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Worship

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Sunday
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11:00 am

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Kisasa Choristers present "A Technicolor Promise" on May 2nd

Technicolor Promise... a truth for all the ages... God sees with eyes of grace... and fills the universe with love... for all the human race. The Kisasa Choristers will present the story of Noah and the flood in the electrifying musical A Technicolor Promise by Allen Pote on Sunday, May 2nd at the 8:45 and 11:00 services.

The Kisasa Choristers (boys and girls, grades 3-6) are new to St. John's this 2009-10 season. Their Des Moines debut hit the airwaves last December singing "Bell Carol" as part of Lite 104.1's Holiday Idol Competition, an endeavor that earned them runner-up! The Kisasa Choristers director, Sarah Garner, glows about the experience, "The choristers were so excited that the entire congregation of St. John's was texting and voting online for them. Feeling that kind of support is something that means so much to kids of this age!"

The choristers have been working on the music to A Technicolor Promise since January. Garner explains, "working with the Kisasa Choristers on the show has been so fun! These kids really get the drama of the entire story... from the doubting and jeering onlookers when Noah is building the ark, to the solitude of a dove flying over endless water in search of land."

Directing the production are Kent and Megan Hartwig. Members of St. John's and Cantorei, they are veteran music theatre actors and have brought to life the story of Noah and the flood with dramatic dialogue and hoppin' choreography.



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Next Eagle Call Deadline
April 19 at 12 p.m.



A Word from Our Pastors

Pastor Bob Speirs

“From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”
2 Corinthians 5:16-17

As I continue to reflect on our Holy Week together; the worship, the music, the participation, talent and efforts that our youth contributed toward telling the Gospel story of Easter, and the great attendance; I am thankful to have been even a small part of this experience. It is in our life together as people of faith in Christ that we fully realize and experience the fullness and beauty of God's grace and love. If we truly believe the Easter story, that the crucified Christ comes to us now as the risen Lord, we also understand that we are all equally and without doubt, new creatures, part of God's new creation in Christ. It is in this oneness and newness in Christ that we can ideally and faithfully live out our diverse calls to the mission of Christ - to love and serve God and the people and world God has given us. That remains our commission and purpose.

As we look forward to the coming weeks and months, there are many points of interest and opportunities for learning and service to keep in mind:

-Tuesday morning Bible study, 10:00 a.m., in room 8. We are currently working our way through the book of Revelation. Up to 22 people attend on a regular basis, and we are having fun and learning a lot as well. Please feel free to join us if you have the time.

-Our Sunday morning Adult Forum, 10:00 a.m., room 8, has three more sessions before ending for the summer. The following presenters are scheduled for May:

- May 2nd, Terri Speirs and The Global Mission Team will lead a forum highlighting the ministry of Bread for the World, an ecumenical organization that works to address hunger issues both nationally and internationally, through advocacy and policy initiatives.
- May 9th, “Aging Resources” presented by Joel Olah, Ph.D., Executive Director of Aging Resources of Central Iowa and member of St. John's. This will highlight the issues surrounding aging and the services and support that are available to our older citizens.
- May 16th, Professor Mark Mattes of Grand View University, will return for our final forum of the season, hosting a time for questions, answers, and discussion on the many challenges that the church currently faces, with an eye toward the future, as well.

I would like to thank all of you who so generously support our ministry through the Good Samaritan Fund, enabling us to assist those in our community who are experiencing both social and financial hardship. There is a wide range of needs, from rent assistance, to utility bills, to one woman who came seeking help for a tuition bill for her studies for a Class A trucking license so that she could seek gainful employment. A couple of weeks back she came to see me to thank us for the assistance we gave her, and she brought along her newly earned degree which will enable her to apply for driving jobs.

Our Stephen Ministry team continues to do great work as we look for opportunities

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to support, comfort and offer one-to-one Christian care for those in our church community, family and friends who have suffered or experienced a loss or other trauma in their lives. Please contact Pastor Bob, Karen Zaabel or Linda Rieck if you know of someone who could use a Stephen Minister or have questions about our program. We are still very much looking forward to the opportunity to train additional people who are interested in becoming caregivers themselves.

