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ASAP Summer Arts Camp Jazzes Up Davis Park



Just because the school year comes to an end doesn't mean there are no hands-on arts opportunities for the third- through sixth-grade students (from six Des Moines public schools) served by the After School Arts Program (ASAP). Although ASAP is held at St. John's Lutheran Church during the regular school year, the past five years an ASAP Summer Arts Camp has been held at Evelyn K. Davis Park on Forest Avenue, where it has helped to enrich summer programming for about 100 kids per day.

Jazz will be the featured theme of the 2013 ASAP Summer Arts Camp, which will take place Monday through Friday, June 24-28. Walk-up registration starts daily at 11:45 a.m. Studios are offered in two blocks: noon to 1 p.m. and 1 to 2 p.m.

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Next Eagle Call Deadline
June 17 at noon



A Word from Our Pastors

Pastor Bob Speirs

We gathered Saturday afternoon, May 18, to once again begin the process of planting our St. John's Faith Garden – our third year. With the help of Ed and Mary Slattery, and their excellent and generous tilling skills, the ground was prepared for the St. John's gardening team to begin the hard, but satisfying work of planting, watering and laying down newspaper and mulch for our no-weed garden. When we had finished our work for the afternoon and were satisfied we had a great start to what we hope will be a banner year of produce, I was asked to offer a prayer of blessing and thanksgiving to begin our gardening season. The following passage from John's Gospel came to mind as I thought about what I was going to say:

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord you know everything, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." John 21: 15-17

After the devotion and prayer, and when our gardening crew had departed for the afternoon, I looked upon the work we had achieved. I marveled at the many ways our St. John's faith community understands, responds and rallies around Jesus' call to "feed my sheep." I believe we realize Jesus' charge on several different levels: to begin with, we feed our neighbors with the word of God and share with them the hope, blessing and promise we have in Jesus Christ, in worship and in our daily lives. At another level, we recognize we are called and directed to attend to people's emotional and spiritual needs in times of illness, loss and grief – being present and walking with them through the care we give and the prayers we offer. Yet, at another level, we also feed Jesus' sheep in the physical sense, and at St. John's we do this in many ways.

The produce we raise from our Faith Garden (and the gardens of others in our congregation who will offer the fruits of their labors) will be brought to the Des Moines Area Religious Council's (DMARC's) Food Pantry to be distributed to persons and families who are having difficulty in affording, or having access to, fresh and nutritious produce. Our Faith Garden offerings are over and above the canned goods and other resources we give to DMARC each year.

On the 18th and 19th of each month we provide and serve the evening meals at the Central Iowa Shelter, feeding approximately 210 each night. It takes a lot of volunteers, time and resources to fulfill this commitment, but through our willingness and generosity we are able to succeed.

St. John's plays an essential role in supporting the downtown Connection Café, a midday meal program that serves lunch to more than 100 people a day, five days a week. Many of those served are either homeless or working poor.

St. John's also is committed to working with the Family Promise of Greater Des Moines (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network), an organization that provides temporary living quarters to families who are in transition between employment and housing. Part of our responsibility, once again, is to bring food but also to provide fellowship, a listening ear and other means of support. We also serve this program by volunteering as overnight hosts available to these families in case of an emergency. So there is a social aspect to feeding Jesus' sheep as well.

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We at St. John's support the Coalition in Support of Hungry Children, an organization dedicated to alleviating childhood hunger by 2015. In particular, we supply food for the Backpack Buddies program, another food and nutrition service, which provides school children with healthy meals that they can take home, which helps these children achieve greater academic success.

Consider also the gracious generosity our congregational members provide through our Good Samaritan Fund, which helps our neighbors with rent, utilities and food on occasion. We just concluded another wonderful year of Wednesday evening Beloved Community meals, where we prepared dinner for about 125 people per evening. Then consider the fine ministry we are attending to through our Companion Parish Ministry in Mramba Parish, Tanzania and our support of the After School Arts Program (ASAP), which features a studio where children in the program learn about nutrition and cooking. The list of important food-related ministries we support here at St. John's is ongoing – with seemingly no end.

Food and feeding people is a wonderful and significant part of St. John's ministry. Thank you once again for all you do to live out and respond to Jesus' call: "Feed my Sheep."

