



# 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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# Vacation Bible School "Love to Serve"



Kids entering First Grade-Seventh Grade are invited to attend VBS Day Camp - "Love to Serve" - on June 22-25 from 9:00-2:00. You'll participate in games, crafts, songs, and skits based on Mark 10:45 ("For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.") Registrations are available at the VBS display in the narthex or contact Sheryl Reed (243-7691 ext. 193) for more information. Please complete and return VBS registrations by June 11.

**Day 1:** Freed to Serve

**Daily Bible Text:** John 15:1-7 (Friends of Jesus)

**Day 2:** Created to Serve

**Daily Bible Text:** Genesis 1:1-2"4a (The first creation story)

**Day 3:** Saved to Serve

**Daily Bible Text:** John 13:1-17, 34-35 (Jesus washes the disciples feet)

**Day 4:** Called to Serve

**Daily Bible Text:** 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (The call of Samuel)

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## A Word from Our Pastors

Pastor Bob Speirs

*"Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

Matthew 11:28-30

I'm not sure Jesus had the church in mind when he spoke these words. It was just a few days after Easter and I was having a conversation with one of our members when that person stated, "Pastor you must be happy that Easter is over so things here at church will begin to slow down a bit." I thought about that for a moment and then replied, "Slow down? I think that we actually have more stuff going on after Easter than before"...It hasn't slowed down, summer is coming, and some of our work is only beginning! If New York is the city that doesn't sleep, St. John's sometimes seems like the church that doesn't take a break. The work may not be easy and the burdens light, but I have to say the ministry is satisfying and the rewards great.

Here's what the summer looks like for many here at St. John's:

**Confirmation Camp**-(June 7th-June 12th) A week of sun, fun, Bible study, worship, crafts, and many outdoor activities at Lutheran Lakeside Bible Camp, that will keep our youth and adult chaperones quite active.

**National Youth Gathering**-(New Orleans, LA) A group of 26 high school youth and adults leave on July 20th, and travel by bus to New Orleans where we will spend a good part of the week in fellowship and mission with 36,000 other youth from the ELCA. This year's gathering will offer worship, workshops, recreational activities and sightseeing adventures around New Orleans with a special emphasis on the mission opportunities that are still available post-Katrina. It's a great opportunity for our young people to see the faith of the church put into action as we help, in even a small way, to rebuild many communities within a city.

Megan Clausen, Director of Youth Ministry, has many other opportunities for our young people to flourish in the faith this summer - both high school and middle school youth - and I would direct you to her article and calendar of events that are planned.

**Adult Bible Study**-Tuesday mornings at from 10-11:00 am we have Bible study in Rm.8. We are just finishing up the Book of Genesis, and will start reading through and studying Exodus. This time of study and camaraderie is for all ages of people who have interest in learning more about their faith and God's word. Please join us! We have a lot of fun and good conversation.

**Stephen Ministry**-Last spring we began a new 50 hour class to train new Stephen Ministers, a program that St. John's has been involved with for 20 years. Presently each of our new Stephen Ministers has been assigned a care receiver, and they provide these care receivers with one to one Christian care through difficult and challenging times. If

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you would like further information about Stephen Ministry or feel that you would benefit from having a Christian care giver yourself, please call or see Pastor Bob, Karen Zaabel or Linda Rieck at church, (515) 243-7691.

**AMOS-(A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy)**-St. John's is actively involved with the Amos organization, a non-partisan, interfaith, community organization that represents over 30,000 people through its member institutions. We have an active and dedicated committee at St. John's that has met on Wednesday evenings at 5pm in Rm. 8. Issues that AMOS addresses are health care, immigration, youth and education, the environment and justice issues.

On Saturday, June 27th, 2009 at 9am, in our Neumann Hospitality Center and then again on Wednesday, July 29th, 2009 at 12:05pm in Neumann, the AMOS organization will present, "What happened to the American dream?" This program offers a look at what has happened to our economy over the past 40 years, what effects these economic issues are having on us now and how they will affect our children in the future. Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to join us.

Hope you all have a wonderful and restful summer.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Bob

## Stephens Ministry



Christ Caring for People through People. That's the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen to you, care for you, support and encourage you, and pray with and for you. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through.

If you or someone you know is facing a crisis -- large or small -- and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders, Pastor Speirs, Karen Zaabel, or Linda Rieck.

## Financials

**A statement of 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 it's 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. 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.

