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Sunday
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11:00 am

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Music Sunday is May 6th

When one thinks of worship at St. John's, powerful preaching, meaningful, congregational, Eucharistic liturgy, and a beautiful worship space will come to mind, but perhaps nothing is more characteristic and notable than the quality and diversity of the music. Maybe it will be Bach or maybe it will be Carol King; perhaps the power of the glorious sanctuary organ or the exciting throb of Latin percussion; or it could be the thrilling sound of trained soloists, chorus and orchestra or the heart-touching purity of children's voices. No matter what kind of music it might be, the music matters to the worship experience, to faith formation, and to bringing this assembly of God's people together. Music is one of the foundational building blocks that make St. John's the St. John's people know, recognize, and love.

Sunday, May 6th, we honor those who make music at St. John's to the glory of God and the edification of the gathered assembly. Choir and instrumental ensemble members, directors, and accompanists will be recognized and honored; our graduating String Scholar, Darrin Sellers, will be thanked, and this year's Gfeller Scholarship winner announced. And, of course, "Music Sunday", May 6th, the 8:45 and 11 am services will be full of wonderful music. Join us. Bring your friends.



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Next Eagle Call Deadline
May 21 at 12 p.m.



A Word from Our Pastors

Pastor Bob Speirs

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” Acts 2:1-4

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! This has been, and continues to be our opening greeting in worship throughout this season of Easter (which according to our church calendar ends on May 20th of this year). It is an amazing and wonderful proclamation for the community of faith, because it declares to us that the life, the story, and the promise of grace, forgiveness and reconciliation that we have in Christ is not just a past event in history, but is an ongoing reality for all Christians, even these two thousand years later, and continues into the future.

The enduring certainty of Christ's resurrection and love for us is realized and continues for us on the fiftieth day of Easter, which is Pentecost. It is here on this day of Pentecost that Christ made good on his promise, to send an advocate, the Holy Spirit, so to encourage, guide and strengthen the faith and mission of Jesus community of baptized believers, for all times and in all places. Pentecost is considered the day on which we celebrate the birthday of this baptized community...the church, a church that has been given a mission and ministry and that is the faithful and grace-filled expansion of the Gospel to the whole world.

It should be no surprise for us then, as we read deeper into the second chapter of Acts that the people (devout Jews) who were gathered on that day of Pentecost came from every nation under heaven, and began to speak in other languages, as the spirit gave them the ability. The people gathered were able to hear the Gospel for the first time, and in their own native language, so to bring it home and spread the Word in all directions, “like ripples on a pond”, as one writer has suggested.

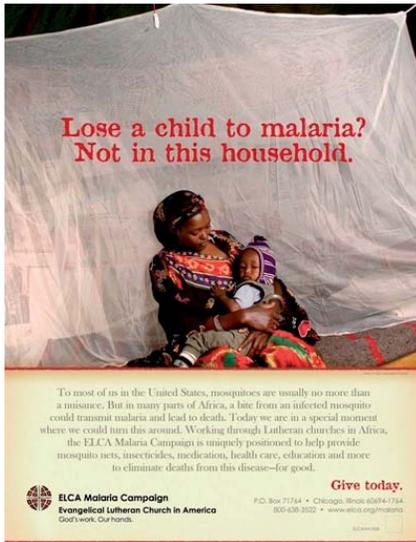
On that day of Pentecost, God's Spirit was poured out on all the faithful. It was for the purpose of giving the church the power and authority to be truthful and effective witnesses to the living Christ. Like Jesus followers before us, it is our call and purpose as a church to share the Gospel with those around us, family, friends, colleagues and neighbors. We are Easter people, who have been given a Pentecost Spirit, a mission to live out our faith, in what we say and how we live. So like the Apostles in the early church, we also seek to pursue our mission and ministry with confidence and enthusiasm, as it is both our blessing and our identity. Alleluia, thanks be to God.

Blessings and Peace, Pastor Bob



In the City (and World) for Good!