On May 7th, 8th, 14th, and 15th the AMOS organization is presenting Working, a play based on the best selling book by Studs Terkel, who interviewed many American workers and "paints a vivid portrayal of the men and women that the world often takes for granted: the school teacher, the parking attendant, the waitress, mill worker", and many others. The play is offered as a fundraiser for the AMOS organization and will be presented here in Des Moines at the First Unitarian Church of Des Moines, 1800 Bell Avenue. See Bonnie Ekse for information on how to obtain tickets for this event and in order to support the work of AMOS.

An opportunity for the whole family to enjoy...Sunday, May 2nd at 3:00 p.m. there will be a rally at the state fair grounds, sponsored by WE CAN, a multi-denominational effort of more than 40 congregations, to gather 50,000 cans of food to support hunger ministry programs throughout Central Iowa. Dakota Road, a Christian (actually, Lutheran) folk and rock band well-known to many in the Midwest, will perform a live concert as part of the program. The location is the Elwell Family Food Center, just to the right as you enter the Grand Avenue entrance.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Bob



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Health Ministry

If you or a family member are in the hospital and would like pastoral visits and/or to be included on the Prayer List, please contact St. John's and let us know – 243-7691. The receptionist will forward the information. The hospitals, as a rule, do not automatically inform us because of privacy laws.

WELCA Updates

For the month of May the WELCA groups will support the ongoing drive for diapers for the Des Moines Area Religious Council to distribute. Diapers are a request at the distribution centers and are an ongoing expense for food eligible households with babies. In addition to the food and cash you contribute, diapers would be a welcomed item to donate. If you wish to assist with this need, please place the packages of diapers in the carts designated for DMARC Food Pantry. The congregation is encouraged to support this need as well.

Lois Group will meet at 12:30 on May 6th at St. John's.

Sarah Group will meet at Lou Johnston's home at 9:30 am on May 6

WELCA: Mark your calendar for the general meeting which will be on June 3 at The Des Moines Golf & Country Club, hosted by Margaret Roby at 12:00.

Elevator Update



In early Spring we began the large scale project of modernizing and renovating our elevator. The first stage of this project is complete with the successful removal of asbestos from the elevator shaft. The second phase is underway with parts needed to complete the modernization being manufactured. At this point we anticipate that workers will be here on site in June. If everything goes as scheduled the modernization will be complete in August. We deeply apologize for the extended time that the elevator will be unavailable and appreciate your patience.



Prepare for Worship

Sunday, May 2nd, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. The Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light - through the lens of love.

At 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. our Kisasa Choristers, directed by Sarah Garner and accompanied by our Chamber Orchestra, will present the musical "A Technicolor Promise" that presents, as we see in Luther's "flood prayer" at baptism, these same themes.

Sunday, May 9, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Visions abound in the readings for this Sunday. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. The risen Lord Jesus provides visions of peace that passes human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

The readings are Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; and John 14:23-29. The hymns are ELW 377, "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!" ELW 804, "Come Down, O Love Divine," and ELW 647, "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken." At 8:45 a.m. our Sunday School children will once again become the "Kristal Bells" ensemble and ring "Amazing Grace." Cathedral Choir will sing "How Can I Keep from Singing," in an arrangement Larry Christensen wrote for his son's ordination. At 11:00 a.m. Hannah Ryan will play piano for offering and communion to celebrate the baptism of her daughter with John, Isabelle.

Sunday, May 16, Seventh Sunday of Easter

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer the petitions of the ascended Lord for his own throughout history - to our own day - and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

The readings are Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; and John 17:20-26. The hymns will be ELW 851, "When in Our Music God is Glorified," ELW 826, "Thine the Amen," and ELW 383, "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

We will be observing May 16th as "Music Sunday" at St. John's as we thank those who elevate our prayer and praise through music. As many of our singers and instrumentalists

as we can have present will provide the leadership of hymns and liturgy as well as music at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. for offering and communion.