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Bob



Pastor Bob unloading mulch for the 2013 Faith Garden.

ASAP Summer Camp

Cover story continued...

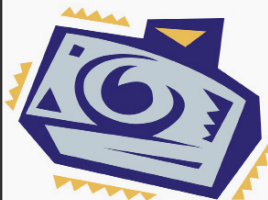


Campers can participate in studios for:

- Jazz dance/creative movement.
- Cutouts inspired by Henri Matisse's *Jazz* series.
- Painting, during which students will make large murals to promote Metro Arts' Jazz in July concerts in addition to making their own personal paintings to take home.
- Jazz yoga for kids.
- Jazz music.
- Jazz sculpture, during which students will construct a giant papier-mâché saxophone.

ASAP Summer Arts Camp is open to children of all ages and is offered free of charge, thanks to support from the City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department/Evelyn Davis Park.

About 20 volunteers are needed each of the five days of camp, and St. John's is always well represented among this dedicated, fun-loving group. If you are interested in helping one or more days, please contact Michelle Bolton King, ASAP executive director, at michelle@asap-dsm.org or 770-3380.



SEND US YOUR PHOTOS

At a St. John's Event or out with other members of St. John's? Captured that perfect moment? Please send your photos to photos@stjohnsdsm.org.

Photos may be used in the Eagle Call, the Annual Report and other St. John's publications.

Prepare for Worship

Sunday, June 2 Time after Pentecost

God hears every prayer – the prayer of the outsider as well as the prayer of the insider. The attentive nature of our God is evident as God comes to us again and again in the word and in the supper. “Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.” This is what we do when we assemble as a community on a Sunday.

During June we will switch to the alternate “semi-continuous” Old Testament reading and psalm in order to hear some Elijah stories, so our readings will be 1 Kings 18:20-39 and Psalm 96. The epistle is Galatians 1:1-12 and the gospel reading Luke 7:1-10. The hymns will be ELW 858, “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,” ELW 610, “O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come,” and ELW 673, “God, Whose Almighty Word.” Home from graduate work in Arizona, Katy McDowell will sing for offering at communion at 10 a.m.

Sunday, June 9 Time after Pentecost

The time after Pentecost is a teaching time, a growing time, in the life of the church. Today's texts celebrate God's ability and intention to provide us with abundance and a new lease on life. To that end, we gather on the first day of the week with the whole people of God to be instructed by the word and nourished in the sacrament.

The readings are 1 Kings 17:8-24, Psalm 146, Galatians 1:11-24 and Luke 7:11-17. The hymns will be ELW 867, “In Thee is Gladness,” ELW 860, “I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me,” and ELW 542, “O Living Bread from Heaven.” Offering and communion music at 10 a.m. will be provided by Amy Walman Madden and Chris Frantsvog.

Sunday, June 16 Time after Pentecost

The enormity of the sum total of ways we fall short of all God intends for our lives is surpassed only by the mercy, understanding and love 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. “Happy are they ... whose sin is put away.” Happy are we.

The readings are 1 Kings 21:1-21a, Psalm 5:1-8, Galatians 2:15-21 and Luke 7:3b-8:3. The hymns will be ELW 526, “God Is Here!” ELW 587 (ELW 588 at 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.), “There's a Wideness in God's Mercy,” and ELW 863, “My God, How Wonderful Thou Art.”

Sunday, June 23 Time after Pentecost

In this Sunday's readings, God's judgment is severe for the false Gods and loyalties that we put in God's place. But God is more gracious to the foreigner, outsider and outcast and reaches out to them – and to us – in Jesus.

The readings are 1 Kings 19:1-15a, Psalms 42 and 43, Galatians 3:23-29 and Luke 8:26-39. The hymns will be ELW 651, “Oh, Praise the Gracious Power,” ELW 843, “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness,” and ELW 537, “On Our Way Rejoicing.”

Sunday, June 30 Time after Pentecost

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 freedom is the path of life.

The readings are 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20, Galatians 5:1,13-25 and Luke 9:51-62. The hymns will be ELW 786, “O Holy Spirit, Enter In,” ELW 798, “Will You Come and Follow Me,” and ELW 810, “O Jesus, I Have Promised.”

