

The Youth Voice

Jr. High Youth win Treasure Hunt

A team consisting of 4 Jr. High youth & 2 adults won the 7th Annual Treasure Hunt. The Sr. High team sported 9 youth & 3 adults. Both teams did an outstanding job of finding, making, & locating 15 items on the search list. Our judges, Chris Hawley, Elizabeth Schmit, & Rachel Ford, did an awesome job of judging the items presented to them. Thank you to all the parents who helped with food & driving; you made the event a ton of fun. A special *thank you* goes to Christine Karp for organizing the children's church treasure hunt.

8th Grade Rite of Affirmation

This service will be held on Sunday, February 3rd at 9 am. Along with the 8th grade youth and their parents, we need Sr. High youth to attend and support the 8th graders with the youth responses. This will be an opportunity to bring everyone together and support each other with strong voices.

Youth Mission Trip Planning Update Meeting 10 am Sunday, February 3rd, St. Bernard's Room

Trip dates will be approximately June 21st – 28th, depending on selection of Chicago or Seattle as the mission location. The youth are also finding ways to off set the costs of the trip through fundraising outside of St. John's. A dinner & concert is being planned for mid February at the Mason's Lodge, and a band concert for youth is being planned for April at a Minneapolis location. Coming your way soon will be a youth Mission Commitment Form. We are asking that youth make a commitment to the planning process of the trip along with their commitment of attendance at worship and youth meetings. A parents meeting is being planned.

Episcopal Youth Music Festival 4:30 pm February 9th

St. Mark's Cathedral, Minneapolis
St. John in the Wilderness and St. John's Episcopal Church Women have supported youth in music by sending them to Music Camp. Another event that goes along with summer camp, is the Music Festival in winter. The choral music learned at camp is the same that is sung for the Youth Music Festival. New this year will be an orchestra along with handbells and drums to accompany the choirs and also provide the prelude and offertory music with organ. This year's guest conductor will be Karla Cole, the Parish Music Minister for St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Minneapolis. If you would like more information about this event please contact Sheila Foster.

Lent is coming...fast

We will ready ourselves for our Lenten Journey by gathering Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 5-7pm for a Mardi Gras Beach Party & Potluck. This party will be complete with the DJ, sounds and lights of "Some Assembly Required," the Foster family. We promise that it will be great fun, so you don't want to miss it.

Sr. High Youth Meetings

Because there is a need for regular connection among Sr. High youth, they plan to meet every Sunday at 10 am in St. Bernard's Room (game room). Join us the 1st & 3rd Sunday for Special Events planning meetings, and the 2nd & 4th Sunday for community building games, topics & conversation.

2/3 Mission Trip "Parent Information" Meeting

2/10 Topic *God is the Potter,
Romans 9:1-33

2/24 Mission Trip planning: special events

3/2 Mission Trip planning: budget & to-do-list

Teens Encounter Christ Retreat Weekends

The Northern TEC Weekend is planned for March 28th – 30th at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Duluth. The TEC team meeting is being planned for either 2/29 – 3/1 or March 7th – 8th in Duluth. Please watch your mail and e-mail for more information. TEC candidate and team forms will be posted on the Youth Board in the Parish Hall when they arrive.

St. Paul TEC information will also be posted when it arrives. Youth in grades 9 – 12 are encouraged to attend a TEC weekend. Retreat Weekends help youth go farther with their faith and create an environment that helps youth share their faith with the St. John's community.

Jr. High Youth Group Meetings 6th – 8th grade

Jr. High youth meetings are another opportunity for the youth 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 that need 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.

2/6 Ash Wednesday Service

2/13 "Being Popular" activities & discussion

2/20 Labyrinth Making – outside in the snow

2/27 "Facing Fears" activities & discussion

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

~Sheila Foster~