How deeply God loves us, asking nothing in return except the gift of loving hearts. Saint Augustine said about God: "All that he is and all that he has, he gives; all that we are, and all that we have, he asks!"
Desmond Tutu, from *An African Prayer Book*



Thank you for your gifts throughout the Lenten season in support of the ELCA Malaria Campaign. Your gifts totaling \$753 will help educate households in Africa about the dangers of malaria, provide mosquito nets and medication. This campaign is a matter of life and death: A child dies of malaria every 60 seconds!

Thanks, also, for your generous support of the Connection Café through the “alternative” Easter lily project. The Café – our noon meal program in partnership with the other downtown churches – currently serves approx. 140 people each day. If you would be willing to gather a group (4-5 people) to prepare and serve lunch on a one-time or regular basis, please contact Rob Hoover at theconnectioncafe@hotmail.com for volunteer openings in the months ahead.

A gentle reminder: our commitment to serve the evening meal at Central Iowa Shelter & Services on the 18th & 19th of the month is year-round! Homelessness does not take the summer off – so neither can we! Please be attentive to the sign-up sheets in the narthex in the months ahead and help provide the food, supplies, and volunteers needed.

Women of St. John's & friends: A Johanna Scholarship summer fundraising event to support our sisters, Rhoda & Leah, students at Usangi

Leadership & Training College in Tanzania, will be announced soon! Be thinking about who you may invite to join the circle of support for women students at Usangi...

And speaking of Tanzania, we are planning our next visit to the Mramba Parish – our companion congregation in the Pare Diocese - in February, 2013. Informational meetings will be held in early fall. If you have general questions about the trip before fall, feel free to contact Carol Fisher or Pastor Mithelman.

Thanks for your partnership in the Gospel, giving “all that you are and all that you have” for the sake of love...

Women of the ELCA



The Women of the ELCA will hold their group meetings on Thursday, May 3.

Sarah Group will meet at 10 a.m. at the home of Mary Lou Johnston, 2626 S.W. Thornton Ave.

Lois Group will meet at 12:30 p.m. in Neumann Hall at church. Sue Holcomb will talk about her work with refugee families.

Annual Meeting

The annual general meeting of Women of the ELCA will be held at noon on Thursday, June 7 at Scottish Rite Park in Des Moines. Karen Zaabel will present a program on The Healing Touch. Reservations will be required for the \$6.50 meal. If you wish to attend, leave a message at the church office at 243-7691.

Outreach Project: Harbor of Hope

The Women of the ELCA have the Harbor of Hope as their outreach project for May. The entire congregation is invited to participate by supplying men's socks, large-sized T-shirts, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, bus tokens or cleaning supplies, such as Windex, Lysol for the Kitchen, and toilet bowl cleaners. Items should be placed in the marked boxes in the Narthex and by the reception area.



SEND US YOUR PHOTOS

Do you have photos from a St. John's event or group activity? Do you have a photo that says "St. John's"?

If so, send them to scottl@stjohnsdsm.org or drop them off at the church office. You never know, you may end up in the next issue of the Eagle Call.

Prepare for Worship

Sunday, May 6, Fifth Sunday of Easter Music Sunday & Foundation Sunday

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ, the vine, and we, the branches, are alive in each other in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. Perhaps it is appropriate that at St. John's we will observe May 6 as both Foundation Sunday and Music Sunday as these are two of the many ways our interconnected life as a congregation is maintained and nourished.

The readings are Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, 1 John 4:7-21 and John 15:1-8. The hymns will be G.S. ELW 367, "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds," ELW 362, "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" and ELW 851, "When in Our Music God is Glorified." The prelude, communion music and postlude will be the St. John's Chamber Orchestra playing J.S. Bach's Double Violin Concerto, first movement with Nina Liu and Sofia Kaut, violin soloists. Preservice music and anthem at 8:45 a.m. will be provided by Kisasa Choristers and Joyful Noise. The offering music at 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. will be F.J. Haydn's "The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God" by the St. John's Chamber Orchestra and Cantorei at 8:45 a.m. and Cathedral Choir at 11 a.m. Our Blower Room Brass will join in on the hymns and liturgy as well as the Haydn music. The Gfeller Scholarship winners will be announced. A Godspeed blessing will be given to Darrin Sellers, our graduating cello "String Scholar," and our thanks will be expressed for directors, accompanists, instrumentalists and substitute organists. This will be a lovely and festive Eastertide celebration!