## Rainbow Ministry

The Rainbow Ministry Team of St John's will again march in the Des Moines Gay Pride Parade on Sunday June 14th, at 1:00 pm. This is another opportunity for us to represent St. John's as a "Church for All People". St. John's members are invited to join us in the march. Meeting time is 12:30 pm and the location is in the parade line on Finkbine Drive in front of the Capitol.

## Health Ministry

Healing Prayers and Anointing are offered the second Saturday evening and Sunday services of each month. If you are interested in this ministry please contact Jean McKinney at 243-7691.

## GRIEF GROUP

If you are interested in joining a three week Grief or Loss Support Group that meets on Saturday mornings, please contact Jean McKinney at 243-7691.

## Prepare for Worship

### Sunday, June 7th, First Sunday after Pentecost

*When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.*

The readings are Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; and John 3:1-17.

### Sunday, June 14th, Time after Pentecost

*The mustard seed becomes a shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.*

The readings are Ezekiel 17:22-24, Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17, and Mark 4:26-34.

### Sunday, June 21st, Time after Pentecost

*Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.*

The readings are Job 38:1-11, Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, and Mark 4:35-41.

### Sunday, June 28th, Time after Pentecost

*A woman find healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting other by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.*

The readings are Lamentations 3:22-33, Psalm 30, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; and Mark 5:21-43.



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

*St. John's is a center for mission in the heart of Des Moines. We seek to make "faith active in love" in a myriad of ways in our local and global neighborhoods. Below are updates and opportunities regarding our ministry with and to sisters & brothers in Christ.*

**Thanks for your Lenten/Easter contributions to the World Hunger Appeal of the ELCA and the Connection Café!** As of mid-May, the Hunger Appeal offering stands at \$1,132.63. Our "alternative Easter lily" donations to the Connection Café totaled \$2,654.00. Thanks so much!

**The Connection Café, our free noon meal ministry with St. Paul's, St. Ambrose, and First United Methodist churches, has seen record numbers in the first five months of 2009.** One day recently we served 194 people! Because almost all of the food and labor for these meals are donated, the only cost of this crucial ministry is the salary/benefits for the full-time Coordinator, Rob Hoover, whose office is at St. John's. St. John's financial commitment to the Café is \$10,000/year, an amount not included in our annual budget. We are glad to report that we have received close to half of that amount by the end of May. Please continue making your over & above gifts to St. John's, marked "Connection Café," for this crucial ministry.

**Our goal is 300 hospice kits by the end of 2009!** These kits go to Tanzania to assist in the care of people terminally ill, most commonly with HIV/AIDS. Our Global Mission Ministry Team asks you to consider these options:

1. Sponsor one or more kits at the cost of \$15/kit. Make your check out to St. John's with "hospice kit project" in the memo line.
2. Make one or more kits following the instructions which can be found on the tables in the narthex. (Consider sharing those instructions with friends and family, also!)

**ASAP (After School Arts Program) "morphs" into summer camp!** Thanks to a grant from Thrivent Builds Neighborhoods, we are able to offer a summer arts camp to children from the King/Irving and Mondamin/Presidential neighborhoods just north of St. John's. The camp will be

held from 9 to 11:30am the week of June 15-19. Please see the related article for more information and ways to volunteer!

**Many people in need of financial assistance with rent, fuel, food, and transportation continue to come to St. John's every day.** Your donations to the Good Samaritan Fund, administered by the pastors, help people get to work, feed their children, recover from illness, and stay in their homes. People are assisted only after a face-to-face conversation with one of the pastors and the verification of their situation. Please continue to support this crucial ministry with your financial gifts.

**Thank you for all of the ways that you contribute to God's mission, through St. John's, in this city and world!**

## Elder's of St. John's

The following people were nominated and approved by the Church Council to be honored as Elders of St. John's on May 3, 2009.

Dean Ahnen, Anne Amend, Andy Anderson, Janie Clemenson, Marci Drannen, Sheldon Erwood, Jim Hanson, Edith Hege, Kathy Kroll, Bob Kroll, Connie Lorentzen, Mary Meier, Les Munger, Bev Patterson, and Wes Ritchie.



**Small Groups**

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

**CALENDAR**

**Restaurant Visitation/Christian Involvement**, Tuesday, June 2, at 6:00 pm at the home of Karen Zaabel

**3D**

Wednesdays, June 3 and 10, at 10:00 am.

**In the Word—3100 Grand Group**

will meet Mondays, June 1 and 15, 1:00 pm.

**In the Word—Marker Group**

will meet Mondays, June 8 and 22, 7:00 pm.