Sunday, May 23, Day of Pentecost

Remember to wear **RED** to church for worship!

Pentecost is a day of promises fulfilled. The promised Spirit of God is poured out. The baptized have become "children of God" and "joint heirs with Christ." By the power of the Spirit we have seen the face of the Father in his only begotten Son and been saved by him. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The readings are Acts 2:1-21 (or Genesis 11:1-9); Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; and John 14:8-27. The hymns will be ELW 786, "O Holy Spirit, Enter In," ELW 804, "Come Down, O Love Divine," and ELW 400, "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind". Cathedral Choir will sing at the 11:00 a.m. service.

Sunday, May 30, The Holy Trinity

"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" (Ps. 8) Today we celebrate the name of God: holy blessed Trinity. There is no other day quite like this one in the church's year. There is no other god like this. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

The readings are Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; and John 16:12-15. The hymns will be ELW 413, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!" ELW 412, "Come Join the Dance of Trinity," and ELW 414, "Holy God, We Praise Your Name." Cantorei at 8:45 a.m. and Cathedral Choir at 11:00 a.m. will perform "Neither Death, Nor Life," by Marty Haugen for communion.

DMARC - Help Wanted



The Des Moines Area Religious Council needs professional, cheerful, dedicated office volunteers who can work regular hours, 1-3 times a week, mornings or afternoons.

Duties include greeting visitors, answering the telephone, light computer work, and occasional research. Must be able to handle information with discretion. Training provided. Pleasant, quiet office atmosphere. Interested? Please see Terri Speirs, DMARC Communications/Office Manager, tspeirs@dmreligious.org.



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 Citigroup Global Markets, Inc/Smith Barney to Ameritrade. When gifting please use the following information to make transfers to Ameritrade: **Ameritrade's DTC number is: 0188. Ameritrade's account number is: 788-285389. The name on the Ameritrade account is: St. Johns 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, post 9/11, 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.

Polk County Health Services

The Polk County Mental Health Response Team is looking for committed and caring volunteers. This team is made up of mental health professionals, para-professionals and citizens to provide emotional support to individuals within Polk County at times of disaster and critical incidents. If you possess the ability to maintain confidentiality, have outstanding listening skills and are an excellent communicator, this may be the volunteer opportunity for you! Volunteers must be 18 years and older to apply. An interview and background check is required. Call Polk County Health Services at 243-4545 and leave your name and phone number.



QUILTING BEE for Lutheran World Relief, May 22nd, 9:00 - Noon. Both experienced sewers & "newbies" are welcome!!

In the City (and the World) for Good!

St. John's is a center for mission in the heart of Des Moines. Raised to new life by the love of Christ, our purpose is to share that love with our immediate neighborhood, the larger community, and the world.

This month we are devoting this space to two recent requests from the DMARC Emergency Food Pantry:

The DMARC Food Pantry, in consultation with a former staff member of Iowa State University Extension, recently revised its "most needed food items" list. It was recently discovered that food pantry clients have three times the incidence of diabetes of the general population. The list has been revised to provide more healthy choices for those with diabetes, as well as all pantry clients.

Please clip & save the list below.

- 100% juice
- Fruit (canned in water or juice)
- Dry & canned beans
- Canned vegetables (with no salt added)
- Peanut butter
- Canned meat (tuna or chicken in water)
- Whole-grain dry pasta or egg noodles
- Brown rice
- Whole grain crackers
- Canned spaghetti sauce
- Hot cereal, oatmeal (no sugar added, instant or regular)
- Cold cereal (whole grain cheerios, wheat chex, wheaties, shredded wheat)
- Shelf-stable UHT milk (low fat, no canned milk)
- Infant formula
- Diapers & wipes
- Personal products (shampoo, soap, feminine hygiene, toothpaste, deodorant)
- Free whole-grain bread items (with generous expiration dates)

The Food Pantry is also asking for the donation of 60,000 diapers by July 1st.

