

St. John's E-news

4/23/2020

St. John's Episcopal Church building remains closed and all activities and services are suspended until further notice.

Deacon George's Weekly Message

[Click here to read Deacon George's message.](#)

Online Worship Opportunities

Please consider these options to worship virtually with our larger church community during the suspension of service at SJEC.



You can view the Lectionary calendar of readings [here](#).

We also have worship & music resources on our website [here](#).

- [Daily Office](#): Mon - Fri at 7:00 am & 9:00 am (CST); Friday Night Evensong at 8:00 pm
- [St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral](#) in Minneapolis
Click the link and scroll through the services.
- [Washington National Cathedral](#)
Click the link to see times. National Cathedral is in Washington, D.C., so times listed will be Eastern.
- [Washington National Cathedral previously recorded services](#)
- House of Prayer: Click [here](#) for an update and a Zoom invitation to join weekly meditative prayer on Wednesdays from 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

Kid's Corner

Check out the most recent Godly Play on the [Kid's Corner](#) page on our SJEC website.

Mission Ministry Update

“It is not so much the case that God has a mission for his church in the world, as that God has a church for his mission in the world. Mission was not made for the church; the church was made for mission – God’s mission.”

Christopher J.H. Wright, *The Mission of God's People: A Biblical Theology of the Church's Mission*

The word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood. - John 1:14, *The Message*

These two sentences are guiding the Mission Ministry at St Johns! Here are the ways that St Johns has moved into the neighborhood:

- Home Delivered Meals
- Community Garden
- Food Shelf Collection
- United Thank Offering
- Gas/Food Gift Cards & Bus Passes for people in need
- The Starfish Dwelling
- Laundry Love

In the coming weeks, we will highlight each of these and share opportunities for you to engage with them!

Helping Those Experiencing Homelessness

The stay-at-home order and disruption of normal life has been devastating to the people experiencing homelessness in our community. Grass roots organizations like Neighbors to Friends and Homeless Helping Homeless have been providing meals and supplies on M/W/F at Lake George to about 25 people experiencing homelessness. They have also been providing breakfasts to people sheltering in area hotels.

Laundry Love can't meet because of COVID-19, but has been providing our friends being housed in hotels with weekly quarters and soap. A few quarters make a huge difference!

Want to help?

- Drop off quarters in Nancy Dyson's mailbox at the church or Lake George on M/W/ F between 2:00 - 3:00 (look for Nancy and others handing out meals and supplies)
- Donate meals provide meals. Contact [Nancy Dyson](#) for more information.
- Donate money to provide meals. You can send checks to:

Neighbors to Friends
1945 N Benton Dr #26
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379



Supporting Our Community - Starfish Dwelling Update

Our friend Nick has settled into the Starfish Dwelling. While the SFD is a blessing during this time of COVID19, it can also be a bit lonely. Nick can receive mail at the church. If you would like, please feel free to send him cards and words of encouragement:

Nick Matter
c/o St. John Episcopal Church
1111 Cooper Avenue South
St. Cloud, Minnesota 56301-4829



You can support the SFD ministry by buying SCRIP cards. These are gift cards you buy at cost and the SFD ministry gets a percentage. Please consider buying some gift cards for things you purchase in our community. Costco, Target, and Kwik Trip are just a few of the options.

How to purchase:

1. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com.
2. Enter our enrollment code: **6F77786466429**.
3. Buy cards for things that you already purchase or as a gift.

Email [Liz](#) with questions.

Meet your Bishop-elect at your Mission Area Gathering (via ECMN newsletter)

Bishop-elect Loya is now beginning the work of transitioning to Minnesota. He is deeply engaged in learning the ins and outs of ECMN. All in ECMN are invited to save the date for the gathering of the Mission Area in which their faith community belongs, as it is a great opportunity to spend time with the Bishop-elect. Mission Area Teams, members of Council who plan these gatherings, are hard at work to make these gatherings meaningful for all!

[Click here for more information.](#)

Weekly Giving

Thank you to those of you who make your contributions through the plate who have mailed their contributions to the church! Unfortunately, the suspension of services only marginally reduces our costs while we are also forgoing income from others' use of our building. So, I encourage those of you who are Sunday givers to continue to give by mail, as you are able. Please contact the office if you would like the church to send you prepaid envelopes or if you would like to set up automatic payments ("ACH") from your bank. Please have ACH forms to the office by **May 4** to begin withdrawal by **May 15**.



In gratitude,
Jim Wiant - Treasurer

Intercessions

During the month of April, please pray for the work of the House of Prayer and all spiritual directors serving in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. We pray in thanksgiving for the Rev. Gretchen Pickeral on the anniversary of her ordination. We pray also for the congregation of St. Philip in Rice Lake.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially, **Sydney** Baker, **Dorothy** Bernardy, **Aaron** Boatz & family, **Casey, Frances** Frederickson, **Sally** Fulweiler, **Gary, Joshua** Hart, **Jade, Court** Kenaston, **Nick** Kroeger, **Kiel** LaVigne, **Lea, Lisa & family, Sandy** Logeman, **Nicole, Raejean, Mary** Robbins, **Ruth, Phyllis** Schindeldecker, **Alison** Sikes, **Mary Ellen** Smith,

Mike Smith, Amara Strande, Tommy, Rocky White, Queen Williams, Kathy Yackley, Norman & Evelyn Ykema, and Ed Zins.

We pray in thanksgiving for our friends and members, especially, **George Ham & Kathryn Pratt, Carl & Ruth Heeder, James & Judy Heeter, Marnie, Richard, Lucas & Jack Henke, and Patrick Henry.**

Scripture for the Third Sunday of Easter

- [Acts 2:14a,36-41](#)
- [Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17](#)
- [1 Peter 1:17-23](#)
- [Luke 24:13-35](#)

Leadership & Staff

[Click here to contact Wardens, Vestry, Clergy, and the office.](#)



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