



St. John's Lutheran Church

# The EAGLE CALL

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## Worship

**Saturday**  
5:00 pm

**Sunday**  
7:45 am  
8:45 am  
11:00 am

**Radio Broadcast**  
KRNT 1350 AM  
Sunday Mornings  
8:30 am

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## SUMMER TIME EVENTS

Now that summer is here there are so MANY opportunities for the youth (and their parents) to stay connected with their St. John's family!

If you are going into 7th - 9th grades in the fall you may participate in **the faithful artist**, **MSBC: Middle School Book Club**, and the **two day trips** to Gray's Lake and to Climb Iowa! If you are going into 9th - 12th grades in the fall you may participate in **HSBC: High School Book Club** on Tuesday nights, you can go on the **service trip to Chicago**, and you can do **service projects** around St. John's and Des Moines. Kids entering Kindergarten through Seventh Grade are invited to participate in **Vacation Bible School** on June 21 - 24 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

ALL OF ST. JOHN'S (and their friends!) can also come and enjoy FREE outdoor movies 3 different times this summer in the St. John's parking lot!!! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Snacks will be available for purchase with sales benefiting the youth programs at St. John's! See the schedule below!

### SUMMER MOVIE SCHEDULE

(All movies will be shown outdoors in the north parking lot. In case of rain, the movie will be shown in Weertz Hall @ St. John's.) Parking lot will open for seating at 8pm. Movies will begin once it is dark.

**Sunday, June 13th ~ *The Sandlot* (rated PG)**

**Friday, July 9th ~ *Ice Age* (rated G)**

**Friday, August 20th ~ *August Rush* (rated PG)**



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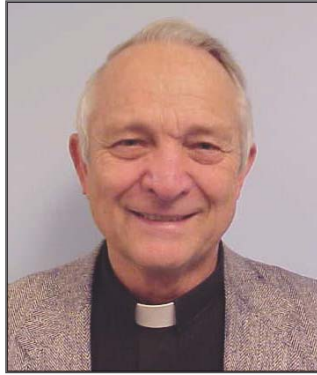
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Monday – Friday  
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9:00 am – 12:00 p.m.

**Next Eagle Call Deadline  
June 21 at 12 p.m.**



**A Word from Our Pastors**

**Pastor Ray Runkel**

**Spring and Pentecost**

Someone coined the phrase/statement, "There are two things we cannot avoid or dodge – DEATH and TAXES." Spring is the season that many of our taxes are due and, interestingly, spring is the season we celebrate Jesus' Death and Resurrection. The concept

of a heaven or hell after death is one we hear about. The Norwegian dramatist, Henry Ibsen, in his play *Peer Gynt* comes up with a third alternative to heaven or hell that frightens the main character, *Peer Gynt*, into a frenzy of action. Peer finds out he is not "good enough" to go to Heaven and he is not "bad enough" to go to Hell. But what happens then? Here, the "Button Man" seeks those not "good enough" or "bad enough" and he makes them into buttons!! In other words, Ibsen says those in this state become rather meaningless buttons. It's hard to argue whether Ibsen is right or not, but he has an interesting idea to ponder.

However, Jesus does give us a different hope as we ponder death – He has overcome death and evil. The timing of Easter each year comes in spring which, of course, follows winter. This past winter was indeed long and tough, but spring came early and brought such a dramatic change. Now the Easter season has come to a close and we celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. The time of Pentecost in the church year is about six months. So that Holy Spirit is guiding and helping us in many wonderful and helpful ways. As Jesus said to his disciples, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be witnesses in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8) I guess I believe the Holy Spirit has reached Des Moines as one of the "ends of the earth" with the message and hope, love and new life in the resurrected Christ. So, let the words of resurrection and life from Hymn 388 ring in your heart and mind. "Be not afraid, sing out for Joy. Christ is risen, Alleluia. Be not afraid, sing out for joy, CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!!!"

Have a blessed and joyous spring/summer season.