In a limited-income household, a baby may remain in a single soiled diaper all day, and safety-net programs such as SNAP (food stamps) & WIC do not assist with the cost of diapers & wipes. For low-income families cloth diapers are often not an option because childcare centers do not allow them and families may have limited access to personal washing machines. The Food Pantry, therefore, is asking us to stock the shelves with diapers (of all sizes) and baby wipes. Please remember this request when you are shopping for the pantry. Your gifts will make a HUGE difference in the lives of children & families in our community!



Small Groups

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

CALENDAR

Scrapbooking, Saturday, May 1, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Valbracht.

In the Word—Saturday am Bible Study, Saturdays, May 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 8:30 a.m., for location call Jim Swanstrom at 244-1951 or Rod Snavelly at 277-1301.

Quilting, Working at home until the elevator is in working order.

St. John's Moms, Saturday, May 8, 10:00 a.m. in the Nursery at church.

Gardening, Tuesday, May 11, 6:30 p.m. in Neumann at church, speaker on "Community Gardens in Des Moines".

EAGLES, Thursday, May 13, trip to Grinnell, meet at church at 8:30 a.m.

3D, Wednesdays, May 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Hardanger, Mondays, May 10 and 24, 9:00 a.m. in Neumann.

St. John's Job Networking Group, Monday, May 10, 5:30 p.m. at Gateway on Martin Luther King Parkway and Woodland.

Friday Study Group—Fridays, May 14 and 28 at 9:30 a.m. at Grays Lake (in case of rain, CC Coffee Shop on SW 9th)

Lunch Bunch II, will meet Wednesday, May 19, 11:30 a.m.

Lunch Bunch I, will meet Thursday, May 20, 11:30 a.m.

Photography, Sunday, May 23, 10:00 a.m. in Neumann, theme: "people".

Prayer Shawl, Tuesday evening group, Tuesday, May 25, 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

Recreational Book Club, Wednesday, May 26, 4:30 p.m. in Rose Holm.

*Be sure to check www.stjohnsdsm.org
for small group dates and events.*

More information on upcoming events

Scrapbooking will meet on May 1 between 9:30 am and 3:00 pm in Valbracht (change in date and room for this month only). Anyone who enjoys scrapbooking is invited to attend—bring your pictures and pages and materials to work with. People come and leave whatever time fits their Saturday schedule. If you are interested in attending, please call or email Darla at 243-7691 or darlastiles@stjohnsdsm.org.

St. John's Moms meeting on Saturday, May 8. If you have a child who is 3 or younger and would like to chat with and get to know other mom's in similar situations, please join this new group on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 am in the nursery at church (you may

bring your young one with you so they may also get to know each other). A room will be provided for nursing mothers. Contact Kirsten LaBlanc at 491-0907; k.lablanc@gmail.com or Rachel Corron at 313-6645; rpcorron@gmail.com if you have questions.

EAGLES will meet at church on Thursday, May 13, at 8:30 am to carpool to Grinnell for a tour of the Merchants National Bank, the new "green" library, the Faulconer Gallery, and the Grinnell Historical Museum. Watch the bulletins for more details. Respond to Janie Clemenson, 274-0924, or curtjane@mchsi.com.

The Hardanger Group meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (May 10 and 24) at 9:00 am. If you are interested in this needlework, please contact Arlene Field, 964-3363, or Barb Hyler, 262-5261.

St. John's Job Networking Group: The next meeting is Monday, May 10, 5:30 pm at Gateway on Martin Luther King and Woodland in the Sherman Hill district. If you are looking for a way to network and connect with others who are job hunting, please join in some great fellowship and sharing of ideas. Questions, contact Ellen Fisher at ellenfisher123@yahoo.com.

Recreational Reading will meet Wednesday, May 26, at 4:30 pm in Rose Holm. The book for discussion is Same Kind of Different as Me by Ron Hall and Denver Moore.