Sunday, May 13, Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

This Sunday's image of the life that the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve, but for John's gospel the image of servant-hood is too hierarchical, too distant to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit. For many there is no one in our lives that models both servant-hood and friendship like our own mother, and this is a happy coincidence that this Sunday is also Mother's Day.

The readings are Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6 and John 15:9-17. The hymns will be ELW 641, "All Are Welcome," ELW 383, "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" and ELW 836, "Joyful,

Joyful, We Adore Thee." At 11 a.m. Cathedral Choir will sing Michael Hassell's lovely setting of "Jesus Loves Me" for offering and "If You Love Me" by Thomas Tallis for communion. There will be laying on of hands and anointing with oil for healing at all services this weekend.

Sunday, May 20, Seventh Sunday of Easter

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is the work of the Spirit, whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

The readings are Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13 and John 17:6-19. The hymns will be ELW 645, "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation," ELW 655, "Son of God, Eternal Savior," and ELW 826, "Thine the Amen." At 8:45 a.m. Asphalt & Stained Glass will provide the offering and communion music, and Cathedral Choir will do the same at 11 a.m.

Sunday, May 27, Day of Pentecost

On the 50th day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and recreated. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and recreating not just individuals but a whole people while the Romans reading makes clear that God is in the process of recreating the entire cosmos. Yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.

The readings are Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21 and John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15. The hymns will be ELW 401, "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading," ELW 627, "O Day Full of Grace," and ELW 400, "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind." The assembly will join in the Taize chant "Veni Sancte Spiritus," ELW 406, during communion.



Hospitality & Outreach



The Gift of Faith

Last month I shared with you some information about a few of my friends battling major health issues. My point was that none of us knows when we may find ourselves in similar circumstances, so we should make the most of opportunities for service to others while we are able.

I am sorry to say that one of my friends left this world on, what we Catholics call, "Holy Saturday." This person died just before dawn. The spouse, another friend and I were there to witness the passing. For those of you who have not witnessed a death, it is a most blessed time. Birth and death are the most sacred moments of our lives.

This was the first time I had lost a friend who did not belong to a faith community. It was someone who, as a child, had been extremely hurt by church actions to family. I think this friend desperately wanted to believe, but just couldn't overcome what the individual called the "hypocrisy" of people. Talk and actions are miles apart, the individual thought. This person could not reconcile what people said with how they acted. In fact, apparently those who "talked the best line" treated them the worst.

I had many discussions with this individual, who actually asked me to dialogue about my faith. I even went so far as to read as much as I could so my view would be more informed, not simply my unquestioned belief from childhood.

However, the more we talked, the more agitated my friend became. Instead of accepting what I was saying, the person took to the internet to refute my testimony. After a few conversations, I felt like a punching bag. I wondered why the person wanted to argue about it. I came to the conclusion that God must really be working on my friend.

Toward the end, the individual was on a ventilator and not relating to others. There was evidence of a struggle – frowning, waving of hands and arms, attempts to talk to someone. As we Christians are prone to do, through it all I kept praying.

I wish I could tell you that right before passing my friend sat up, said "Praise Jesus!" with a smile, and then died. But this is not a made-for-television movie for the Christian Broadcast Network. This is real life and real death.

I am totally sure, however, that God welcomed this person to His heart. I am so glad God is our judge. We mere humans can be pretty harsh.

I am not telling you this to be sad or depressing. The point I want to make is how very blessed we are to be part of a family of faith. Sometimes I think I take it for granted. My belief is as vital and organic to me as the air I breathe. How blessed I am! How blessed are we all!

I am so grateful to my parents that they raised me with a set of moral values and grounded me in faith. I have come to know that no family is completely "normal." In fact, the idea of normal is laughable. But to KNOW that God exists and loves us in all our imperfections is so utterly astounding.

