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Parent Talk: Birds + Bees + YOUR Kids with Amy Lang October 13



On Wednesday, October 13 at 6:30p St. John's will present, **Birds + Bees + YOUR Kids**, the first installment of its new Parent Talk series. Are you wondering when you should

start talking to your kids about the birds and the bees? Are you unsure of what to say and how to say it? Do you *have* to have these conversations with your kids? Come find out the answers to these and many other questions on at St. John's and join us for a lively and engaging lecture with parent and sexual health educator Amy Lang, MA. Amy's lecture is for parents of elementary school age children and older. This interactive talk helps parents understand the need to start the conversations early and continue them throughout childhood and adolescence. Parents learn what works for kids, have time to talk about their own experiences and values, and learn about teen sexual behavior in an open and candid atmosphere. A sexual health educator for over 20 years, Amy teaches parents and other folks how to talk to kids of any age about the birds and bees. She is the author of the Mom's Choice Award winning *Birds + Bees + YOUR Kids – A Guide to Sharing Your Beliefs About Sexuality, Love and Relationships* and *The Ask ANYTHING Journal*. She is a popular speaker at schools and parent organizations in the greater Seattle area. Learn more about Amy's programs at www.birdsandbeesandkids.com. Childcare and a children's program are available.

Nursery Looking for Volunteers



Praise God that our nursery ministry continues to grow. We are looking for parish volunteers to help out. The nursery is open Sundays 9:00 a.m. – noon and on Wednesday evenings, Christmas Eve and Easter. We ask

families that use the nursery to volunteer, but we would also like those parents to be able to attend Sunday school and service. With everyone's help, we can make this happen. Please contact Denise Randall or the church office for more information.

Annual Pumpkin Carving October 24

Our annual pumpkin carving night is scheduled for Sunday, **October 24 at 5:00 p.m.** This family favorite, to be held in St. John's Marsh Hall, will include the annual potluck, games, fall crafts, devotion



time and our pumpkin pie eating contest. New this year will be a costume parade. Those wanting an extra opportunity to dress up for Halloween are invited to do so for this event. We will have willing participants show their "finery" at a fashion show. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family members. Please bring a friend (or more), a hallowed out pumpkin, carving tools, your amazing creativity and a plastic bag as well as your family's favorite fall dish. If you would like to help with this tradition, please contact the church office.



REMINDER



Upcoming Family Ministries Events:

- **October 02** – Rite 13 Ceremony Rehearsal 6p
- **October 03**– Rite 13 Ceremony 10a service
- **October 13** – Parent Talk: Birds + Bees + Kids w/ Amy Lang 6:30p
- **October 17** – Christmas Pageant Meeting, 11:30a
- **October 23** – Stewardship Dinner, 5p, Children's Program
- **October 24** - Annual Pumpkin Carving and Potluck, 5:00 p.m.
- **November 7**– All Saints Parade 10:00a service & Christmas Pageant Meeting, 11:30a
- **November 14** – Advent Conspiracy, One Service 9a, no Sunday School
- **November 21** – Sunday School Volunteer Meeting 11:30a
- **November 28** – Advent Wreaths, 3:00p
- **December 05** – Christmas Pageant Meeting, 11:30a
- **December 12** – Christmas Pageant **Rehearsal**, 11:30a
- **December 15** – Parent Talk: Internet Safety w/ Kirkland Police Dept., 6:30p
- **December 18** – Christmas Pageant **Rehearsal**, 10:00a
- **December 19** – **Christmas Pageant**, 4:00p

St. John's Presents a New Series for Parents: *Parent Talk*



As part of its Wednesday night programming, St. John's is offering a free bi-monthly series for parents called "Parent Talk". The purpose of the Parent Talk series is to equip parents with tools that will help them as they raise and nurture their children during the growing years. Amy Lang's *Birds + Bees + Your Kids Part 1* on Wednesday, October 13, is the first program in the series. Childcare and a children's program are available for every event in the series and each event begins at 6:30p. They are free and open to the public. Here is a list of the *Parent Talk* series:

December 15: *Internet Safety: Helping Your Child Surf the Web Safely* - Kids are using the internet more and more for school projects, communication with family and friends, and playing activities and games. But it can pose a risk when it comes to their safety. The Kirkland Police Department will be instructing parents on what hazards to look for while offering tools for protecting children online. Parents will have an opportunity to ask questions as well.

February 2: *Birds + Bees + Your Kids Part 2* - Amy Lang, sexual health and parent educator returns to St. John's to continue the discussion with parents about talking to children and youth about sex. Parents will have an opportunity to interact with Amy as she shares even more ways to make "The Talk" more comfortable for all involved.

April 13: *Bullying - Steps Parents Can Take to Put an End to It* - Bullying is a real threat to the health and safety of our children and youth as evidenced by recent events across the country. The Kirkland Police Department returns to St. John's *Parent Talk* to help parents better understand bullying and its effects on children while offering tools to help eliminate it from schools, churches and communities. Parents will have an opportunity to ask questions.

2010 Christmas Pageant Scheduled for October 19



We are already beginning to plan the parish tradition, The Christmas Pageant. This highly anticipated annual event is scheduled for Sunday, December 19 at 4:00 p.m. and is presented

by the families of our youth and children's Sunday school program. There are many opportunities for parishioners to participate as members of our pageant committee. We have a series of meetings planned to discuss, organize and plan this year's event. The meetings are held in the Alice Douglas room on the main floor of the church. All of the scheduled meetings are 11:30 a.m. on Sundays and are October 17, November 7, and December 5. We need help with set design, publicity, costumes, reception, music, and production. If you are interested in helping us with this wonderful production please join us at the meetings and/or call Cathy Christensen in the church office.

All Saints Parade Comes to St. John's November 7

In honor of All Saints Day (11/1), all of the preschool through 12th grade Sunday school classes will present a "Parade of Saints" during the procession at the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, November 7. Each class has chosen a particular saint to celebrate and will carry a banner (or more) in his/her honor that they have made themselves. And some of our saints will even dress the part! After the procession children in grades preschool through 5th will return to their Sunday school classrooms.



Actual statements from children about the Bible:

- *Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.
- *Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.
- *Noah built an ark which the animals came onto in pairs.
- *Samson slayed the Philistines with the axes of the Apostles.
- *The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple. (from www.shalomjerusalem.com)