Do you want a part in beautifying the outside of the church? You are invited to support the Gardening Small Group and the Arts Ministry's beautification of the outside of the church building! The spring planting of the pots that surround the building will soon be done by Boesen's (at \$75/pot) and the summer planting by the City of Des Moines (at no cost!) The Gardening Small Group will take care of the courtyard plantings and invites your support of the cost of this beautification project. Any amount is welcome, and if you desire, your gift may be made in honor or memory of someone dear to you. Checks should be made out to St. John's with "spring planters" in the memo line. Thank you!

Friday Study Group will meet Fridays, May 14 and 28 at 9:30 am at Grays Lake (in case of rain, CC Coffee Shop on SW 9th). Contact Delaine Marker with questions or if interested in joining

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them, 285-2605.

Lunch Bunch I will meet on Thursday May 20th. Lou Johnston will be hosting with the place to be announced closer to that date. Members will be notified by phone. Anyone interested in joining the group please call Margaret Roby at 288-6304 to reserve a space. New members are most welcome!

Lunch Bunch II continues to meet on the third Wednesday at 11:30 am at various restaurants (May 19th this month.) If interested in joining this group, contact Janet Figg, 279-6326.

Photography welcomes those who enjoy taking pictures with a 35 mm camera, as well as those who use digital cameras. The next meeting is Sunday, May 23, at 10:00 am in Neumann. Anyone interested in photography is welcome. Bring a couple of pictures to show based on the theme—which for May is "People." Contact Rod Snavelly, rsnavely@aol.com if you have questions.

The prayer shawl groups meet quarterly. The Tuesday group will meet in May on the 25th at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Lounge. Other dates: Monday afternoon group: July 19, and October 18 in 2010 and February 15 in 2011 at 1:00 pm in the Fireside Lounge. The Tuesday evening group: May 25 and September 28 in 2010, and January 25 and April 26 in 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Lounge. Feel free to bring any finished prayer shawls at any time to Jean McKinney's office to be blessed and given to those going through difficult times (please put your name on a piece of paper with the shawl if you leave it.) If you are interested in joining this prayer shawl ministry, contact Jean McKinney or Darla Stiles at church, 243-7691.

A Technicolor Promise

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Fuller Choir Room has been transformed into a staging ground for the production and Wednesday night rehearsals have involved long hours of singing and dancing by the talented young choristers.

While rehearsals may be exhausting, the kids still seem to remember why they love being a Kisasa Chorister: "Because of the pool and Wii parties!" proclaims Aidan Speirs, one of the musical's actors.

Larry Christensen will be directing the St. John's Chamber Orchestra for the production. "Our St. Johns Chamber Orchestra will be augmented with drums, guitar, bass guitar and brass to accompany the musical in style." Larry undertakes the task of orchestrating the music from the piano score, giving the choristers the rare treat of being accompanied by a true pit orchestra.

Garner exclaims, "my favorite part of rehearsal that raises the hair on my arms every time is when the Kisasa Chorister's voices soar, singing: See the promise in the sky. Give thanks and praise, always, God is love." Come early, get a good seat, you won't want to miss St. John's Kisasa Choristers presenting A Technicolor Promise on May 2nd at 8:45 and 11:00!

Fields of Hope



There will be 22 acres of corn planted soon on the acreage near Polk City farmed by the lead farmer on the Fields of Hope endeavor. He has obtained donations of seed, herbicide, and nitrogen fertilizer. We will need to raise the cash to cover the dry phosphorus, potash, cash rent, and crop insurance for this growing season.

Fields of Hope is a partnership of urban and rural churches in a Christian response to world hunger reduction. This the sixth year of planting a crop in the Polk City - Alleman area. There are a number of these efforts in Iowa and across the nation. The local farmers do the work, urban partners help with costs and the harvested crop is monetized. The cash is sent to the Foods Resource Bank which is a coalition of a dozen Christian organizations interested in and working toward helping folks in developing countries to become food secure. Food security being defined as enough food to feed the family and a little left over for education or other needs. Lutheran World Relief is a partner organization. The projects are in 60+ nations. The project designs vary based on local determination. Our Fields of Hope proceeds have been designated toward the indigenous population in the mountains of Guatemala. With help in designing low tech farming, they are now growing fresh tomatoes, peppers, and other vegetables with enough extra to market them.