I do not fear death. I'm not sure HOW it will come, but I am certain of the outcome. Don't wait to lose a family member or a friend. Think about what sanctified gift we have been offered. Accept it joyously and share what we know to be true to those who aren't fortunate enough to know. Accept the gift of faith. We have done nothing to earn it – all the more reason to grasp the gift, thank God, and share it.

Blessings,
Katie Tippins
Hospitality and Outreach Coordinator

Financials

A statement of our financial position can now be obtained in the weekly bulletin or by contacting the church office.

NOTICE: All who give stock or other types of investments to St. John's, please be advised that St. John's has moved its investment portfolio from Ameritrade to Morgan Stanley Smith Barney (MSSB). When gifting please use the following information to make transfers to MSSB: **MSSB's DTC number is: 0418. MSSB's account number is: 461-00524-1-9-013. The name on the MSSB account is: St. John's Lutheran Church.** Those making a contribution of stocks or other equities, please notify the finance office at financeoffice@stjohnsdsm.org or call 515-243-7691. New rules do not allow brokers to identify donors without prior approval from the donor.

Thank you for your generous and continued support of the ministries of St. John's Lutheran Church.

DID YOU KNOW?

St. John's offers Wi-Fi from Weertz to DDI. Just look for the STJOHNS wireless network and use 'inthecity' for the passcode.



Small Groups

Questions? Contact Darla Stiles, Small Groups Coordinator
243.7691 or darlastiles@stjohnsdsm.org

CALENDAR

Quilting: Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., Room 308 at church.

WIRED Yoga: Thursdays through May 31, 5:45 p.m., Fireplace Lounge at church. Cost: \$10 per class or \$60 for the 7-week session. If you have questions, contact Corinne Lambert, callingwisdom1@hotmail.com (556-3679).

Saturday Morning Bible Study: Saturdays, May 5, 12 and 19, 8:30 a.m. No Saturday Morning Bible Study on May 26, due to Memorial Day weekend. Location to be announced. Contact Ellen Fisher, ellenfisher123@yahoo.com, or Rod Snavelly, rsnavely@aol.com.

Hardanger: Wednesdays, May 9 and 23, 9 a.m., Neumann Hall at church.

EAGLES: Friday, May 24, 5:45 p.m., Jasper Winery.

WIRED Zumba: Watch for future dates.

Scrapbooking: Saturday, May 12, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Room 8 at church.

St. John's Networking Group: Monday, May 14, 5:30 p.m., Gateway Market. Contact Ellen Fisher, ellenfisher123@yahoo.com (274-5236).

St. John's Social Club: Sunday, May 20, 4 p.m., mini-golf at Blank Golf Course.

3D: Wednesday, May 16, 10 a.m.

Lunch Bunch II: Wednesday, May 16, 12:30 a.m.

Lunch Bunch I: Thursday, May 17, 11:30 a.m.

Recreational Reading: Wednesday, May 23, 4:30 p.m., Rose Holm at church.

Photography: Sunday, May 27, 10 a.m., Neumann Hall at church. Theme: "What is it?"

Keep up to date with all events by subscribing to our weekly email newsletter (sign up on the homepage of our website) or keep an eye on www.stjohnsdsm.org

Coming up:

Bicycle St. John's group wants you to get the grease off your chains, pump up the tires and join them! The weather is great for riding bikes. This ALL NEW St. John's small group is making plans for the coming months. If you have ideas, contact Rod Snavelly at rsnavely@aol.com or 277-1301.

Quilting Group meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 308 at church. Anyone who is interested in quilting or tying is welcome.

WIRED Yoga meets for classes on Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at church. The current session runs through June 7. Cost is \$10 per class or \$60 for the 7-week session. If you have questions, contact Corinne Lambert at callingwisdom1@hotmail.com or 556-3679.

Saturday Morning Bible Study will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Saturdays, May 5, 12 and 19 (but NOT on Memorial Day weekend, May 26). Please contact one of the facilitators for the location: Ellen Fisher at ellenfisher123@yahoo.com or 250-9916 or Rod Snavelly at rsnavely@aol.com.

Hardanger will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, May 9 and 23, at 9 a.m. in Neumann Hall at church. If you have questions, contact Arlene Field at fjeldt@q.com or 964-3363.