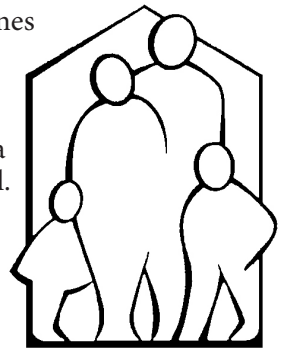
Family Promise

Garden Party Planned for Family Promise of Greater Des Moines

Family Promise of Greater Des Moines (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network) will be holding its seventh annual garden party on Friday, June 21, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Pat and Paula Hart's home at 32237 Deer Trail, Adel. (No rain date.)

The garden party is combined with a silent auction to raise funds for the coming year. Enjoy an evening in a beautiful garden with hors d'oeuvres, beverages and a chance to pick up an item through the silent auction.

Tickets purchased in advance cost \$30, or they can be acquired at the door for \$35 each. Order tickets online at www.familypromisedm.org, or call Family Promise at 277-7051 or Diana Sickles at dsickles4@gmail.com or 255-5055.



Hospitality & Outreach



The Ministry of Prayer

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:6-7

Many of you are familiar with the published prayer page that accompanies our bulletins each week. Prayer requests are gleaned from notations on the worship cards turned in from our weekend services. Requests come from members, visitors and, judging from the handwriting, elders, children and all ages inbetween. We also receive calls from people who are not members and don't wish to leave their names, but are in crisis and ask for prayerful support.

In addition to the published list, we have a prayer chain, as you may have seen on the worship card. What you may not know is that there is a group of very devoted participants, prayer ministers, who each week receive a list of prayer requests. Our current prayer ministers are eight dedicated and faithful pray-ers. Last week's prayer chain had 91 requests from individuals and families for cures, needs, strength, help, etc. One of our seasoned members of the prayer chain remarked on the number of requests and how the need has grown – a sign of our times perhaps.

You may ask what qualifies these people to participate in this ministry, and the answer is simple – a willing heart, trust in God's goodness and a desire to help others. There is no required certification, no continuing education to track, not even required reading – unless you simply wish to read the Bible, a prayer book or other resource. But that's up to you. All you need do is talk to God.

Growing up Catholic, it was a sign of "goodness" to know all the standard prayers: Our Father, Hail Mary, Act of Contrition and, literally, the mother of all...the Rosary. Oh, those prayers were simple enough, but memorizing all the "Mysteries" in the proper order and for the appropriate day, well, that was something else again. Being a natural over-achiever (I've outgrown that!), I not only had to say all my prayers at bedtime, I had to say them *perfectly*. Perfectly meant each word said without

my mind wandering or getting distracted – not an easy task for a five-year-old. And, the *pièce de résistance*, if I messed up, which I inevitably did, I had to start ALL over again, and I had quite a long list (that over-achiever thing, again).

I remember one time my mother was very sick; she had pneumonia and it was serious. Her younger sister, a nurse, had come to help care for her. I may have been young, but I still remember the fear and tension from my father and older brother. I somehow decided that my nighttime prayers were the key to my mother getting well. If I could just say them all correctly, God would cure my mother. I was so scared for her and so tired I couldn't get through the prayers; I kept having to start them over and over again. I was nearly hysterical. My aunt came in to find out what was wrong, and I told her. She guided me through the prayers and also told me to simply tell Jesus what I needed and wanted. I didn't have to be perfect; Jesus would make it so.

Many years later, I found another powerful message for prayer. I was a single mother with a five-year-old son, eight-year-old daughter, two elderly parents (my mom made it through the pneumonia), a job and no time. I heard a religious sister give a talk about prayer and how every act we do can and is an act of prayer, if we remember to offer those efforts to God. If you're a stay-at-home parent, everything you do on behalf of your children and family is prayer; it is meeting their needs and nourishing them soul and body. In the work place, your assistance to co-workers, kindness to someone who is down, simply doing good and honest work is a prayer.

Our prayers, action or thought, don't have to be long nor elaborate; they simply need to be guided and given to God. Sometimes the need is so great that it's hard to know what to ask or how to ask. That is when we are reminded by Romans 8:26, "... the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with *sighs too deep for words*."

