



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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## 2009-2010 *Arts Explosion!*



This year promises to be very exciting for the Arts at St. John's. Read on to learn more about Midweek Music, the Performing Arts Series and other happenings scheduled for this year. On pages 10 and 11 we have included the entire schedule as it looks today; we encourage you to save it and keep your eyes open for more events.

### *Midweek Music*

One of the most exciting line-ups in the 20 plus year history of our Wednesday noontime concerts is coming to downtown Des Moines in 2009-2010. Even some long-time favorites bring a new energy as when pianist Bob Lien teams up with one of his adult students, Lee Ann Bakros, for some dynamic duets. That team will kick off the series on Wednesday, September 30. They will be followed by three weeks of artists new to our series: classical guitarist Aaron Powell, October 7; Mary McAdams, folksinger/songwriter, October 14; and Roxi Copland, the hottest jazz singer/pianist on the central Iowa scene right now, on October 21. Check out the entire listing on the St. John's website, [www.stjohnsdsm.org](http://www.stjohnsdsm.org) or pick up a bookmark bill on the kiosks or the tables in the narthex. Pick up some extras to share with friends and co-workers. The 12:05 to 12:30 concerts are free, and the delicious catered lunch that follows is only \$6.

### *Performing Arts Series*

Organist Sarah Garner returns to the series this year at 7:30 pm Saturday, November 14th with an exiting, eclectic, and moving combination of literature. J.S. Bach's "Toccatia in F" will lead off the program. The French have their more

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Monday – Friday

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Next Eagle Call Deadline

August 17 at 12 pm

A Word from Our Pastors

Pastor Rachel Thorson Mithelman



I'm writing on the eve of our journey to Tanzania to visit our sisters & brothers in Christ in the Mramba Parish. There will be photos, video, and stories to share when we return at the end of July. For now, however, please allow me to give you a summer update on our ministry together at St. John's...

• **Arts for the City, Inc., is official!** We received notice from the IRS this week that tax exempt status has been approved for this new venture that will allow us to expand the After School Arts Program. ASAP has been a very successful outreach ministry - with the partnership of the Des Moines Public Schools – to children at King, Moulton and Edmunds elementary schools for the last two years. A grant from Thrivent Financial will allow us to also offer a summer arts camp experience in August at Evelyn K. Davis Park. And now, with our new non-profit organization, Arts for the City, Inc., this outreach effort is poised to grow so that more children may benefit from arts enrichment activities. The Executive Director of Arts for the City, Inc. is Michelle Bolton King, a member of St. John's.

• **Middle school and high school youth are enjoying a variety of activities this summer.** The middle school youth participated in Extreme Week, a mission trip-type experience right here in Des Moines. Led by Megan Clausen, Director for Youth Ministry, the kids gathered every day for Bible study, a service activity in the community, a leisure activity (bowling, swimming, etc.) and an evening meal. It was a very successful event! Twenty of our high school youth and six adult advisors will leave for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, La. on July 20th. They will travel by bus with other youth from the Des Moines area and participate in Hurricane Katrina relief projects as well as large-group gatherings at the Super Dome. They will return to Des Moines on July 27.



• **And there have been some changes in our staff in recent months...**

Scott LaBlanc is the new Director of Parish Operations. Scott comes to us from Iowa Interactive where he spent the last two years working as a project manager with State and Local government. Scott joined St. John's in 1982, he is a graduate of Luther College, and lived in Denver, Colo for nine years. Scott and his wife, Kirsten, are expecting their first child in August.

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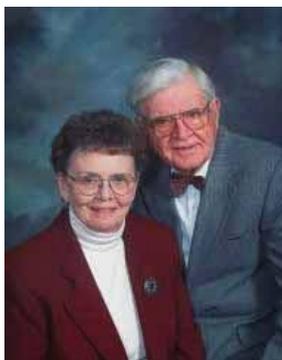
Katie Tippins is the Hospitality & Outreach Coordinator, a newly-created staff position to focus on hospitality to members and non-members, as well as matching the gifts and passions of members and friends to ongoing and new ministry opportunities. Katie was with the ELCA Rural Ministry Office for the past eight years and was with another national not-for-profit for 13 years prior to that. She is the proud parent of a son and daughter, both adults and on their own. She is a self-described "animal nut" and offers to serve as an animal adoption advocate on the side.

And we also acknowledge the departure of Kate McClaskey, long-time employee in the Office of Membership, from our staff. Kate greeted many of you as new members and arranged for baptisms and other pastoral acts, along with keeping St. John's database up-to-date. We are thankful for Kate's many gifts that she shared so generously with St. John's.