**EAGLES**

June 14, Meet at the Des Moines Playhouse at 1:30 for a 2:00 matinee to see "Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid".

**Lunch Bunch II,**

will meet Wednesday, June 17, 11:30 am.

**Lunch Bunch I,**

will meet Thursday, June 18, 11:30 am.

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

**St John's Digital Photography Group** will be June's Artist of the Month. Their work will be on display just as soon as the renovations in Weertz Hall are complete.



MORE INFORMATION ON  
UPCOMING EVENTS

**EAGLES** will meet at 1:30 pm on Sunday, June 14, at the Des Moines Playhouse on 42nd Street to attend a 2:00 matinee of "Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid" by Bill Bryson. (Reservations had to be in previously for tickets.)

**Prayer Shawl Gathering—Monday afternoon group** will meet Monday, June 15, at 1:00 pm in the Fireside Lounge. The **Tuesday evening group** will take a break for the summer.

**Recreational Reading** will meet on Wednesday, May 27, at 4:30 pm in Rose Holm. The book for this month is *The Reader* by Bernhard Sehlink.

**Baseball and Apple Pie!** It's open to the whole congregation. Come join the fun. Meet at Principal Park (in the north parking lot) on Sunday, June 21, between 11:30 and 1:00 for a picnic (walking tacos, etc.) and then enjoy the apple pie contest and sample the various apple pie entries. We will have a block of seats at the 1:05 I-Cubs game following our picnic. Cost: \$10.00 per person. Sign up in the lounge the weekends of May 24, 31, and June 7 for both tickets to the game AND/OR bringing an apple pie for the contest!

**Jazz in July** It is always fun to get together as a congregation and get to know each other better. Join the group from St. John's who will gather at Greenwood Park (4810 Grand Avenue) on Friday evening, July 10, at 6:00 pm to listen to Metro Arts' Jazz in July event: Giants of Jazz: Scott Davis Quartet and Friends performing Miles Davis.

**Gathering As One  
Community Day**



**Come be GREEN with us**

GROWING TOGETHER IN THE  
LONG GREEN SEASON  
*An Intergenerational "Green" Event*

The Pentecost season is upon us, when the chancel is adorned in glorious green and the world around us comes back into bloom. Come celebrate the Long Green Season with the Growing Together Ministry Team at a hands-on intergenerational event. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday, June 14, 9:55 - 10:55 am  
Neumann Hospitality Center

- RENEW your spirit and grow together in community and faith:
- RECYCLE buttons and tickets to decorate a terracotta pot, then REPOT a growing green plant to give to the hospitalized and homebound members of St. John's.
- create an original GREEN GREETING card to accompany the plant to let them know they are in our prayers.
- Spend time listening to the elder members of St. John's, as they RETELL fascinating stories from their lives, sharing their interests, passions, and gifts.
- REVIVE your taste buds by sampling fresh greens and herbs from the gardens of St. John's members

**Come be GREEN with us**  
*All ages welcome!*

## Children's Ministries

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Please take a moment to read the names of these individuals:

**Jaleen Herman, Christy Christensen, Christy Johnston, Mike Morrissey, Cynthia Olson, Julia Morrissey, Scott Christensen, Maggie Evans, Melody Pontious, Christa Housken, Nicole Quade, Ryan Evans, Nancy Budrevich, Charlie Harrington, Kelly Swift, Steven Swift, Nicole Wheeldon, Michelle Benschoter, Beth Neipert, Tim Runkel, Kathryn Finney, Andy Finney, Angie Shutts, Wanda Havard, Craig Stephens, Sue Tew, Kathy Claussen, Meggan Fox, Bob Williams, Jami Weems, Scott and Kayla Sieloff, Jill and Steve Gadelmann, Beth Nigut, Jana Kooker, Steve King, Marianne Moser, Tammi Reyes, La Shell Berkenpas, Heidi Slinker, Bill Bensen, Kris Joy, Denise Burrow, Michelle Bolton King.**

They are the Sunday School teachers/helpers, music leaders, and Growing Together Ministry Team members who have committed to Children's Ministry this year! They have made Sunday School a quality experience for all kids and families who walk through our red doors on Sunday mornings. Thank you to each and every one of these disciples for recognizing Christ in our children.

### GROWING FAITH AT HOME

A deeply rooted plant growing under the sun symbolizes the Church living and growing in the light of God. The season of Pentecost emphasizes life in the spirit. We live in the community of the church, and grow in faith, hope and love with the help of the Holy Spirit. The color for the Sundays after Pentecost is green. Green is the color of life and growth in the Spirit. As you spend time with your child outside this summer encourage them to notice, touch, and enjoy green plants all around them. As they show wonder in the green growth all around

them remind them that God loves them and/or share a story of how you have grown in faith in your own life.