*I've taken this meandering trip down memory lane to bring to you the immense need, and yet the simplicity, of prayer ministry. For people who have scheduling conflicts, transportation issues, financial constraints, whatever, prayer ministry is do-able. And, please bear with me as I say again, **it is needed!***

If you are interested, willing and feel God is calling you to this ministry, please give me, Katie Tippins, a call at 243-7691 or email me at katie@stjohnsdsm.org.



Small Groups

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

CALENDAR

Young(er) Adult Group: Sunday, June 2, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., home of Jim and Mary Bernau, 2001 Eighth St. SW, Altoona. If you can attend, contact Jim and Mary at bernau64@gmail.com.

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

Mah Jongg: Groups will continue to play occasionally this summer. Watch for dates or e-mail Darla at darlastiles@stjohnsdsm.org.

Restaurant Visitation/Christian Involvement: Wednesday, June 5, 6 p.m., Raccoon River Brewing Company, Des Moines.

Yoga: Thursday, June 6, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., Fireside Lounge at church. Cost is \$10 per class. Contact Corinne Lambert at callingwisdom1@hotmail.com.

Bicycle St. John's: Sunday, June 9. Bike to church then meet after 10 a.m. service to decide where to bike to for lunch.

Gardening: Wednesday, June 12, 6:30 p.m., home of Judy Reel, 3306 John Lynde Rd., Des Moines.

Photography: Sunday, June 16, 11 a.m., Neumann Hall at church. No theme.

Lunch Bunch II: Wednesday, June 19, 12:30 p.m.

Lunch Bunch I: Thursday, June 20, 11:30 a.m.

Bicycle St. John's: Saturday, June 22, 9 a.m. Meet at Bondurant Middle School for opening of regional trailhead then ride as much of trail as you like.

St. John's Social Club: Sunday, June 23, 5:30 p.m., garden party at home of Dennis and Karen Zaabel, 1102 S. 50th Pl., West Des Moines.

EAGLES: Thursday, June 27. Meet at 8 a.m. at St. John's for Cedar Rapids day trip.

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

Judy's home capture the natural terrain of the land as it slopes from a stone patio. The main garden on the hillside displays a multitude of perennials, various types of roses, low evergreens and several flowering bushes. Judy's garden includes a shady hosta area, an ancient apple tree, some annuals for color and a small hilly wooded area of wildflowers. A rock garden installed over a tiling project boasts more than 50 shrubs and 300 perennials. Join us for the tour! If you have questions, contact darlastiles@stjohnsdsm.org.

Bicycle St. John's will bike to church (Bik2StJ's) on Sunday, June 9, for the 10 a.m. service. Meet other riders after the service in the courtyard to decide on a lunch destination.

On Saturday, June 22, join Bicycle St. John's at 9 a.m. at the Bondurant Middle School to celebrate the opening of the regional trailhead. (Start time of the ride is 9:30.) The full route is 50 miles, but you are free to make it a shorter ride if you wish. Registration for this ride is \$20, and if you sign up by Monday, June 10, you will receive a free T-shirt. (Proceeds benefit trail development.) For more information about this ride and others like it, please 'like' us on Facebook at facebook.com/bicyclestjohns.

Photography will meet Sunday, June 16, at 11 a.m. in Neumann Hall at church. There is not a theme; just bring a couple of your favorite photos.

Lunch Bunch II will meet Wednesday, June 19, at 12:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Janet Figg at 279-6326.

Lunch Bunch I will meet Thursday, June 20, at 11:30 a.m. New members are most welcome! If you are interested, reserve a space by calling Margaret Roby at 288-6304.

Young(er) Adult Group will meet Sunday, June 2, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jim and Mary Bernau, 2001 Eighth St. SW, Altoona. If you can attend, contact Jim and Mary at bernau64@gmail.com.

St. John's Social Club will meet Sunday, June 23, at 5:30 p.m. at the Dennis and Karen Zaabel home, 1102 S. 50th Pl., West Des Moines, for a garden party. Plan on a potluck and some zany garden-themed games!

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MORE INFORMATION

Mah Jongg classes have finished until fall when a new class may start, but several people have decided to continue to play and learn. If you play Mah Jongg and would like to be included, contact darlastiles@stjohnsdsm.org.

Quilting continues to meet Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 308 at church. If you are interested in joining us, contact Dorothy Parry at 255-6049.