Want to know more? Contact us. Bob and Jean Williams - rwilli1195@aol.com or 515.277.9120

In Concert

Vocal Arts Ensemble and Valley Singers
Present Final Performing Arts
Concert of 2009-2010
Sunday, May 2, 4:00 p.m.

Our 2009-2010 Performing Arts Series comes to a close on Sunday afternoon, May 2, at 4 pm when the Des Moines Vocal Arts Ensemble combines with the Valley Singers, the elite vocal ensemble at Valley High School. Check out details of the concert at dmvae.org/ticket.htm

Tickets are available from Vocal Arts Ensemble members for \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Student tickets are \$6. Tickets can be purchased on line at the Vocal Arts Ensemble website.



Children's Ministries

May Sunday School Schedule

	Bible Story	Faith Trait	Big Idea
May 2	Age 3-4th Grade Zacchaeus and Jesus Luke 19:1-10	Generosity	Jesus invites everyone to give to others.
	5th /6th Grade Lazarus and the rich man Luke 16:19-31	Justice	Jesus' friends work for justice.
May 9 Multi-Age Sunday School-in room 208	Cleansing the Temple Luke 19:45-48	Boldness	Jesus encourages us to stand up for what we believe!
May 16	1st - 6th Graders - Bible Game Show Room 208		
	Age 3, Preschool, Kindergarten Paul and Silas in prison Acts 16: 16-40	Honesty	Jesus is with us when we share our faith.



Pentecost Family Event for Kids and Families – Sunday, May 23. 10:00 in the Fireside Lounge - Please join us during the Sunday School hour for a special Family event. Make Pentecost-themed crafts, enjoy a yummy snack, and then gather outside in the fountain courtyard for a very special conclusion: we will use the wind to send our prayers out into the world with ... bubbles!

Vacation Bible School 2010

Who: Kids entering Kindergarten-Seventh Grade
What: VBS Day Camp Week at a Glance: "I See You!" (based on Psalm 139:1)
When: June 21-24 from 9:00-2:00
Where: St. John's Lutheran Church -- 600 6th Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50309
Why you should come: You'll participate in games, crafts, songs, and skits based on Psalm 139:1 ("Lord you have seen what is in my heart. You know all about me.")

Registration and Health Form can be found at <http://www.stjohnsdsm.org/childrensministries>.

For more information contact Sheryl Reed (243-7691 ext. 193) or sherylreed@stjohnsdsm.org

Youth Ministries

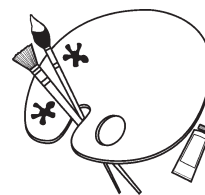
Summer is almost here! That means there are lots of fun things to do with your friends from church or bring your friends from school! Check it out!

Activities for Middle School Students

These activities are open to all students that have finished 6th-8th grades as of summer 2010!

MSBC: Middle School Book Club! We will be meeting 1 Thursday in June and 4 Thursdays in July from 3-5pm. We will meet @ St. John's and walk to Ritual Café for refreshments and a great place to discuss what we are reading. All the book choices have to do with important, relevant social issues. Students may choose from 3 different books (*Can't Get There From Here* by Todd Strasser, *Sold* by Patricia McCormick, *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli). Rides are available for those who need them! The cost is \$10.

Day Trips!!! There will be two Middle School day trips this summer. On Friday, June 18th we will be spending most of the day at Gray's Lake. We will meet at noon to have a picnic lunch and we will spend the afternoon outdoors paddle-boating, playing Frisbee, lying on the grass, enjoying God's creation in fellowship with one another. The cost is \$10 (includes lunch, paddle boats, and a snack). On Monday, July 12th we will be spending the morning at Climb Iowa rock climbing gym in Grimes, IA. We will spend the afternoon at a local pool TBA. The cost is \$25 (includes climbing and pool admission). Students will need to bring a sack lunch! More details to come!



