



The Beacon

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Sunday School Kick-Off September 12



Sunday, September 12 is the official beginning of a new Sunday school year at St. John's. Children in **preschool through grade 5** will meet for Sunday school at **9:45 a.m.** the second to last Sunday of the month. They

will join their families in the service during the Eucharist at **10:50 a.m.** Preschool – Kindergarten will be using *HeartShaper* from Standard Publishing which helps children discover God's love and interact with the Bible in a way that helps them connect to God, Jesus, the church, family and others. Grades 1 through 5 use the *Seasons of the Spirit* curriculum by Woodlake Publishing. This curriculum is lectionary-based and teaches children how to live in Christ and serve others.

6th, 7th and 8th grades will begin a new *Rite-13* class as part of our *Journey to Adulthood* program from Leader Resources. Our **9th and 10th grades** will form the second session of the *J2A* program also called "*J2A*". *J2A* is based on the principles of relational youth ministry and uses Bible study, prayer, rites of passage, outreach and both serious and playful activities. **11th and 12th grades** will be using the *Anglican Edition* curriculum from David C. Cook. All of these classes will meet for Sunday school at **9:00 a.m.**

Registration packets for new families are available from the class or church office. For more information or questions and concerns please contact Cathy Christensen in the church office at 425-827-3077.

Upcoming Family Ministries Events:

September 12 – Preschool – High School Sunday School & Blue Angels Begin; Wed. Night Kick-Off Potluck & Program

September 15 – Wednesday Night Program: B.A.C.K. 6p

September 19 – Christmas Pageant Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

October 02 – Rite 13 Ceremony Rehearsal 6p

October 03 – Rite 13 Ceremony 10a service

October 13 – Birds + Bees + Kids w/ Amy Lang 6:30p

October 10 – Christmas Pageant Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

October 24 – Annual Pumpkin Carving and Potluck, 5:00 p.m.

November 7 – All Saints Parade 10:00 a.m. Service & Christmas Pageant Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

November 14 – Advent Conspiracy, One Service 9a, no Sunday School

November 21 – Sunday School Volunteer Meeting 11:30a

November 28 – Advent Wreaths, 3:00 p.m.

December 05 – Christmas Pageant Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

December 12 – Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, 11:30 a.m.

December 18 – Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, 10:00 a.m.

December 19 – Christmas Pageant, 4:00 p.m.

B.A.C.K. Coming to St. John's Wednesday Evenings Beginning September 15

As part of our new Wednesday Night program, children in grades Kindergarten through 6th are invited to join us for Bible Adventure Club for Kids

(B.A.C.K.). This program offers a chance for fun and fellowship as kids experience Bible adventures that are "Large as Life"™. Classic Bible stories become a reality as kids encounter every thrilling twist and turn. They will be astonished--and hooked--as you: enter the belly of a fish with Jonah, battle alongside Gideon & his 300 soldiers, sail with Noah on the ark, and jump into other dramatic and exciting Bible stories. This program creates an environment where everyone is involved. Your kids are going to want to come back for B.A.C.K.



Annual Pumpkin Carving Night 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.

***We are looking for volunteers to help with our 2010 Christmas Pageant. Please refer to the calendar on the left for meeting times and places. Contact the church office for more information. The pageant is December 19 @ 4:00p.



Birds + Bees + YOUR Kids with Amy Lang Scheduled October 13



Amy Lang at a book signing event in 2009.

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 **Wednesday, October 13 at 6:30p** 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, ***Birds + Bees + YOUR Kids***, 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. To learn more about Amy and her programs you can visit her website at www.birdsandbeesandkids.com. This event is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

2010-2011 Sunday School Volunteers Ready for a New Year

When St. John's youth and children's Sunday school kick off on Sunday, September 12 they have a strong slate of volunteers for which to be thankful. These amazing servants will be offering their time and talents to our faith formation programs this year:

Preschool/Kindergarten- Lisa Diller, Laura Otanez, Jr., Claire Williams, Daini Xie, Emma Christensen, and Topher White; *1st/2nd* – Courtney & Tim Rayburn and Quinn Williams; *3rd/4th* – Heather Schidler and Caroline Horrigan; *5th* – Kelly & Stacey Chapman Pontif; *Rite 13 (6th- 8th)* – Jenn DeShaw, Jeanne Leonard and Fr. Scot Wright; *J2A (9th- 10th)* Fr. Glenn DeShaw, Pam Reilly and Cathy Christensen; *High School (11th-12th)* – Paige Cherny.

We will be dedicating these faithful servants on Sunday, September 12th at the 10 a.m. service. We ask that you continue to keep them in your prayers this year. Here is a perfect prayer to pray: *Almighty God, look with favor on these persons who have committed themselves to this ministry. Give them courage, patience and vision, but above all confidence in your love and joy in their calling. Bless those who have sent us to be blessed by these volunteers. And send your Holy Spirit on all of us that we may work together to support the ministry of faith formation in this place and that we may truly be the body of Christ. We ask this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

The Beatitudes Word Search

Matthew 5:1-12

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thirst
 filled
 merciful
 peacemakers

pure
 reward
 spirit
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