Restaurant Visitation/Christian Involvement will meet Wednesday, June 5 at 6 p.m. at the patio of the Raccoon River Brewing Company in Des Moines.

Yoga will be held Thursday, June 6, at 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at church. This is the last class of this session. Cost is \$10 per class. Questions? Contact Corinne Lambert at callingwisdom1@hotmail.com.

Gardening Group will meet Wednesday, June 12, 6:30 p.m., to tour the gardens of Judy Reel at 3306 John Lynde Road, Des Moines. The various gardens of

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EAGLES next event is Thursday, June 27, for a Cedar Rapids day trip. The group will leave St. John's at 8 a.m. and meet at the visitor's center in Czech Village. Plans include lunch at 11 a.m. at the Blue Toad Restaurant and a tour of the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library at 1 p.m. Fortunately, the timing of our visit will allow us to see one exhibit about the amazing restoration of items damaged by the 2008 flood, plus two new exhibits: The Madeline Albright "Read My Pins" collection and the "Faces of Freedom, It's Everyone's Story" exhibit. We will also have an opportunity to meet Librarian Leroy Bradway for an explanation of the library's extraordinary collection of old world documents, immigration records and first-person recorded digital and graphic media.

Groups taking a break for the summer include: Recreational Reading, Scrapbooking, Hardanger, Saturday Morning Bible Study and WIRED's Zumba.



Photos from the St. John's Scavenger Hunt in May.

News from the Garden

Several members of the St. John's Faith Garden team planted vegetables in Pastor Bob Speir's backyard on May 18, a nearly perfect afternoon. This year's garden will produce tomatoes, peppers, cauliflower, broccoli, zucchini, cucumbers, beets, bush beans and sugar snap peas for the Des Moines Area Religious Council's (DMARC's) Move the Food pantries.

The volunteers placed wet newspapers between rows and plants and covered them with the mulch Pastor Bob had procured with his trusty red pickup. The mulch-covered newspaper will give the vegetables a head start on any wily weeds trying to grow from under the mulch – they'll have a tougher time finding the life-giving rays of the sun. At least that's the theory.

Pastor Bob blessed the garden using the passage from John 21 in which Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves him. Peter replies three times, "You know I love you." Jesus says to Peter, "Then feed my sheep." Pastor Bob says we are to feed Jesus' sheep not only spiritually but physically, too. We do so with our garden produce, which will be donated to DMARC to distribute to those who have difficulty buying it for themselves because of limited income.

Thank you to:

- The Speirs family for donating garden space.
- Ed Slatterly for tilling the garden.
- Holly and Joel Gettys for installing the second rain barrel.
- Pastor Bob for picking up the mulch.
- Carol and Peter Dittmer for their donation of 12 plants.
- Phil Sickles for purchasing plants.
- St. John's members for monetary support.
- Diana Sickles for coordinating the garden work.
- The hard-working garden volunteers.



Pictured are Jean Rothfusz, Diana Sickles, Phil Sickles, Bonnie Ekse, Dick Ekse, Pastor Bob Speirs and Janet Andersen. Margaret Townsend and Tim Andersen (who took photo) do not appear in the photo.

Children's Ministries

Growing in Faith at Home

The 50th day after Easter is Pentecost. On this day, the Holy Spirit came to Jesus's disciples so they could carry on His work and establish the church throughout the world. Read this story in Acts 2:1-41 with your child to help them understand Pentecost.

The 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. There are green plants growing all around us in the summer. As you notice flowers and plants growing all around you, remind your child that those green plants remind you of the season of Pentecost. Use the key words and phrases of "grow in faith, hope and help of the Holy Spirit." As you relate your faith to the world around you, your child will begin to make connections in their own faith!



Youth Ministries

Confirmation Camp Is Coming Soon!

Summer is here!!! June will be filled with baseball and soccer games and lots of fun for all St. John's youth! We are gearing up to go to Confirmation Camp at Lutheran Lakeside in Spirit Lake from Sunday to Friday, June 9 to 14. We have seven students attending camp with Pastor Bob and me. They are Arthur Finney, Aidan Speirs, Connor Johnson, Noah Matykowski, Christopher Said, Grace Moeller and Olivia Ramaekers. Our time together should be fantastic!