### HELP WANTED

#### **Sunday School teachers needed for the 2009-10**

**Sunday School year.** Could you share your faith with a class of kids once a month? Contact Sheryl Reed if interested!!!! (243-7691 ext.193)

#### **VBS Helpers Needed!!!**

If you are age 16 to 99 and are interested in being a VBS helper, give Sheryl Reed a call at 243-7691 ext.193.

**Have you traveled to an amazing destination and have pictures to prove it?** Did you live during the Great Depression and have an interesting story about your experience? Are you a pro at potting plants? Do you have a shelf of trophies collecting dust at home? Do you grow herbs and greens in your garden? We want to hear your story and learn about you (in an informal setting) on Sunday, June 14. Call Sheryl Reed at 243-7691 ext. 193 for more information.

**Could you give some assistance to some kids with a hot glue gun?** We will be gluing buttons, tiles, and beads on terracotta pots to give to the homebound and hospitalized of St. John's and we need your help on Sunday, June 14 from 9:55-10:55. Hot glue guns will be provided!!! Contact Sheryl Reed at 243-7691 ext. 193 if interested.

## Youth Ministries

Summer is here! (Kind of!) There are lots of exciting things happening around St. John's for the youth! The summer schedule is listed below. If you would like more information or **if you would like to help out with one or all of these activities** please contact Megan Clausen (meganc@stjohnsdsm.org or 243.7691).

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### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE**

**FOLLOWING SUMMER ACTIVITIES!!!** If you have a flexible summer schedule and would love to volunteer some of your time working with the super awesome young people of St. John's, please let Megan Clausen know ASAP (meganc@stjohnsdsm.org or 243.7691). Volunteers need to be ages 16 and up!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES:

**BE SURE TO REGISTER WITH MEGAN CLAUSEN**

**Tuesdays (well most Tuesdays) this summer from 4-6pm @ St. John's (For '09-'10 7th & 8th graders)—bring your Friends!**

**Girls:** You will watch and discuss the first season of The Secret Life of the American Teenager with Megan!

Girls will meet June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 28, August 4.

**Boys:** You will watch a movie, go on some field trips, and explore things with P. Bob!  
Boys will meet June 16, July 7, 14, 28, August 11.

### **The Faithful Artist**

**Wednesdays from 1-4pm @ St. John's --- Bring your friends! (For '09-'10 7th, 8th, & 9th graders)**

This is an experiment being tried out this summer at St. John's. YOU don't want to miss out on the chance to get in touch with your "inner Picasso" even if you think you are not-so Picasso! "the faithful artist" will be a 7 week art program where students will get the chance to see how their faith influences their art and vice versa! They will explore different mediums and learn how to use their God-given gifts to create art. No previous experience necessary! We will meet June 17, 24, July 1, 15, 29, August 5, 12. On July 1 we will take a field trip to the Des Moines Art Center @ 11:45am. We will have a tour, eat lunch in Greenwood Park and then return to

St. John's for class! The cost for this is \$50 for all art supplies.

### **Middle School Extreme Week: July 6-10 from 9am-9pm...@ St. John's and around Des Moines**

There will be no service trip this year. Instead we will have an intense week of some Bible study, games, parks, pool time, maybe a trip to Adventureland, and lots of service around Des Moines. **Volunteers will be needed!**

If Confirmation students have worship requirements and service requirements to finish they NEED to attend this week of fun! This will complete all requirements (there will be some paperwork they will have to do, but it will be worth it)!

### HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES:

**Blue Like Jazz:** What does that even mean? Come and find out! Join Megan and other high schoolers as we read Donald Miller's book, Blue Like Jazz. We will meet most Tuesday nights from **6:30-8:30pm** to discuss what this awesome book has to say about everyday life and Christianity. Meetings will be held at **Mars Café** (2318 University Avenue). The cost is \$5(for the book). Contact Megan to sign-up! **ADULTS welcome as well!!!**

### **Super Summer Sunday Night Get-Togethers:**

Please note: These meeting will not be held at St. John's. All meetings will be from 5-7pm and include a 15-20 minute devotion on a topic. Topics are listed below. Some activities cost \$5 to help cover the cost of admission and food! Questions? Ask Megan!