The faithful artist: Back by popular demand!!! This summer we will explore all different mediums and work on lots of new techniques while discovering how our faith and the art we create are connected! It is sure to be a summer of messy fun!!! The faithful artists meet on Wednesday afternoons throughout the summer @ St. John's from 1-4pm. Rides are available for those who need them! The cost is \$75.

PARENTS or ANY OTHER INTERESTED ADULTS: If you can offer rides please let me know ASAP. Also, if you are interested in chaperoning any of these activities please let me know.

To sign-up for or learn more about these activities please contact Megan Clausen (meganc@stjohnsdsm.org or 515.243.7691).



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Activities for High School Students

These activities are open to all students that have finished 9th-12th grades as of summer 2010!

Please come and join in the celebration honoring our Class of 2010 high school graduates on Sunday, May 23rd @ the 8:45am service. There is a cupcake reception following the service in Weertz Hall.

HSBC: High School Book Club! We will be reading *Irresistible Revolution: Living as an Ordinary Radical* by Shane Claiborne. It is an AMAZING book with an WONDERFUL message! We will be meeting on most Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at either Smokey Row Coffee House or the Drake Diner to discuss and eat breakfast together. The cost for the book is \$10. See Megan for more details!

Information on other activities coming soon!! Watch your email and Facebook!

Interfaith Hospitality Network

On May 4th and 6th, St. John's will assist WDM Christian Church in hosting 3 homeless families in transition. Please consider volunteering for a shift. We need food preparers & servers, evening and overnight hosts. This is a great opportunity for youth, families or small groups to serve together.

May 4th (Tuesday) & May 6th (Thursday)	
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Serve supper & clean up
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Evening Hosts
8:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.	Overnight hosts (at least one male needed)
Food Needs - Deliver by 5:30 p.m.	
Main Dish	Enough for 25 people
Salad	
Vegetable / Starch	
Bread - two loaves	
Dessert	
Milk - two gallons	

Please see sign-up sheet just outside the Sanctuary. Contact Jennifer Early or Wanda Havard with questions, 274-6872

Midweek Music

Cantor Laura Berkson of Temple B'Nai Jeshurun Performs for Midweek Music Wednesday, May 5

The Cantor at the Temple on Grand, Laura Berkson, will be the guest artist for our May 5 Midweek Music. Laura has a lovely voice, and is a fine composer and guitarist. Most of us know little about Jewish music traditions, so when Ms. Berkson's predecessor gave a recital about a decade ago, it was one of the favorite offerings of the series that year.

The program is free, begins at 12:05, and is over by 12:30 pm. Lunch follows for just \$6.00.

Special, Extra Midweek Music Concert May 12 Fundraiser for Leah McIntire

Drake student musician, Leah McIntire, is trying to raise money for a special opportunity that has come her way. You may remember Leah as playing a solo cello recital in our Midweek Music series last fall, and she is scheduled to sing a solo vocal recital in the 2010 - 2011 series. She also is singing a leading role in Drake's upcoming production of Mozart's "The Magic Flute."

Leah has been offered the opportunity of a lifetime for an aspiring opera singer: to sing the role of Violetta in a production of Verdi's La Traviata in Italy this summer! She had auditioned for the program in January, but was told she would not get a leading role because of her age. Leah is also getting married this summer, so decided against going to Italy to sing a minor role in a smaller opera. Then, recently, they called her back. The woman who was to sing Violetta had to withdraw due to a family emergency; would Leah consider coming and singing the lead in this major, Verdi opera? Of course, the program starts two days after Leah's wedding!

Leah needs to raise about \$6500 to finance this adventure. St. John's offered to allow her the opportunity to give a public recital at which people would have the opportunity to donate toward her expenses for the program in Italy this summer, and it will be on Wednesday, May 12, at 12:05, as an extra Midweek Music event. Admission is still free, and a lunch will still be offered following for \$6, but there will be the chance for anyone who chooses to make a donation to support Leah.