Many other things are happening here as we seek to always be "in the city for good." Your hearts, minds, and hands are always needed to fulfill St. John's mission and ministry in this world. Please check the website for up-to-date information and announcements.

And when I'm back from Tanzania, I'll see you in church!

## Norman Ullestad 55th Anniversary



At the 2009 Assembly of the South Eastern Iowa Synod Norman Ullestad, a member of St. John's, was honored for the 55th anniversary of his ordination, and his many years of serving in Iowa and Kansas as a parish pastor. He was ordained February 21, 1954 at St. John's by Dr. Alfred Beil, Dr. Frederick Weertz and Dr. Henry Opperman. Norman retired from

Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines and was called to be visitation pastor at St. John's. After five years he retired again in 1992.

## 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 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.

## Interfaith Hospitality

On August 11th and 13th, St. John's will assist WDM Christian Church in hosting three homeless families in transition. Please consider volunteering for a shift:

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 6:00am - 7:00am              | Driving van to day center |
| Prepare supper for 25 people | Deliver at 5:30pm         |
| 5:30pm - 6:30pm              | Serve supper and clean up |
| 5:30pm - 8:00pm              | Evening Hosts             |
| 8:00pm - 6:30am              | Overnight Hosts           |

See sign up sheet or contact Jennifer Early or Wanda Havard with questions, 274-6872.



## Prepare for Worship

### Sunday, August 2nd,

#### Time after Pentecost, Lectionary 18

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

*The readings are Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16; and John 6:24-35. The hymns are ELW 461, "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly," ELW 480, "O Bread of Life from Heaven," and ELW 618, "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer." Sarah Garner and Hannah Ryan will play organ and piano duets for offering and communion at both 8:45 and 11 am.*

### Sunday, August 9th,

#### Time after Pentecost, Lectionary 19

Jesus says that the bread that he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

*The readings are 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; and John 6:35, 41-51. The hymns are ELW 522, "As We Gather at Your Table," ELW 474, "Bread of Life from Heaven," and ELW 542, "O Living Bread from Heaven."*

*There will be laying on of hands and anointing with oil for healing at all services this weekend.*

### Sunday, August 16th,

#### Time after Pentecost, Lectionary 20

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God, today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes

no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

*The readings are Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; and John 6:51-58. The hymns will be ELW 491, "Come, Let us Eat," ELW 485, "I Am the Bread of Life," and ELW 689, "Praise and Thanksgiving."*

### Sunday, August 23rd,

#### Time after Pentecost, Lectionary 21

In today's gospel may people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples disappear. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

*The readings are Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; and John 6:56-69. The hymn are ELW 873, "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart," ELW 758, "You Are the Way," and ELW 537, "On Our Way Rejoicing." At 8:45 the offering music will be by Mark Garner and music during communion by Amy Walman Madden.*

### Sunday, August 30th,

#### Time after Pentecost, Lectionary 22

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

*The readings are Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; and Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, and 21-23. The hymns are ELW 520, "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word;" ELW 328, "Restore in Us, O God;" and ELW 534, "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name." Kris Joy will be playing clarinet music for offering and communion at both 8:45 and 11 am.*



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

*St. John's is a center for mission in the heart of Des Moines. Called to serve Christ in our neighbor, we seek to encourage and accompany sisters and brothers in need with "faith active in love." Below are updates and opportunities regarding our ministry in the city (and the world) for good!*

**We serve the evening meals at Central Iowa Shelter & Services on the 18th and 19th of every month.** There are sign-up sheets for the items needed for each meal in the narthex. Thanks to all who serve faithfully month after month. New participants in this ministry are always welcome. For more information about the shelter meals, contact Ed & Mary Slattery or Peter & Carol Dittmer.

**Thank you for the dozens of Hospice Kits you have provided for our friends in Tanzania! We are still collecting kits toward our goal of 300 for 2009!** Some of the kits have already been transported to Minneapolis for shipment, but you may still participate by filling the zip-loc bags with the items needed OR donate \$15 for the purchase of items in Tanzania. Please mark checks "Hospice Kit Project."

**Thanks for the generous gifts to the Good Samaritan Fund. Please continue your support!** Pastors Mithelman and Speirs continue to meet daily with people who are seeking assistance with rent, fuel, bus tokens, bus tickets, and many other of life's necessities. Every effort is made to verify the needs and assistance is offered whenever possible.