In Christ,  
Pastor Ramon Runkel





## Missionary Sponsorship

Have you ever thought about being a missionary? When I was growing up, I loved to hear the stories the visiting missionaries had to tell about their adventures in various countries around the world. Recently, St John's entered into a "Hand in Hand" ELCA Missionary Sponsorship Covenant to help sponsor The Rev. Josh and Sue Magyar in Tanzania. Josh is serving as Pastor in the parishes of the cattle-herding Masai people who live on the land in the regions surrounding the city of Morogoro. Sue will be working with the children in the region in some education capacity. They started their first missionary assignment in September 2009. They have been busy learning the culture and ways of the people they are serving. We can read and follow along with Josh and Sue as they describe their experiences and insights in their blog: [joshandsue.blogspot.com](http://joshandsue.blogspot.com). They will be serving in Tanzania for two years before returning to the US for a visit. When they return, we will ask them to visit us at St John's to give us a firsthand account of their work and adventures. Please remember Josh and Sue in your prayers.

## Unasema Kiswahili?



Do you understand Swahili?

You will if you attend our Intro to Swahili class on Wednesday evenings in June!! Beginning June 2 at 7:00 p.m., Julie Lowe & Rachel Almlie (sisters who have lived in East Africa) will offer basic traveler's Swahili for people of all ages. If you are thinking about visiting our Companion Parish in TZ, if you would like to offer a more gracious welcome to Swahili speakers in our community and/or visitors from Africa, or if you just like learning languages we encourage you to attend! All are welcome! If possible, call/e-mail the church office before June 2nd if you plan to participate so that we have enough resources for everyone. **Asante!** (Thank you!)



Would you like to receive an electronic version of the Eagle Call? E-mail [businessoffice@stjohnsdsm.org](mailto:businessoffice@stjohnsdsm.org) and request the eEagle Call. Help us save on the cost of postage, use less paper, and see each issue in **FULL COLOR**.

## Bridge Meditations

Hungry for some delicious food for the spirit? E-subscribe to The Bridge Meditations at [www.TheBridgeMeditations.wordpress.com](http://www.TheBridgeMeditations.wordpress.com)

Enjoy a different writer every week offering a fresh perspective on the week's scriptures and personal experience. Available at St. John's Lutheran Church website ([www.stjohnsdsm.org](http://www.stjohnsdsm.org)) under "Resources" and at the wordpress site, each meditation can be delivered directly to your inbox by e-subscribing. The Bridge Meditations is a ministry of The Bridge: the four downtown churches of First United Methodist Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, St. Ambrose Catholic Cathedral and St. John's Lutheran Church.

## Carpet Update

Starting this month carpet in the front office area, the stairs leading up to the Pastor's offices, and in Valbracht will be replaced. The carpet is scheduled to be installed the week of June 14th, but other work will need to be completed both before and after the installation. Watch for signs to help locate temporary offices and other information as necessary. We anticipate that all work will be completed the week of June 21. Please contact Scott LaBlanc, [scottl@stjohnsdsm.org](mailto:scottl@stjohnsdsm.org) or 243.7691, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

## Help Wanted



Sunday School teachers needed for the 2010-11 Sunday School year. Could you share your faith with a class of kids once or twice a month? A schedule can be made for even the busiest person! Teacher's guides are provided that make lessons easy and rewarding to plan and lead. You'll learn right along with the kids!!!! Contact Sheryl Reed if interested!!!! 243-7691 ext.193.



## Prepare for Worship

*We sometimes call the half year from Pentecost Sunday to Advent "The Long Green Season" or "the time of the church". There are few major festivals – which usually celebrate events in our Lord's life – during this time, and we focus instead on Jesus' teaching and our growth in Christian life.*

### Sunday, June 6, Time after Pentecost, Lectionary 10, ELW Setting 10

The texts celebrate God's ability and intention to provide us with a new lease on life. To that end we gather today with the whole people of God to be instructed by the Word and nourished in the Blessed Sacrament.

The readings are 1 Kings 17:17-24; Psalm 30; Galatians 1:11-24; and Luke 7:11-17. The hymns will be ELW 886, "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing," ELW 452, "Awake, O sleeper, rise from death," and ELW 867, "In thee is gladness." Offering and communion music at both 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. will be provided by a mother/daughter harp duo that goes by the name "Heavenly Harps."

### Sunday, June 13, Time after Pentecost, Lectionary 11, ELW Setting 10

The enormity of our brokenness – the "missing the mark" of what God has planned for us – is surpassed only by the mercy of God. We come, repentant, to the table of the Lord. In the body and blood of Jesus, in the announcement of our absolution, all our sins are forgiven - which is the reason in our liturgy for "The Great Thanksgiving!"

The readings are 2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15; Psalm 32; Galatians 2:15-21; and Luke 7:36-8:3. The hymns will be ELW 434, "Jesus Shall Reign," ELW 685, "Take My Life, that I May Be," ELW 534, "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name" There will be "laying on of hands and anointing with oil for healing" at all services this weekend.