Changes in the Nursery

St. John's Welcomes New Nursery Coordinator

Change is a fact of life, and people don't stay where they're put! Many of you already know that Amber Jackson Elwer, St. John's Nursery Coordinator for the past four years, has relocated to Iowa City for John's new job. We thank her for her faithfulness and care of St. John's children, and wish them all the best.

Change in staff is always uncertain and when dealing with our children all care is taken to find the appropriate person. So, we are very pleased to announce our choice of Lisa DeGroot as our new Nursery Coordinator. Lisa comes to us from a position with an accredited daycare center, and she is certified in CPR and first-aid.

Lisa started in the nursery on Sunday, May 5. We hope you have had a chance to meet her. If not, please stop by and introduce yourself. She will be there on Sunday mornings.

Lisa sent us a little introduction: "Hi my name is Lisa. I have lived in Runnells for 29 years. I have two kids, a boy and girl. We enjoy going to Sunday School on Sundays. We are very excited to be a part of your church."

Please make her and her family feel welcome. We're happy to have them as part of our St. John's family.

She's Doing It Again

Shaving Head to Fight Cancer!

Some of you may remember that a year ago St. John's member Kirsten LaBlanc participated in a fundraising effort for pediatric cancer research. She shaved her head to benefit St. Baldrick's Foundation and to show her solidarity with those who are going through cancer.

Kirsten's goal this year is to raise \$1,000, and we encourage you to help her meet or exceed her target. Her date to be shorn is Saturday, June 22. Please consider a contribution in thanksgiving for your healthy children – or in honor or memory of a loved one. Donating online is a very easy process, and your information is secure. Access www.stbaldricks.org and simply search for Kirsten's name. *Thank you!*



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5:30-6:15-COMMUNITY MEAL 6:15-6:30-WORSHIP 6:30-6:55-EXPLORATION #1 7-7:25-EXPLORATION #2 7:25-7:30-CLOSING

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OF ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE!

*Watch for more information and sign-ups at church!
Contact Megan Clausen with questions (meganc@stjohnsdsm.org).*

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Arts Ministries

Arts at St. John's: A Year in Review

The **ARTS** at
ST. JOHN'S

Many thanks to all who support the arts at St. John's, and a very special thank-you to the Arts Visioning Team.

The commitment, talent, and appreciation of the arts are outstanding at St. John's! Our 2012-13 programming brought the arts to every corner of the church and beyond! Take note of a few highlights:

The Performing Arts Series presented three concerts conducted by Larry Christensen and showcasing the St. John's Cathedral Choir. Bach's *Magnificat*, in collaboration with Drake University's String Ensemble, was presented in November. Two spring concerts took place, one with Tropical Steel, and the other showcasing talent from St. John's and friends.

Artist of the Month exhibits rotated monthly in Weertz Hall. The December exhibit of young children was poignant and full of promise; the April collaborative exhibit on the Way of the Cross involved over 20 artists from St. John's.

The Midweek Music Series gained momentum as the season progressed. Each Wednesday from late September through early May, St. John's hosted world-class musicians for a mid-week respite from the world outside. Attendance grew throughout the year, as did the attendance at the lunches served after each concert.

The Arts in worship were evident throughout the year, on an almost weekly basis. Cathedral Choir, String Scholars, brass and other ensembles, and vocal and instrumental soloists shared with worshippers beautiful and unique outlets for God's praise through music.

The Handbell Repair fundraiser met the goal of \$10,000 in very short order. The cases were ordered and have arrived. The bells are now completely refurbished and ready for 30-plus years of ringing. Since September, St. John's has seen three very healthy bell choirs take shape; handbell music was present in worship two or three Sundays each month.

Please take a moment to rest on your laurels. The

arts programs at St. John's are successful because of every musician, artist, worshipper, audience member and donor. You understand the importance of arts in our lives and faith community, as a unique connection to God ...

Now that you've had that brief moment to rest, we can make plans for next year! The Midweek Music Series and Artist of the Month schedules are set, and plans for the Performing Arts Series are under way. If you have questions or comments, please contact Beth Ann Edwards at bethann@stjohnsdsm.org.

Artist of the Month is Our Own Jacque Warming

Born and raised in Des Moines, Jacqueline Warming is a lifelong member of St. John's. Her interest in photography began early in life and gained momentum as her children's lives progressed. As a result of that interest, she has taken college and post-college classes in photography.