EAGLES group will enjoy an evening at the Jasper Winery on Friday, May 24, beginning at 5:45 p.m. Bring snacks to share. Matt Woods and the Thunderbolts, a blues-and-boogie band, will play that evening. Jasper Winery is located at 2400 George Flagg Parkway, Des Moines, just two blocks west of Gray's Lake on the south side of the road. Bring your friends, family and a lawn chair, if you so desire. Please leave alcoholic beverages at home. If you plan to attend, call Margaret Townsend at 274-0962.

WIRED Zumba decides after each gathering when they will meet next. Watch for details in the announcements.

Scrapbooking will meet Saturday, May 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All are welcome.

St. John's Social Club wants to know whether you're interested in a little "putting around" on a beautiful Sunday afternoon in May. If so, plan on joining us for a round of mini-golf at the Blank Golf Course in south Des Moines at 4 p.m., Sunday, May 20. Participants will be appropriately "flighted," and individual prizes will be awarded. Entry fee at the course is \$7 per person. Following the tournament (about 6 p.m.), the group will crawl on down to Zombie Burger in East Village for a bite – fangs optional! Tournament entries and/or dinner reservations should be made as soon as possible (no later than Tuesday, May 15) with Pam Hanna at pam_hnn@yahoo.com (that's pam"underscore"hnn) or 339-4695.

The St. John's Networking Group will meet on Monday, May 14, at 5:30 p.m. at Gateway Market. The Networking Group is open to all – those who have a job or are looking for a new job and those who just want to enjoy some good conversation! If you have questions, contact Ellen Fisher at ellenfisher123@yahoo.com or 274-5236.

Lunch Bunch II will meet Wednesday, May 16, at 12:30 a.m. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Janet Figg at 279-6326.

3D will meet Wednesday, May 16, at 10 a.m.

Children's Ministries

May Sunday School Schedule

May 6 - The Holy Spirit (Acts 2: 1-4, 36-42)

Talk about these questions with your child:

- How do you see God showing love to everyone in the world?
- Why do you think there are Christian people all over the world, not just in our country?
- Is it easier or harder to share your faith with someone who is different from you? Why?

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Fifth-sixth-grade class: Pastor Bob will speak to the fifth and sixth graders to prepare them for confirmation. These classes will meet in the chapel at 10:55 a.m. and be escorted to Room 208.

Age 3 - 4th grade: Early Believers (Acts 2: 43-47; 4: 32-37)

Talk about these questions with your child:

- Who is a person you consider to be part of your family, even though he or she isn't technically a relative?
- Do you know any families who have some members who are actively involved in church and others who are not?
- What do you think it was like for a Christian in the early church to be the only one in his or her family to believe in Jesus?

May 20 (last Sunday School until fall) - Peter Heals (Acts 3:1-16)

Talk about these questions with your child:

- How does God strengthen your faith?
- What words or actions of yours can help spread the good news of Jesus?
- How do you think the disciples felt after Jesus rose into heaven and left them to continue preaching his words?

Vacation Bible School: June 25-28 for K-Sixth Grade



Registration forms will be available Monday, May 14, on the table by the chapel or on the St. John's Children's Ministries website at <http://www.stjohnsdsm.org/sunday-school/>.

Why send your child to Vacation Bible School (VBS)? When children go to VBS they get a chance to learn songs, experience the Bible, and relate what the Bible is telling them in their own lives. It's a big dose of faith building all in one week! Students are given opportunities to eat, pray, laugh and be a kid in our big beautiful church with other brothers and sisters at St. John's.

Sunday School Teachers Needed for 2012-13



Could you share your faith with a class of kids once or twice a month? Teacher's guides are provided that make lessons easy to plan and lead, and it's very rewarding. You'll learn right along with the kids! *A schedule can be designed for even the busiest person!* If you are interested, ask for Sheryl Reed at 243-7691.

Youth Ministries

Thanks to confirmation students

Thanks to all the St. John's confirmation students and mentors who participated in Holy Week services this year. It was truly an awesome experience. You all did a fantastic job and made the services memorable and meaningful for all. Your gifts are appreciated and valued. Thank you again! Can't wait for next year!