**June 14:** Big Creek (Saylorville Lake)

Theme: Nature/Creation

**June 21:** Metro Ice Skating (in Urbandale)

Theme: Walking on Water

**Cost: \$5 per person**

**June 28:** Blank Park Zoo

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Theme: Noah's Ark

Cost: \$5 per person

**July 5:** Pastor Bob's Pool for swimming and games

Theme: Homosexuality

**July 12:** Waterworks Park—To play disc golf!

Theme: Baptism

**August 2:** Tokens—To play Laser Tag

Theme: How Technology Distracts Us

Cost: \$5 per person

**Day trips!** Be on the look-out for more information about a couple day trips and service opportunities that will be offered this summer!

**ADOPT-A-COUNSELOR!!!** St. John's youth have adopted 2 counselors from Lutheran Lakeside Camp! What does that mean? Well, I will tell ya! That means we, as a Congregation, get to take care of them for the summer! We get to send them letters and care packages and stuff that shows that we care about and love them! We also get to pray for them and their ministry all summer! There will be more information in upcoming bulletins about their likes and interests! Also, I would invite you and your family to write them letters or put together a care package (or 2 since we have 2 counselors) and place them in the box at the back of the sanctuary and I will mail them off to them! THANKS SO MUCH! Our two counselors are...

-Kale Snavely from Des Moines, IA (our very own!)  
-Jon Fry from Bondurant, IA

**CHANGE OF PLANS!** In order to be more organized and super awesome, **the STAND**, a new worship experience at St. John's, will be held beginning in the fall of 2009. If you would like more information on how you can help with the planning, the music, the—ANYTHING—pertaining to this new and exciting opportunity contact Megan

Clausen (meganc@stjohnsdsm.org or 243.7691).  
Be watching for more information!

## Youth Plant & Garage Sale



## Summer Arts Event



If you think our neighborhood children and fine art are a beautiful combination, this is the week for you!

- June 14-19, 2009
- 8:30 – 11:00 am (plus lunch picnic on June 19)
- 17 hours total service time includes training (less for Friday picnic cooks)

Summer Arts Camp inspires 50 children to greater imagination by connecting them with fine art. Studios include: World Drumming, Cartooning, Found Object Sculpture, Capoeira (Brazilian Martial Arts Dance), and Acrylic Painting which is being taught by St. John's own studio artist, Claire Anderson. See the Summer Arts Camp website for more information about the studio art faculty at [artsforthecity.blogspot.com](http://artsforthecity.blogspot.com)

**Volunteer Service Positions needed:** Art Studio Assistants, Art Studio Materials Assistants, Snack Providers, Friday Picnic Cooks. Please see website for more information on positions and training. [artsforthecity.blogspot.com](http://artsforthecity.blogspot.com)

Childcare and/or age-appropriate programming available for the children of Summer Arts Camp volunteers.

Summer Arts Camp is a collaboration of the Des Moines Public Schools, Des Moines Neighborhood

Resource Office and St. John's Lutheran Church. It is funded by a Thrivent Builds Neighborhood grant which specifically reaches out to children in the Mondamin Presidential and King Irving neighborhoods.

Let us be inspired!

## AMOS Event

AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy) will present "What Happened to the American Dream?" in Neumann Hospitality Center on Saturday, June 27 at 9:00 am. This interactive presentation challenges many of our pre-conceived notions about the American economy, the role of our religious traditions in shaping an economy and what we can do as people of faith to create a more just economy. Go to the Farmer's Market early, come to the church for the "American Dream", then go on to the Des Moines Art Festival. You'll only need to drive downtown once!

## WELCA Meeting

Attention all Women of the Church. Meet for a potluck supper on Wednesday, June 10th, at 5:00 pm in Weertz Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to share the fellowship. This gathering is the Women of the ELCA's General Meeting and Officers will be elected. Bring a dish to share (main dish, salad, or dessert). Table service and drink will be provided.

### 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 [scottlablanc@stjohnsdsm.org](mailto:scottlablanc@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.

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The high school youth of St. John's are very  
good at raising money  
**AND VERY GOOD AT GIVING IT AWAY!!**

Setting an example for us all, the high school youth recently designated 10% of the money they have raised to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in July for other ministries of the church.

They chose to support the following:

- \$1000 to Lutheran Lakeside Bible Camp
- \$500 to St. John's Good Samaritan Fund
- \$250 to the Connection Café
- \$250 to Central Iowa Shelter & Services

Be sure to tell them that you are proud of  
their stewardship!

### JULY EAGLE CALL DEADLINE

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