### Sunday, June 20, Time after Pentecost, Lectionary 12

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific - the demonic - nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of the Holy Communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus "until he comes." It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

The readings are Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; and Luke 8:26-39. The hymns will be ELW 673, "God, Whose Almighty Word," ELW 651, "Oh, Praise the

Gracious Power," and ELW 705, "God of Grace and God of Glory." Karen Andeweg will provide the offering music at 11:00 a.m.

### Sunday, June 27, Time after Pentecost, Lectionary 13

We have no good apart from God. That makes our Lord's call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruits: love, joy, peace, patience, and the like. This is the path of life.

The readings are 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; and Luke 9:51-62. The hymns will be ELW 783, "Praise and thanks and adoration," ELW 798, "Will you come and follow me," and ELW 538, "The Lord now sends us forth". At 8:45 a.m., an as-yet-to-be-named band consisting of Amy Walman Madden, Larry Christensen, John Elwer, and Randy Ramaekers will provide music: "Walk in the Spirit" for offering and "Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am" for communion. At 11 am Katherine McDowell will provide selections for both offering and communion.



### Special Communion Service to be held June 6

St. John's Health Ministry will sponsor a Special Communion Service on Sunday, June 6, at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, followed by a reception in Neumann Hall. This service is for everyone, especially those who have problems attending regular worship.

Large-print bulletins will be available, and healing and laying-on of hands will be offered to those who desire it. Communion will be brought to the pews. This year a special feature will be music and meditations by a harpist.

The reception will feature cookies, punch, coffee and fellowship with friends.

Wheelchairs, walkers, canes and bedroom slippers are welcome! People will be available to assist you. If you need a ride, please call St. John's at 243-7691 and ask to be put on the list; we will find transportation for you.

Come worship in the beauty of your own church!



## 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](mailto: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.

## After School Arts Program



### ASAP Completes Another Unit of Artistic Exploration!

The After School Arts Program (ASAP) - part of Arts for the City, Inc., a non-profit organization that began as an outreach ministry of St. John's - held its closing celebration at the Empowerment Garden, 13th & College, in Des Moines on May 6th. The focus of the final 7-week unit of the school year was the creation of work that would be exhibited, performed, or permanently installed in the garden, located in the heart of the ASAP students' neighborhood.

The Board of Directors of Arts for the City, Inc., thanks all of the volunteers who make ASAP a success by tending to the young artists from Moulton & King schools – those who prepare snacks, ride the bus, and work with the students in their studios. Volunteers are the heart of ASAP, and we appreciate the dedication and support they provide for children with limited access to the arts. A thousand thanks!!

## In the City (and the World) for Good!

*St. John's is a center for mission in the heart of Des Moines. Called to love others as we are loved by God, we reach out in many ways to our neighbors, both here in Des Moines and around the world. Below are opportunities to participate in and updates on various outreach efforts through St. John's.*

- **Keep those diapers coming!!** Thanks for responding so generously to DMARC's "Diaper Central" drive for 60,000 diapers by July 1st. Please continue to pick up a package of diapers (any size) when you do your shopping. Doing so makes a real & immediate difference in the lives of low-income families, especially their little ones!
- **Please pick up a new "Most Needed Food Items" list from DMARC in the grocery carts in the narthex.** Discovering that a large number of DMARC Food Pantry clients have diabetes, the list of food items needed at the pantry has been updated. Take one home & put it on the refrigerator to remind yourself to shop for the pantry!
- **St. John's Rainbow Ministry Team will lead our participation in the Pride Parade on June 13th.** If you would like to help us show our commitment to being a church for all people, please join the group that carries our banner and shares "For Good" magazines with those on the parade route! The parade lines up at approx. 1:00 p.m. in the parking area on the east side of the Capitol.
- **Learn Swahili!** See the announcement on page 3 about our Intro to Swahili classes offered on Wednesday evenings in June! Bring the kids, friends, grandma & grandpa! There will be cookies & lemonade for everyone who learns to say "Jambo!" (Hello!)
- **In a recent communication from Lutheran World Relief we learn that quilts, kits, and soap are desperately needed to re-stock the warehouses following recent international disasters.** Consider making this a summer project for your entire household. Go to [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org) to learn what goes into the kits, how to make a quilt, or purchase a few bars of soap when you go to the grocery store and bring a box-full of soap to St. John's in September! (A wise woman once told me that one way to make layettes is to "garage sale" the items needed over the summer.)
- **There are some open serving dates at the Connection Café this summer.** Do you have a small group that would consider preparing & serving on one or more occasions? Contact Rob Hoover @ 771-1481 for information.