Jacque first worked with 35mm film, but the advent of digital photography has offered such a wide range of effects and techniques that it is now her exclusive medium.

As her skills developed, she was asked to provide candid photos for the weddings of her nieces and nephews to supplement the work of the professional. Family photographs for friends annual Christmas card also has become a favorite activity.

Jacque's photos have been published in St. John's *For Good* magazine, *Des Moines* magazine, and the Des Moines Area Religious Council's publication as well as St. John's *Eagle Call*. She has won a first place and multiple honorable-mention awards in photo contests. She also has led the photography studio of the After School Arts Program on more than one occasion.

Her photos hang in homes of friends and family, and her children tease her about having "her camera attached to her hip."

She enjoys taking photos of people, scenery, and architecture.

Kisasa Day Camp

Thursday and Friday, August 8 and 9, 2013, 8 am to 5:30 pm, plus 10 am Sunday worship August 11, 2013

Cost: \$35 per camper, max. \$50 per family, plus one snack item to share. Scholarships are available.



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Please contact Beth Ann Edwards (bethann@stjohnsdsm.org) for registration forms and more information.

Campers

All students entering grades 3 through 6 this fall are invited to attend a two-day day camp here at St. John's. The Kisasa musicians have helped set the curriculum and it will include ringing, singing, painting and other visual arts, cooking, hanging out, playing games, and more.

Volunteers

Volunteer positions for all, grades 7 through adult, are available. Assistants can set their own schedules and work both days, just mornings, just afternoons, or just one day. Volunteers are asked to attend an orientation training session (time and date to be determined).

Garden Tour & Sangria Summer Solstice Celebration

Sponsored by the Arts Visioning Team

Saturday, June 29

Three families will open their gardens for self-guided tours. Set your own itinerary and visit one, two or all three. Free-will donations will be accepted at each garden and the celebration party.

5:30 to 7:15 p.m. Garden Tours

Our three very talented and generous gardeners are:

- Rod Snively and Kelly Schuler
4411 Franklin Ave., Des Moines
- Carole Tillotson
1418 64th St., Windsor Heights
- St. John's Community Faith Garden(ers)
At the home of Pastor Bob and Terri Mork Speirs
2716 Westover Blvd., Des Moines

7:30 p.m. Celebration Party

Hosted by:

- Megan and Kent Hartwig
4334 Woodland Ave., Des Moines

Join us as we celebrate the Arts at St. John's with music from Asphalt & Stained Glass. A Mexican-themed buffet will be served, and additional entertainment is planned: Salsa dancing lessons! Dollar dance! Original floral-themed on-the-spot art! Portrait photography! All that and more! For more information, please contact Beth Ann Edwards at bethann@stjohnsdsm.org or Darla Stiles at DarlaStiles@stjohnsdsm.org.

Women of the ELCA

General Meeting at Scottish Rite Park

The Women of the ELCA will hold their general meeting for both circles at Scottish Rite Park on Thursday, June 6, at noon. The program is about humor and wellness. The cost of \$8.50 will be collected at the luncheon. To make reservations, call the church office at 243-7691 or Mitzie McCloskey at 277-1200.



May - June Outreach Project

The outreach project for May and June is Backpack Buddies. This program provides a sack of child-friendly, easy-to-prepare foods to low-income children on weekends when they do not have access to the federal free and reduced-price meal program. The congregation is again invited to participate.

Items needed are single-serve fruit cups in light syrup or water and small boxes of raisins. As usual, the items can be placed in the drop boxes, one near the church office and the other upstairs near the Fair Trade coffee display.

Financials

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

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

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

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Serving at Central Iowa Shelter & Services

On the 18th and 19th of each month St. John's prepares and serves meals at the shelter.

If you would like to help prepare, serve or donate to this wonderful ministry located in the heart of downtown Des Moines, please call 243.7691 or e-mail scottl@stjohnsdsm.org.



JULY EAGLE CALL DEADLINE

The deadline for all Eagle Call information is **Monday, June 17.**

Please send information or articles in digital format to Scott LaBlanc, scottl@stjohnsdsm.org.

If you cannot send it by e-mail, drop it off at the church office.

Thank you!