Spring graduates to be honored

The 2012 high school graduates of St. John's will be honored Sunday, May 20, at the 8:45 a.m. service. A reception will be held following in Weertz for graduates, their families and the entire church family. All are welcome!

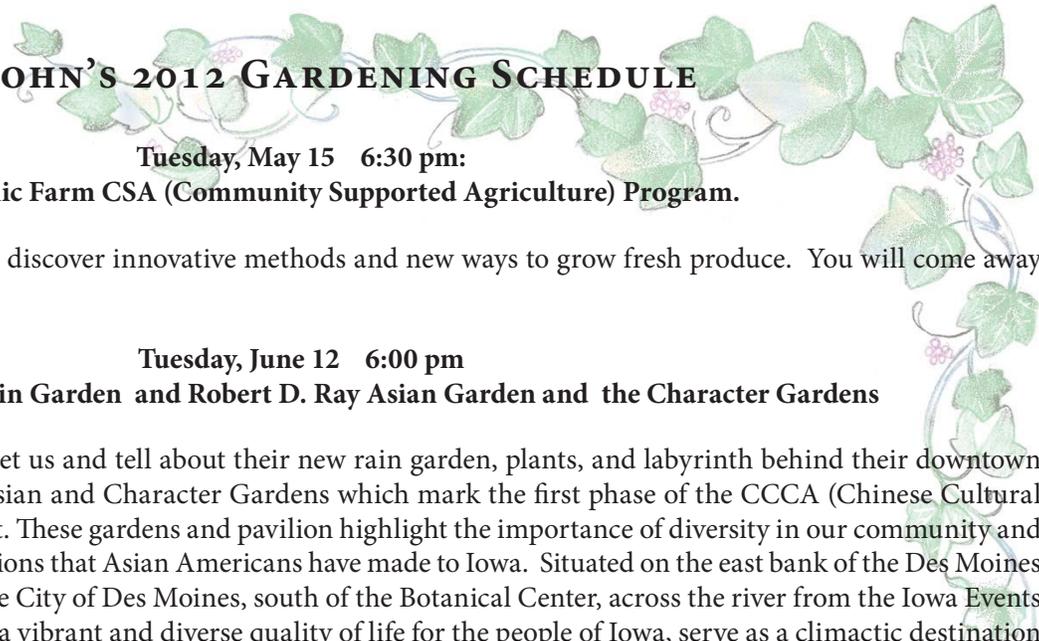
Summer is almost here!

Remember to watch your e-mail and announcements for information about awesome and fun summer programs at St. John's for seventh through 12th graders. There will be service opportunities, day trips, book club, art activities, and other events. You won't want to miss any of it!

Middle-schoolers: Note dates

For Lutheran Lakeside Camp

All students going into seventh, eighth and ninth grades are eligible to go to Lutheran Lakeside Camp with Pastor Bob Speirs and Megan Clausen during the week of June 24-29. If you have questions, e-mail Megan Clausen at meganc@stjohnsdsm.org.



ST. JOHN'S 2012 GARDENING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 15 6:30 pm:

L.T. Organic Farm CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) Program.

Visit this organic farm for a tour and discover innovative methods and new ways to grow fresh produce. You will come away with a whole new way of gardening!

Tuesday, June 12 6:00 pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Rain Garden and Robert D. Ray Asian Garden and the Character Gardens

John Doherty from St. Paul's will meet us and tell about their new rain garden, plants, and labyrinth behind their downtown church. Then we can go on to The Asian and Character Gardens which mark the first phase of the CCCA (Chinese Cultural Center of America) Riverfront Project. These gardens and pavilion highlight the importance of diversity in our community and acknowledge the significant contributions that Asian Americans have made to Iowa. Situated on the east bank of the Des Moines River on a 1.7 acre site provided by the City of Des Moines, south of the Botanical Center, across the river from the Iowa Events Center, the CCCA Gardens will offer a vibrant and diverse quality of life for the people of Iowa, serve as a climactic destination attraction for the Principal Riverwalk, and supply a natural linkage between the Principal Center Street Pedestrian Bridge and the Des Moines Botanical Center. We can also walk across the Pedestrian Bridge which you may have driven by but not actually walked.