## Small Groups

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

### CALENDAR

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

**3D**, Wednesday, June 2 at 10:00 a.m.

**Gardening**, Wednesday, June 2, 6:00 p.m., Tour three Kingman Boulevard Gardens beginning at 3325 Kingman

**EAGLES**, Wednesday, June 9 & Thursday, June 10, 2 to 3 day trip to Northeast Iowa, meet at church at 8:00 a.m. (see details below)

**St. John's Moms**, Saturday, June 12, 10:00 a.m. in the Nursery at church

**St. John's Job Networking Group**, Monday, June 14, 5:30 p.m.  
Location to be announced

**Friday Study Group**, taking a break until September

**Saturday am Bible Study**, taking a break until September

**Lunch Bunch II**, Wednesday, June 16, 11:30 a.m.

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

**Photography**, Sunday, June 27, 10:00 a.m. in Neumann; theme: "picture of something in nature or architecture that looks like an alphabetical letter or number"

*Be sure to check [www.stjohnsdsm.org](http://www.stjohnsdsm.org) for small group dates and events.*

### More information on upcoming events

**St. John's Moms** will meet on Saturday, June 12. 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 a.m. 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](mailto:k.lablanc@gmail.com) or Rachel Corron at 313-6645 [rpcorron@gmail.com](mailto:rpcorron@gmail.com) if you have questions.

**EAGLES** next event will be an overnight trip to Northeast Iowa on June 9th and 10th. Some of the places the group will tour include Kann's Import Shop in Guttenberg, Lock & Dam #10, Pikes Peak State Park in McGregor, Effigy Mounds National Monument in Marquette, free boatride on the Mississippi, Villa Louis in Prairie du Chien, Montauk—Gov. Willaim Larrabees mansion in Clermont, the World's Smallest Church, St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Festina, the 1840 Fort at Fort Atkinson, the Bily Clock Museum in Spillville, and for those wishing to stay one more night-- Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum in Burr

Oak, and Vesterheim, the Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah. Contact David Stewart, 265-6897, [stewjd428@yahoo.com](mailto:stewjd428@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Quilting Group:** The quilting group will be working from their homes until the elevator is repaired.

**St. John's Job Networking Group** will meet on Monday, June 14, 5:30 p.m., with the location to be announced. 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](mailto:ellenfisher123@yahoo.com)

**Gardening:** The St. John's Gardening group will meet on Wednesday, June 2, at 6:00 p.m. to tour three gardens along Kingman Boulevard: Clark McDonald & Rafael Rodriguez at 3325 Kingman (lots of perennials, paths, yard decorations, etc.), Martha Gelhaus & Kevin Pokovny at 3714 Kingman (started with help of a landscape artist and has interesting annuals and perennials), and Margaret & Fred Townsend at 3809 Kingman (cottage garden with many perennials from neighbors and friends.) Please join them starting at 6:00 p.m. at 3325 Kingman.

**Lunch Bunch II:** This group continues to meet on the third Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at various restaurants (June 16 this month.) If interested in joining this group, contact Janet Figg, 279-6326.

**Lunch Bunch I:** Lunch Bunch I will meet on Thursday, June 17. Anyone interested in joining the group please call Margaret Roby at 288-6304 to reserve a space. New members are most welcome!

**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, June 27, at 10:00 a.m. in Neumann. This month's theme is taking pictures of something in nature or architecture, etc. that resembles a letter of the alphabet or a number. Anyone interested in photography is welcome to join them. Contact Rod Snavelly, [rsnavely@aol.com](mailto:rsnavely@aol.com) if you have questions.

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**Prayer Shawl Gatherings:** The prayer shawl groups meet quarterly. If you have finished a prayer shawl, it may be brought to Jean McKinney's office at church to be blessed (please put your name on a piece of paper with the shawl if you leave it.) The Monday afternoon group will meet July 19, and October 18 in 2010 and February 15 in 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. The Tuesday evening group: September 28 in 2010, and January 25 and April 26 in 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. If you are interested in joining this prayer shawl ministry, contact Jean McKinney or Darla Stiles at church, 243-7691.

