

# The Youth Voice

## **Music Camp Performance**

A final performance for friends, family and our church community will take place at Episcopal Youth Music Camp in Willow River, MN on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. The final show begins at 1 pm at Camp Heartland. Please talk to Alison Feigh, who will be on the camp staff again this summer, if you need directions to Camp Heartland to attend this great program.

## **Junior and Senior High Lock-In**

We have a summer lock in planned on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> for all of our youth. We will be playing night games, watching movies, and having plenty of social and prayer time. We will also have a chance to prepare ourselves socially and spiritually for the transition of leadership in the youth program. Please sign up in the Parish Hall if you plan to attend.

## **Safe Church Training**

We will offer Safe Church training on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am—noon. The Episcopal Youth Music Camp staff will be using the building for the staff training and Leadership Team overnight. If you would like to take advantage of this training, please sign up with Alison Feigh.

## **Youth at MarketFest**

The Junior High and Senior High youth are encouraged to help out with the MarketFest booth on Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. If you plan on helping, please sign up with Alison and plan to be at church around 5 pm. Bring a few dollars for MarketFest treats.

## **Camp Heartland Mission Trip**

St. John's can take pride in the work of 14 Senior High youth at our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Mission Trip to Camp Heartland. They worked on a wide variety of projects in the hot sun and did it all with a smile. Some of the projects included screeding the land around the new pool, creating a new walkway, painting & plastering, hauling shingles, yard work, stripping logs, and various other hands-on projects. The Camp Heartland staff was very helpful and quite appreciative of the work we completed.

Our theme for the week was Bible verse 1 Samuel 16:7, "For the Lord does not look at the things man looks at. A man looks at the outside of a person, but the Lord measures the heart." We had insightful evening discussions about the theme and how it relates to our lives.

The Camp Heartland staff did a wonderful job modeling the kind of unconditional love we want to live out in our daily lives. It was a pleasure to serve within that community.

The youth plan to continue supporting the work of Camp Heartland in prayer and in action. Be on the lookout for future opportunities to help with this important ministry for children impacted by HIV/AIDS.

A special thank you to my co-chaperone Rich Oswald and drivers Katheryn Schneider, Molly Anthony, Jill Todd, & Erika Anderson. We couldn't have done it without you!

## **Thought for the Month**

If nothing ever changed, there would be no butterflies." *unknown*