Hospitality & Outreach

Help Yourself While Helping Others



It was brought to my attention a couple weeks ago that April was designated as volunteer month. This revelation came after the April issue of Eagle Call was printed and mailed.

Realizing you would be receiving this issue at the beginning of

May, I had the choice to ignore the volunteer connection, or approach the topic with the attitude "better late than never."

So, "better late" it is.

Recently, I attended a class entitled "Understanding Volunteers." I would honestly say that it didn't offer insights into the psyche of those who donate their time but, rather, talked about who volunteers and where.

I was the only person from a church, or a religious institution of any kind. There were 12 of us in attendance; other fields represented were education, healthcare, building/repair projects for low income and/or elderly; and a women's prison, among others.

Of the 12, six representatives said the vast majority of their volunteers came from youth – those in the range of 16 – 25 years. We remaining six were very impressed with that figure. Volunteering opportunities, of course, are time sensitive. Many places need help during the weekday, and that rules out those with full-time day jobs and youth who are in school. However, especially for young people, we were encouraged to invite them to share some of their summer vacation time. Consider this an invitation!

Listed at the end of this article are some motivational factors for volunteering, key benefits to those giving of their time. After reviewing this list, it's easy to see that the person volunteering is gaining as much, if not more, than the once receiving the support. There are bona fide, measurable outcomes by getting outside of ones self; taking action, solving problems, and feeling a sense of fulfillment.

If we have the opportunity to be generous with our hearts, ourselves, we have no idea of the depth and breadth of love's reach. - Margaret Cho

Take a chance and receive a pleasant surprise.

- Help & connect with others in the community
- Use your skills in a productive way
- Channel your passions
- Find purpose
- Explore new areas of interest
- Make a difference
- Have fun
- Develop new skills
- Meet new & good people
- Strengthen your resume
- Expand your horizons
- Change someone's life
- Feel better about yourself
- Connect to others
- Contribute to a cause that you care about
- Make important networking contacts
- Get references for school or a job
- Improve lives
- Feel involved
- Brings balance to your life
- Feel part of a group
- Improve your health
- Try new things
- Challenge yourself
- Gain leadership experience
- Make new friends
- Build confidence
- Inspire others
- Solve problems
- Strengthen communities

If you are interested in learning how your gifts and passions can assist the ministries here at St. John's please contact :

Katie Tippins, Hospitality & Outreach Coordinator
243-7691 x.115 or
katiet@stjohnsdsm.org

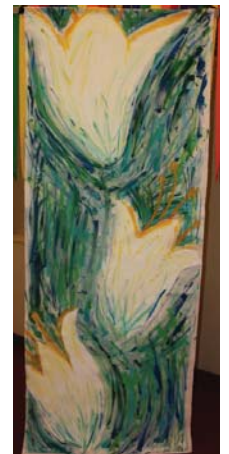
Photo of the Month



A group shot from one of the 7@7 events in April. Jim & Peg Hammer (hosts), Dennis & Karen Zaabel, Dean & Marty Ahnen, Lisa Samuelson & Dave Esbeck



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DMARC at the I-Cubs

The Iowa Cubs are once again supporting the DMARC Emergency Food Pantry this season. Fans can bring a donation of three food items to any Sunday home game and receive a free—FREE!—general admission ticket, which can be upgraded to reserved grandstand status for \$3.00. Qualifying games begin at 1:05 pm.

April 25 vs. Round Rock
May 2 vs. Fresno Omaha
May 9 vs. Oklahoma
May 23 vs. Colorado
June 6 vs. New Orleans

June 20 vs. Albuquerque
July 11 vs. New Orleans
August 8 vs. Portland
August 22 vs. Nashville
September 5 vs. Memphis

JUNE EAGLE CALL DEADLINE

The deadline for all June Eagle Call information is **Monday, May 17, 2010**. Please send information or articles, in digital format if possible, to Scott LaBlanc. At scottl@stjohnsdsm.org. If you cannot send it by email, drop it off at the church office. Thank you!