**Pictorial Directories** have been handed out at church during the month of May. If you had your picture taken for this directory and have not received your directory yet, you may pick one up in the receptionist's area during the week or contact Darla Stiles at 243-7691 to make arrangements to receive one.

**All Congregational Sporting Event:** This summer the Christian Involvement team is planning a picnic tailgate for a Barnstormers arena football game in July for anyone interested in attending from the congregation. Watch the bulletin for more details.

## Stephen Ministry

A Great Way You Can Help a Hurting Friend



Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who has suffered a loss or is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can help them--tell them about our Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministers are members of the congregation who have received special training to provide high quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.)

The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend. To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders; Pastor Speirs, Linda Rieck or Karen Zaabel. **Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!**

## In Memoriam

Duane Kritchman, 85, died Monday, May 3, 2010, at Mercy Hospice in Johnston.

Funeral services will be held at Hamilton's on Westtown Parkway, 3601 Westtown Parkway, West Des Moines, on Friday, May 7, 2010 at 11 a.m. with burial at Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter at 2 p.m. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral service.

Duane was born on May 10, 1924, in La Crosse, WI to John and Elfrieda Kritchman. He grew up on a farm near Stewartville and Spring Valley, MN. He graduated from Onalaska High School, Onalaska, WI in 1942 and attended the University of Wisconsin. He established the Weather-Whipper Awning Company in Des Moines as manager-owner and had a successful business for 39 years prior to retirement in 1998.

Having served in the U.S. Air Force, Duane was a veteran of WWII. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross. He initiated the Central Iowa Wing of the 8th Air Force Historical Society - Iowa Chapter and is a member of Faith Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife, Arlene; daughter, Laura (Craig) Patterson; son, John (Lisa) Kritchman; three grandchildren, Ryan and Dylan Patterson, and Allison Kritchman; sister, Maria Holley of La Crosse, WI; sister-in-law, Dolores (Wayland) Blake of Forest City, IA and five nieces. Duane was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mercy Hospice, 5820 Winwood Drive, Johnston, IA 50131, Faith Lutheran Church, 10395 University Avenue, Clive, IA 50325, or St. Johns Lutheran Church, 600 6th Ave Des Moines, IA 50309.

### 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 it to [scottl@stjohnsdsm.org](mailto:scottl@stjohnsdsm.org) or drop it off at the church office. You never know, you may end up in the next issue of the Eagle Call.



## Children's Ministries

### Vacation Bible School 2010

**Who:** Kids entering Kindergarten-Seventh Grade

**What:** VBS Daycamp Week Led by the Lutheran Lakeside Camp Staff: "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 on the VBS display in the narthex or at <http://www.stjohnsdsdm.org/childrensministries>

For more information contact Sheryl Reed (243-7691 ext. 193) or [sherylreed@stjohnsdsdm.org](mailto:sherylreed@stjohnsdsdm.org)

Complete and return registrations by June 7.

### Vacation Bible School Daycamp Week at a Glance

**Day 1:** I See You and Call You

**Daily Bible Text:** Matthew 4:18-20 (Jesus Calling Peter)

**Day 2:** I See You and Mark You

**Daily Bible Text:** Matthew 3:13-17 (John the Baptist)

**Day 3:** I See You and Save You

**Daily Bible Text:** Luke 23:39-43 (Jesus and the Thief on the Cross)

**Day 4:** I See You and Feed You!

**Daily Bible Text:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (Words of Institution)

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They are the Sunday School teachers/helpers, KDZ@SJLC helper, music leaders, and Growing Together Ministry Team members who have committed to Children's Ministry this year! Thank you to each and every one of these disciples for recognizing Christ in our children.

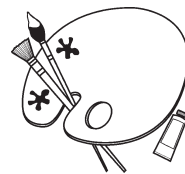
## Youth Ministries

Summer is here!!! Well, almost! Don't be a stranger! Participate in St. John's summer youth activities!

### Activities for Middle School Students

These activities are open to all students that have finished 6th-8th grades as of summer 2010! You can still sign-up or **volunteer to help!** Call Megan ASAP!!!

**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.



**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.

**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!

**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@stjohnsdsdm.org](mailto:meganc@stjohnsdsdm.org) or 515.243.7691).

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*Continued from Page 8***Activities for High School Students:**

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

**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 5:30-7:30pm @ Smokey Row Coffee House to discuss and eat dinner together. The cost of the book is \$10. See Megan for more details!

