

SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAMS

Children's Sunday School

age 3 through 3rd grade

Sunday, 10am – 10:45am. The children gather downstairs in the gathering room to hear a Godly Play story before they move to age level classrooms.

YAP- Youth Activities Program

grades 4th - 8th (also includes 9th – 12th)

Youth meet Sunday 10am – 10:45am service in the St. Bernard room. The youth along with their leaders will be using the lectionary Bible readings as a guide to a hands on experience. Each week a guest will share a St. John's ministry along with a hands on activity,

YART-Youth Art Reflection Time

Grades 4th – 12th Sun. at 10am in the Parish Hall youth will meet with their leader as they discuss the lectionary Psalm of the day and create a response. Art supplies and instruction will be made available.

YEP-Youth Education Program

grades 9th - 12th Sr. youth meet Sunday Mornings following the 9am service in the St. Angelico room. The youth along with their leaders will be focusing on a variety of subjects that define our Episcopal Identity and our Christian Faith.

Adult Education –

High School Youth may also attend.

Adult Education is available on Sundays at 10am and Wed. at 6pm.

Inter-generational Programs

Throughout the year and usually on Sunday mornings in between the services, there will be activities that will engage all of our members in a faith formation project. *Please watch your Worship bulletins, Voice, or website for more details.*

1st Year Confirmation

Begins at grade 9

Youth will make a commitment to a year long process of attending the Sunday Morning **YEP**. Those in confirmation will also be required to attend the Maundy Thursday Overnight. They are also encouraged to attend TEC and participate on the summer youth mission trip.

2nd Year Confirmation – **Youth who have completed the 1st yr. confirmation**

will be partnered with an adult mentor from the St. John's congregation. The youth and mentor meet monthly with the aid of "Keeping the Promise" workbooks. Confirmation youth are required to attend weekly worship and be involved in Sunday morning programs. Youth are also required to attend the Maundy Thursday Overnight, encouraged to attend TEC, and participate on the summer youth mission trip. At the end of the 2 year process the youth have the opportunity to decide if they are ready to be confirmed.

I'm confirmed! Youth who have been confirmed are asked to fulfill the promises made at confirmation. Get involved and become leaders. Teach Sunday school, get more involved in worship, become part of a ministry team. The St. John's Parish Life Directory will give you names to contact.

WED. EVENING PROGRAMS

Celebrating Our Faith Through the Arts – C.O.F.T.A Youth Group **grades 4th - 12th**

Meets most Wednesday's in the St. Bernard room from 6pm – 7:30. COFTA is a program designed to engage young people in the worship arts. COFTA will include preparation of drama for worship, skits, art, and music that will be used throughout the year in various venues. **The Christmas Play** (*open to all ages*) becomes the focus for most of November and December.

Children's Activity Program

CAP – ages 3 years – 7 years

CAP is a program designed for younger children to experience Sunday School activities on a weekday. CAP is offered most Wednesday's from 6pm–7:30pm in the Child Care Room during the school year.

MUSIC PROGRAMS:

5pm – Children's Choir 1st – 6th grade
5pm – Handbells 7th grade – Adult
6pm – Youth Choir 7th - 12th Grade

Youth Overnights and

Special Youth Events

Throughout the school season there will be a number of events that will be overnights and special events that will take place inside and outside of St. John's. TEC (Teens Encounter Christ), Trick or Treat for the Food Shelf, Advent Overnight, Bigger & Better Treasure Hunt, Annual Meeting Overnight, Jan. Diocesan Youth Acolyte Festival, Feb. Diocesan Youth Music Festival, Maundy Thursday Overnight.

Teens Encounter Christ – TEC
grades 9th – 12th October & March
(Thurs. – Sun. afternoon for TEAM)
 Candidates (1st time participants)
 Begin Friday at 10am – ends Sun. 4pm.
 Participants need to commit to the entire weekend. This retreat is offered in the fall and spring for youth to deepen their faith and journey with a larger group of youth on a Christian Journey. It is highly recommended that all High School Youth attend at least one of these weekends.

Vacation Bible School – For ALL
 Following the 10am service children, youth, and adults gather for food, fun, and faith. Through stories, conversation, projects, music, and creative activities, we share our faith stories. Parents are encouraged to participate with their children. This is an opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors. You can attend 1 Sun. or all 3.

Vacation Bible School- VBS-
age 3 through 5th grade

Dates to be announced 10am – 12:30pm
 VBS is a weeklong (M-F) opportunity for children to engage in the Christian Story and community building through stories, crafts, music, and other creative play.

Families In Christ- FAMILIES INC.
 Families Inc. offers a number of specific family activities throughout the year. These events are designed especially for families with younger children (birth - grade 5). Please check the church website, Voice, or Sunday bulletin for the exact dates, times, and locations.

Youth Mission Trip **9th–12th**
 The 2010 trip is planned to be out of state and will take place in June or July. The location will be picked with the participation of the youth. 2011 will be an in-state trip. An initial mission trip planning meeting will be part of our Dec. 5th Advent youth overnight.

Episcopal Youth Music Camp –
3rd – 12th grades (fall 2010)
 Aug. 8th – 14th, 2010
 EYMC is an overnight camp that takes place at Camp Heartland in Willow River, MN. Youth from all over the Episcopal Diocese of MN, participate in the week. For information and pictures can be found at



www.episcopal-youth-music.org

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 EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



Children, Youth, and
 Family Programs
2009-10

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Our programs are designed to meet the three primary areas of faith formation:

Spiritual – We strive to meet the spiritual needs of everyone involved in our programs, from Cradle Episcopalians to those visiting with a friend. Faith is sustained through community.

Social – There are many opportunities throughout the year to join in on offered social events and activities. These events are advertised in The Voice, a monthly parish mailing. The Voice will provide the dates and details for all of our planned social activities.

Service – Our programs stress involvement in programs and projects that teach compassion, integrity, and sacrifice.