**It's our turn to assist WDM Christian Church through the Interfaith Hospitality Network on August 11th and 13th.** IHN is a program that houses homeless families in area churches for a week at a time. We are assigned to help WDM Christian Church when they host, which will be the week of August 9th. On Tuesday and Thursday of that week St. John's needs to provide morning van drivers, food preparers & servers, and evening & overnight hosts. Many of these tasks can be done by families or small groups. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex and contact Jennifer Early or Wanda Havard with questions at 274-6872.

**Look for us at the Downtown Farmer's Market on August 1st and August 22nd!** St. John's will have an activity for children as well as information to share with the community as part of the "Saturday Salute."

## 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 our 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. See a picture of our current Stephen Ministers/Leaders on the narthex bulletin board.

To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Pastor Speirs, Linda Reick or Karen Zaabel. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care.



*St. John's at the  
Downtown  
Farmers Market*

Join us Aug. 1st and  
Aug. 22nd from  
7am - noon at  
2nd and Court



## Small Groups

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

### CALENDAR

**Gardening**, Tuesday, August 4, 6:30 pm at the Iowa State Fairgrounds Discovery Gardens

**Lunch Bunch II**, will meet Wednesday, August 19, 11:30 am

**Lunch Bunch I**, will meet Thursday, August 20, 11:30 am

#### Taking a break for the summer:

- In the Word—Marker Group
- In the Word—Sat. a.m. Group
- In the Word—3100 Grand Group
- In the Word—Early Group
- Scrapbooking
- Recreational Reading
- Prayer Shawl Groups
- 3D

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

### MORE INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS

**Gardening:** Tuesday, August 4, 6:30 pm. Get a preview of the beautiful gardens the Master Gardeners create at the Iowa State Fairgrounds every year. There will be a Master Gardener present to answer questions. Meet at the Fairgrounds at 6:30 pm or at church to carpool out there at 6:15 pm.

**Pictorial Directory –2010 Anniversary Edition, coming up.** We hope you will each plan to get your picture taken for the pictorial directory this fall so it can be as complete as possible. There is no cost and no obligation to buy, but you will have the opportunity to buy pictures if you so desire. The dates of photography are: November 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28 and December 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Notice some dates are around the Thanksgiving holiday for families who have college students home to have a chance to get the whole family together for a picture.

The Recreational Book Club will be meeting at 4:30 at Caribou Coffee on Ingersoll on Wednesday, August 19 to pick out books for this year. Anyone is welcome. Bring selections if you have them. We read anything! Any questions, contact Carol MacDonald at macpac00@mchsi.com or 515-255-2656.

## Artist of the Month

St. John's very own Digital Photography Group is the Artist of the Month in August. Come down to Weertz to see all of their photographs on display.



"Bridge to Where" by Scott LaBlanc

### 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.



# VBS 2009 Wrap-Up



What a great week we had at Vacation Bible School! Many of the VBS participants mentioned it was the best week yet!!!! The Lutheran Lakeside Camp staff led the day camp in June and did a wonderful job of making faith connections in all the activities. They encouraged kids to serve one another as they partnered up to carpet sled on waxed paper and introduced energetic new prayers before we ate lunch as well as returning thanks after lunch. The kids were entranced as the staff acted out Bible stories each day!!!! Please read the article below written by one of the VBS participants. I think you will be pleased to read that not only did our kids learn bunches, they also have been called to action and discipleship.

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Submitted by Elizabeth Reed, Age 12  
(2009 VBS Participant)

*During our awesome week at VBS, we did lots of fun games, songs, and crafts, as well as meeting and getting to know three counselors from Lutheran Lakeside Camp. These counselors are some of the coolest people I have ever met, and the reason VBS was so much fun. We enjoyed endless hours of games like Pew Battleship, the Freeze Game, and Indoor Sledding (the Freeze Game being the favorite of many campers.) The games were fun, but we also learned about loving to serve God which was the theme for the week. We learned that we are created to serve, freed to serve, saved to serve, called to serve, and sent to serve. Overall, we learned that the reason we are here is to serve others, and that serving isn't always the heroic thing to do, sometimes it's taking the task nobody else wants, and being happy and proud to do it. VBS was filled with fun, learning, and a great last day when we got to have fun in the sun with water games in the north parking lot of our church. So if you ever see St. John's kids loving to serve, remember VBS. Also, remember that loving to serve isn't just something Kindergarten-8th graders are called to do--it's for all of us.*



## Children's Ministries

### RALLY SUNDAY

To kick off the programming year, we'll celebrate Rally Sunday with a safari theme on Sunday, September 13. Families will get an opportunity to go on a symbol safari and discover some of the meanings behind the symbols, and art in our sanctuary and chapel. A booth will be set up to learn about the trip that some of our members took to Tanzania to visit our sister parish. Families will get a chance to register for Sunday School and hear about the Bible stories they'll be learning in Sunday School.