**Class of 2010 | St. John's High School Graduates**

The graduates were honored at 8:45 a.m. service on Sunday, May 23rd. Please congratulate them on their many accomplishments.

**Graduates --Your St. John's family is so proud of all of you!**

**Christina Marie Andeweg** is the daughter of Karen Andeweg and Bob Andeweg. She is graduating from Johnston High School where she was involved in cross country, golf, and National Honor Society. Christina is also very involved with the Iowa Youth chorus and at St. John's. She has participated in youth group, many service trips, the 2009 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, and was a member of the Southeast Iowa LYO board. Christina will be attending St. Olaf College in the fall with an undecided major.

**R.J. Bernau** is the son of Jim and Mary Bernau. He is graduating from Southeast Polk High School. Through high school R.J. has been involved in swimming, marching band, FFA, TAG, and the Gamer's Club. R.J. attended the 2009 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. R.J. plans to go the Missouri State in Springfield, MO in the fall.

**Brian Dusenbery** is the son of Dan and Chris Dusenbery. He is graduating from Roosevelt High School where he was involved in football and the spring break trip to Germany. Brian has participated in various youth group activities at St. John's throughout high school. Brian plans to attend Simpson College in the fall.

**Brandon Joshua** is the son of Stephanie Pederson. He is graduating from Roosevelt High School where he was involved in baseball, football, track, wrestling and was on the honor roll. Brandon will attend Iowa State University in the fall to major in criminology and sociology and to play football for the Cyclones.

**Trey Morris** is the son of Angee and Matthew Moeller. He is graduating from Roosevelt High School. Throughout high school Trey has been involved in youth group, OSJ, and other activities with the youth of St. John's. Trey went on the Voyager

canoe trip to the Apostle Islands in 2007, to Boston on the service trip in 2008, and he attended the 2009 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans last summer. Trey plans to attend DMACC for a Telecom degree and then transfer to Iowa State for and engineering or chemistry degree.

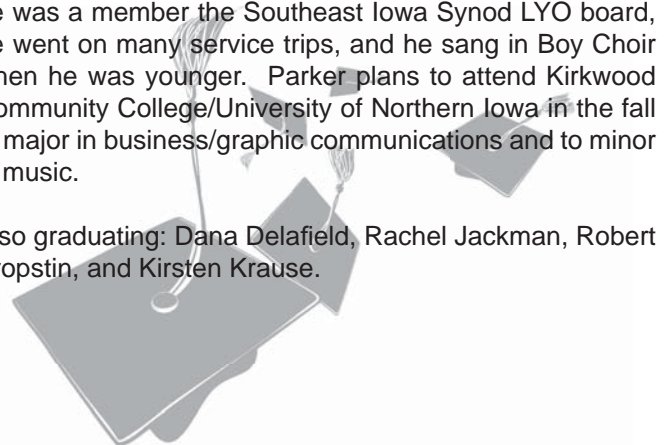
**Michael Richards** is the son of Sylvia and Richard Richards. He is graduating from Roosevelt High School where he participated in the orchestra. Michael was also involved at St. John's with the youth group. He went on the Boston Service Trip in 2008 and to the 2009 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. He was also involved in Children of Eden and the St. John's Chamber Orchestra. Michael plans to attend the University of Iowa and major in History.

**Emily Snavely** is the daughter of Kelly Schuler and Rod Snavely. She is graduating from Roosevelt High School. Throughout high school Emily participated in cross country, track, soccer, bowling, Best Buddies, National Honor Society, and the National Council on Youth Leadership. Emily has participated in high school activities and trips at St. John's, she has been an ASAP volunteer, and she has been an assisting minister. Emily plans to attend Iowa State University in the fall.

**Carolyn Thorn** is the daughter of Sarah and Bill Thorn. She is graduating from Hoover High School where she was involved in swimming, choir, Thespians, rugby, National Honor Society, IHSSA, band, and many drama productions doing acting and lighting. Carolyn was involved with the youth choir, youth group, and OSJ at St. John's. Carolyn plans to attend Iowa State University in the fall to major in nutritional science and international studies.

**Parker Wolfe** is the son of Betty and Steve Wolfe. He is graduating from Hoover High School. Parker has been involved in basketball, football, tennis, choir, band, jazz band, marching band, and the pit band while at Hoover. At St. John's, Parker has been involved in youth group, he was a member the Southeast Iowa Synod LYO board, he went on many service trips, and he sang in Boy Choir when he was younger. Parker plans to attend Kirkwood Community College/University of Northern Iowa in the fall to major in business/graphic communications and to minor in music.

