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Worship Services: 8:30 a.,m. & 10:45 a.m.

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#### Church office hours:

**Mon. - Thurs.** 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**Friday** 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

# Youth Fundraiser is February 13! "Giving from the Heart"

Need someone to shovel your driveway? Babysit? Bake scrumptious cookies for you? If so, make sure you don't miss the Annual Youth Fundraiser, coming up on February 13. A special emphasis will be on "Giving from the Heart", which will encourage youth and/or families to consider donating a service to our silent auction.

As in past years, donations from members and businesses (new or homemade items, gift certificates, monetary donations or gift baskets) are also needed. Please contact Julie Brehmer or Jenny Pelletier with your donated item no later than Wednesday, February 9. Thanks!

### Schedule of Events:

8:00 a.m. - Silent Auction Begins with a *BUY IT NOW!* Option

9:00 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast (\$6.00 per person / \$20.00 per family)

**On the menu:** Pancakes, Sausages, Fresh Fruit, Coffee and Juice

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10:30 a.m. - "Minute to Win It" Games, Crafts, "Kiss the Pig" & more!

12:30 p.m. - Breakfast and Silent Auction Ends

All proceeds will provide financial assistance for St. John's children and youth to attend Bible camps and mission trips this summer.

## Foundation blesses ministry at St. John's in 2010

This past year the St. John's Foundation funded projects to the Church in the amount of \$14,652.00. These amounts helped fund: the Community Christmas Dinner, a membership pledge to the Green Lake Campgrounds, a new laptop for Pastor Johnson, payments for seminary students, an air conditioner for the upstairs choir room, 65 Spark Bibles for the childrens' Sunday School rooms, 10 new plastic tables, candidacy fees for Regina Hassanally, scholarship for one girl at the Maasae Lutheran Girls Secondary School in Tanzania, choir music, and the largest in the amount of \$3,000.00 to pay for a strategic planning facilitator and session costs.

We have continued our plan of allocating 4% of the net value of the Foundation each year for church projects. This is in line with most charitable foundations or endowments. The church council decides upon the use of the money.

Thank you for supporting this important mission of St. John's Lutheran Church.

The vision of St. John's: growing as disciples + becoming signs of God's love for each other and the world