**Sunday school starts Sept. 20.** All children age three through sixth grade are invited to register for Sunday School. Registration will be available August 30. Our Sunday School program is based on a strong biblical foundation, dedicated to the mission to learn from the Bible, to **live** the Good News, and focused on presenting the Bible stories in a way that engages learners appropriately for their age level. Children will be experiencing God's word through interesting and engaging discussions, games, art, music, and other activities. Look for registrations on the table next to the chapel beginning August 30.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 30**—Sunday School Registration Begins
- September 13**—Rally Sunday (Symbol Safari)
- September 20**—Sunday School Begins

**Children's Ministries is still looking for Sunday School teachers and helpers.** Could you commit to teaching or helping one Sunday a month? **You need not be a parent!!!!!!** You need **not** have teaching experience or be a theologian. A teacher's guide is provided that gives you a brief description of the Bible story to be explored. It explains how to relate this to children in a Lutheran-based, age-appropriate way and gives you choices of activities to share with your class. If you choose to answer this call, don't be surprised if **YOU delight in growing in your own faith as you share God's love with the children of St. John's!!!!!!** **Contact Sheryl Reed at 243-7691 ext. 193 if interested.**

## Youth Ministries

### MIDDLE SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES:

#### **Confirmation**

Watch the mail for your informational packet. It should be in your home in mid-August! There will be tons more info in that! Here is a preview!

Schedule for 2009/2010  
(some items subject to change)

| Sundays        |   |
|----------------|---|
| 9:55 - 10:55am | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday School for 6th grade</li> <li>• Breakfast Club for 7th and 8th Grade</li> </ul> |
| Afternoons     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *There may be a few service projects.</li> </ul>                                       |
| Wednesdays     |   |
| 5:30 - 6:30pm  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beloved Community for ALL ages</li> </ul>  |
| 6:30 - 7:45pm  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation for 7th and 8th grade</li> </ul>  |
| Saturdays      |   |
| Mornings       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• *There may be some service projects.</li> </ul>  |

\*October 16-18 will be our Fall Retreat @ the Y-Camp in Boone for 7th and 8th graders. Please put this on your calendar now. We would like EVERY 7th and 8th grade Confirmation student to attend.



The first night of Confirmation class will be Wednesday, September 9. The first Sunday of Sunday School and Breakfast Club will be Sunday, September 20.

### HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES:

Youth Group will be Wednesdays from 7:45-9:00pm again this year. We will also meet on some Sunday evenings for different activities!

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### Lock-In!!!

**When:** August 7-8 7pm-10am

**Where:** St. John's (there will be various field trips... mini-golf, pizza and more)

**Cost:** \$10 per person

Email Megan to RSVP!!! ASAP!

Please be watching the mail for info about the 2009-2010 school/church year!

Be sure to come and hear all about what the youth did this summer in Des Moines and in New Orleans!!! Weertz Hall, September 27th—between services!

## ASAP Summer Arts Camp



Join us for ASAP Summer Arts Camp!  
Evelyn K. Davis Park  
August 3-6, 2009  
12:30-3 pm  
Plus neighborhood cookout  
Thursday, August 6

- 5 Artists
- 4 Afternoons
- 3 Park and rec staff
- 2 Studio sessions per day
- 1 Neighborhood full of excited children

And YOU! We need Studio Assistants and Hot Dog Cookout Specialists. (Friday pool party for artists and volunteers.)

Studios include: Found Object Sculpture, Acrylic Painting, Crocheting, World Drumming, and Dance. All will be taught by experienced artists or university level art students.

Join us for an energetic day or an enthusiastic week, please contact Terri Speirs, ASAP Summer Arts Camp Coordinator. Tel: 515-770-5155. Email: terrispeirs@yahoo.com. Web: artsforthecity.blogspot.com

## Arts Explosion (continued from pg. 1)

delicate say via Bach's contemporary, Jean-Philippe Rameau's "Suite in A" with Sarah at the harpsichord. Sarah will then take the solo part on G.F. Handel's Organ Concerto in F Major, Opus 4, No. 4, with the St. John's Chamber Orchestra. After an intermission Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" will stir our souls, and Arvo Part's "Annum per annum" will serve up new sonic cuisine to savor. Finally, Louis Vierne and Franz Liszt will wrap their luscious, romantic sonorities around us. This not-to-be-missed evening will also be a benefit concert for Friends of the Arts at St. John's.