Also graduating: Dana Delafield, Rachel Jackman, Robert Propstin, and Kirsten Krause.





## Hospitality & Outreach



What does  
"Commencement"  
Mean to You?

As we roll around to the end of May and beginning of June, many families are anticipating graduations. I think it's pretty

much a split field as some students welcome the end of a phase of their education – be it the perceived drudgery of high school or the drama of ending college and entering the "real world" – while others see it, as it truly is, a beginning.

I remember my son telling me about a science teacher he had senior year in high school. As do most seniors, this advanced class thought they were the crème de la crème, elite, The Best. The teacher brought them up short when he said they really hadn't accomplished anything of note... yet. He told them there were a variety of roads they would take – some easy, some hard. There will be some successes. And there will be some failures. The teacher said, "This is just the beginning, kids. NOW is when your education really starts." The end of academics is one thing, the real challenge is learning lessons in life.

And you learn from those lessons by trying – trying something new, something maybe a little frightening – and many times failing. J.K. Rowling said, "It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all - in which case, you fail by default." Failing is not losing. Failing is learning and you get huge kudos simply for trying. You win because you learn.

Over the next few weeks, you will have all kinds of people talking to you, talking *at* you, giving advice, saying these are (or were) the best years of your life. Don't believe it.

The best years, the best times, are always the present. The present time is a gift, yours to do something with it. Value it or waste it; it's your decision.

Remember that as you move forward, you do not go alone. You have major support from your family. At this stage of your life, sometimes family can become background. Don't let that happen, they are a constant for you. Cherish them; you will need their love and their presence. Be aware of the One gave you that support system and who also is constantly with you, always walking beside you. As you commence, remember you are surrounded by love and grace. This is your new beginning.

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 [katielt@stjohnsdsdm.org](mailto:katielt@stjohnsdsdm.org)

## Why Sing in Church Choir?



Your life is full to overflowing. You cannot take on one more commitment. You seldom have a moment to yourself. So why should you even consider singing in a choir at St. John's?

Actually, there are many good reasons; here are just some:

1. To make friends and be part of a community
2. To learn how to make expressive, meaningful music
3. To learn about worship, liturgy, hymns etc. from the "inside"
4. To have something to add to your resume as community service
5. To have a foretaste of the Bible readings and themes of each Sunday so to be bettered prepared for worship
6. To be part of a team of people who enjoy working together toward the same end and want to achieve excellence
7. To restore your faith in the basic goodness of people
8. To aid and support the congregation's prayer life
9. To feel connected to something larger than ourselves
10. To deeply experience ourselves as part of God's creation and human history

But most of all to make life more wonderful for yourself and others!

## WELCA Update

WELCA will have their General Meeting on June 3rd at Noon at Des Moines Golf and Country Club. We do need reservations. Cost is \$10.00. We have almost a full slate of officers for next year, beginning in September, 2010 (we still need a treasurer). Come to the meeting and hear who the President and her officers will be.

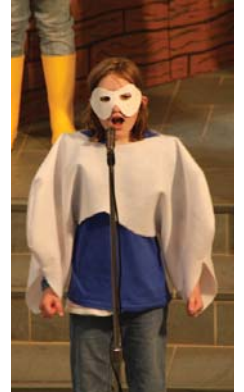
We plan to clean the kitchen in August so it will be ready for September and need some volunteers. Please call Kathy at 285-8619 if you are able to help. An exact date has not been set until I hear from people (men included) who can help.

WELCA will not have any Group meetings in July and August. The new and the old boards will meet in August for a joint meeting.

Some of the coasters sold this fall by WELCA have been found to be defective. If the coasters you bought show any signs of warping, the set will be replaced at no extra charge. Please contact Janie Clemenson (274-0924) or the church office for more information.



# A Technicolor Promise



# Photo of the Month



Couples Club out and about at the Sculpture Garden

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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.

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

## JULY EAGLE CALL DEADLINE

The deadline for all Eagle Call information is **Monday, June 21, 2010**. Please send information or articles, in digital format if possible, to Scott LaBlanc. At [scottl@stjohnsdsm.org](mailto:scottl@stjohnsdsm.org). If you cannot send it by email, drop it off at the church office. Thank you!