The event will begin a 3 pm Saturday and be filled with games, food & fun. The event will end with a Renewal of Baptismal vows by the Bishop. Registration forms and \$25 fee are due to the Diocese of MN by January 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms can be obtained on line at [www.episcopalmn.org/youth\\_calendar](http://www.episcopalmn.org/youth_calendar). They've made it even easier so that you can register and pay on line. I encourage all Jr. High youth to take advantage of this opportunity. If you decide to attend, please notify Sheila Foster, 651/429-5351 ext. 12 or [fostercreations@gmail.com](mailto:fostercreations@gmail.com) so we can ensure enough St. John's chaperones.

## Jr. High Youth Group Meetings

Jr. High youth (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) meetings are another opportunity for them to gather and share their Christian experience with each other. Along with the Sunday 10 am Jr. High youth meeting time, our Wednesday night 7-8 pm time is primarily for community building and sometimes for special projects needing more time than Sunday morning. Please consider adding this time to your schedule. The friendships that are gained in this time of life can be very beneficial as youth move into the high school years.

1/9 Epiphany Party *home made* gift exchange

1/16 Our Gifts - Making of a Mosaic

1/23 Gifts of Others - Making of a Mosaic

1/30 Community Building Games

Let all you do be done with God's Love.

-Sheila Foster-