Tuesday, July 10 6:00 pm:

Private Tour: Margie Brennan, 1730 Walnut Woods Drive, West Des Moines.

The first thing to greet you at the Brennan home is a wonderful iron twig gate and fence that was fabricated by Dale Merrill of Liberty Ironworks in Mount Vernon, Iowa. He also has sculpted several wild animals that "roam" the grassy field in the distance—a giraffe, a lion, and a zebra. Amazing is the word I would use to describe the gardens and encompassing area. Margie has two wonderful water features that surround her house among the many day lilies and roses. She also has numerous sculptures and many wonderful surprises tucked here and there. It's a tour you won't want to miss!

Tuesday, July 24 6:00 pm:

Private Tour: Carol and Peter Dittmer, 8920 Oakwood Drive, Norwalk.

This is a "two in one"—a vegetable and flower garden in one yard. Take a walk on the pathway between their house and their neighbors to arrive in the back yard where you will be amazed by the many terraces (built by Peter). Most of the perennials Carol brought here from her family home in Wisconsin. They invite us to enjoy light refreshments and see where they spend most of their time, with a lovely view of the lake as well.

Tuesday, August 21 6:00 pm:

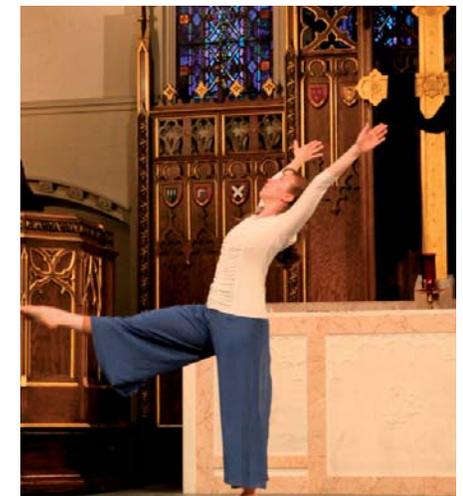
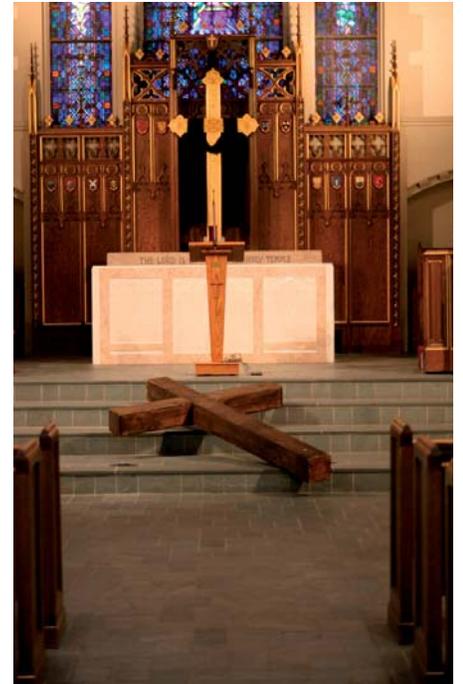
Private Tour: Larry and Linda Christensen, 1001 Cummins Pkwy, Des Moines.

Larry and Linda are using an intuitive approach to gardening as they mix functionality and aesthetic appearance in their vegetable and flower gardens, experimenting with ideas picked up from the organic farm/CSA west of town such as growing cherry tomatoes in PVC pipe and greens in cinder blocks, and implementing Joel and Holly Getty's rain barrel approach and compost barrel. They also have a unique labyrinth using prairie grasses in the far back yard, as well as utilizing the "parking" area in an interesting way. The trumpet vines and butterfly bushes will be in bloom at this time attracting hummingbirds and butterflies.

FOR FULL DETAILS AND DIRECTIONS TO THE EVENTS GO TO

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All active & confirmed members of
St. John's Lutheran Church are voting
members of the St. John's Foundation.

The Annual Meeting will be held at
10:00 am in Weertz.

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