But that is only the beginning. Other outstanding events for the 2009-2010 series include:

### Sunday, December 6th, 7 pm

The Grinnell Singers with John Rommereim, Conductor, presenting Serge Rachmaninov's "All Night Vigil" (It does not last all night! It is music for a vigil.)

### Saturday, April 10th, 3 pm

Pianist Feilin Lin, in Concert

### Sunday, April 25th, 4 pm

The Gustavus Choir, Gustavus Adolphus College St. Peter, Minn.

### Sunday, May 2, 4 pm

The Des Moines Vocal Arts Ensemble and the Valley Singers

As always these events are offered to the entire community. In addition, don't forget the "Artist of the Month" displays in Weertz Hall: "Creating in Community" in January, the Streetscape Planters and Courtyard, and the numerous arts offerings with our liturgies and worship experiences. These are all supported by "Friends of the Arts at St. John's" which is funded outside St. John's operating budget. Please consider becoming a "Friend of the Arts at St. John's" to keep this dynamic ministry alive and growing.



## Midweek Music Series for 2009 – 2010

Twenty-five minute, Wednesday, noontime concerts at  
*St. John's Lutheran Church*  
 600 – 6th Avenue, (downtown)Des Moines, Iowa 50309  
 12:05 to 12:30 pm

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| September 30 | Bob Lien and Lee Ann Bakros, piano duet  |
|              |  |
| October 7    | Aaron Powell, classical guitarist  |
| October 14   | Mary McAdams, folk singer/songwriter   |
| October 21   | Roxi Copland, jazz singer/pianist  |
| October 28   | Ray Songayllo, pianist   |
|              |  |
| November 4   | Anne Stein, flute, and Ray Songayllo, piano  |
| November 11  | Katherine McDowell, soprano, Bob Lien, piano   |
| November 18  | David Liljedahl & David Piersel, "1 piano, 3 pedals, 4 hands."                               |
| November 25  | Leah McIntire, cellist   |
|              |  |
| December 2   | Nicholas Roth, pianist   |
| December 9   | Iowa Youth Chorus, Kristen Stanton, Director   |
| December 16  | Principal Singers  |
| December 23  | A St. John's Christmas   |
| December 30  | No Midweek Music   |
|              |  |
| January 6    | Ballyhoo Foxtrot Combo – John Benoit, band leader  |
| January 13   | Lisa Bost-Sandberg, flute  |
| January 20   | Amadeus Trio: Susan Odem, oboe; Joyce Wheeler, clarinet;<br>Janean Schaefer Denhart, bassoon |
| January 27   | Rebecca Gruber, soprano, and Sue Hudson, piano<br>"Music of Women Composers"                 |
|              |  |
| February 3   | Scott Sandberg, saxophone  |
| February 10  | IMTA District Piano Audition Winners   |
|              | February 17 – Ash Wednesday - No Midweek Music   |
|              |  |
| April 7      | Hot Club of Des Moines: Gypsy Jazz Ensemble  |
| April 14     | To Be Announced  |
| April 21     | Lois Eldal, Clarinet   |
| April 28     | Lyric Winds: Kimberly Helton, flute; Susan Odem, oboe;<br>Kariann Voigts; clarinet           |
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| May 5        | Laura Berkson, Cantor Soloist  |



# Performing Arts Series for 2009 – 2010

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| November 14 at 7:30pm | Organ and Harpsichord Recital, Sarah Garner   |
| December 6 at 7:00pm  | Grinnell Singers, John Rommereim, Conductor<br>"All Night Vigil", Serge Rachmaninov |
| April 10 at 3:00pm    | Pianist Feilin Lin, In Concert  |
| April 25 at 4:00pm    | Gustavus Choir, Gustavus Adolphus Collage, St. Peter, Minn                          |
| May 2 at 4:00pm       | Vocal Arts Ensemble and Valley Singers  |

## Photos of the Month



Garden Club at Pantheon Hosta Gardens

Fun and games at the Zaabel Garden Party this summer.

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### **DMARC at the I-Cubs**

Join the Des Moines Area Religious Council all summer long at Sunday home Iowa Cubs games. Fans can bring three canned food items to donate in exchange for a free general admission ticket. For \$3.00 more, tickets can be upgraded to Reserve Grandstand Seating. The remaining dates for the games are August 23, August 30, and September 6.

### **SEPTEMBER EAGLE CALL DEADLINE**

The deadline for all September Eagle Call information is Monday, August 17, 2009. Please send information or articles, in digital format if possible, to Scott LaBlanc. @ scottlablanc@stjohnsdsm.org. If you cannot send it by email, drop it off at the church office. Thank you.