

# St. John's E-news

4/2/2020

**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.](#)

## Deacon Tom's Weekly Message

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## PALMS AVAILABLE!

Palms have been blessed and are available. There will be a few placed outside (to the left of the front door) in a sand bucket of the church for pick-up if you'd like. The rest are in the entryway of the building (to the right) if you have a key to gain entry. Please ask folks you know if they'd like you to pick theirs up for them (and feel free to ask non-church members if you're willing to get them some). Finally a few have been reserved for those unable to get out who would like them delivered to their front door BY REQUEST only. Palms will be simply be slipped between the weatherstripping and the door itself.



PLEASE REMEMBER these palms have been blessed and should be treated with respect.

## Online Worship Opportunities

As we enter Holy Week, please consider these options to worship virtually with our larger church community.

You can view the Holy Week 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 (CST)
- [St. Mark's Cathedral](#) Sunday Service (Minneapolis)
- [National Cathedral live stream](#) of Palm Sunday & Holy Week services
  - Click the link to see times. National Cathedral is in Washington, D.C., so times listed will be EST.
- [National Cathedral previously recorded services](#)
- [House of Prayer](#): Click on the [Facebook page](#) for a Zoom invitation to join weekly meditative prayer on Wednesdays from 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

You can also view this [video](#) of a narration of the Passion from Rev. Blair Pouge (ECMN's St. Matthew's).

## ZOOM in for Coffee Hour on Palm Sunday

### WHEN

Sunday, April 5th, 12pm

### WHERE

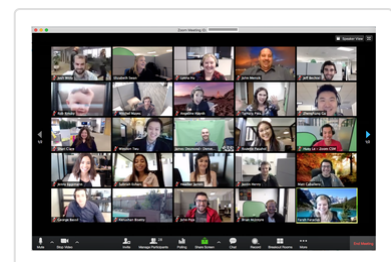
This is an online event.

### MORE INFORMATION

Watch your email for a Zoom invite for coffee hour.

## What is Zoom? (You need to know how to do this - and it is fun!)

In our COVID19 world, being able to connect virtually is a HUGE blessing. Zoom is an easy way to see and chat with others using your computer or device.



How to join a Zoom meeting:

1. Download Zoom onto your computer or device.
2. Use the following invitation to join (either click the link or enter the Meeting ID below).

This link will help you if you are joining your first Zoom meeting: [How to Join a Zoom Meeting](#)

[Jen Lessinger](#) can help you if you are stuck. Click the link and send a message - include your phone number, please.

## Supporting Our Community - Starfish Dwelling Update

COVID19 has been hard for all of us, but it has struck the homeless of St. Cloud in a devastating way. There is a shortage of safe housing, and the vulnerable are even more at risk than ever. We are blessed to be able to fulfill the mission of the Starfish Dwelling by opening its (small!) door to a person in need in this time of crisis. Our friend Nick will be living in the SFD until the crisis passes.

Our fantastic youth (with the help of Betsy Hoover) have raised money and provided donations to turn our little building into a cozy, safe space. We are so thankful for their work, donations, and faithfulness to God's call to care for the least of us.

An easy way to support this essential ministry is to BUY 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.

Just go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). Our enrollment code is **6F77786466429**. Email [Liz](mailto:Liz) with questions.

Need an incentive to get started with SCRIP? Play SCRIP Bingo! Get 3 in a row and be entered into a random drawing for a \$20 SCRIP card of your choice!

1. Buy convenient and useful SCRIP cards.
2. Get a BINGO (3 in a row) in any direction
3. Email [Jen Lessinger](mailto:Jen Lessinger)
4. The random drawing will happen on Easter Sunday

## SJEC SCRIPS Bingo!

Get three in a row, any direction.  
Contact [Jen Lessinger](#) with your bingo and be entered into a random drawing on Easter Sunday.

Reloaded any card	Bought a Target card  TARGET	Bought a Walmart card 
Bought a Home Depot card 	Bought any food or restaurant card	Bought an Amazon card 
Bought any gas card	Bought a Subway card 	Ordered a card as a gift

## 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 April 6 to begin withdrawal by April 15.



In gratitude  
Jim Wiant  
Treasurer

## Intercessions

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, Annie Bauer, Aaron Boatz & family, Casey, Frances Frederickson, Sally Fulweiler, Gary, Greta, Joshua Hart, Jade, Court Kenaston, Kiel LaVigne, Lea, Lisa & family, Sandy Logeman, Nicole, Raejean, Ruth, Phyllis Schindeldecker, Mary Ellen Smith, Mike Smith, Amara Strande, Alison Sikes, Tommy, Rocky White, Queen Williams, Kathy Yackley, Norman & Evelyn Ykema, and Ed Zins. We pray also for our friends and parishioners who live in senior communities which are not accepting outside visitors at this time.

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- St. Cloud Hospital 320-251-2700
- Good Shepherd Community 320-258-8681
- Country Manor Sartell (East Side) Community 320-253-1920
- St. Benedict's Center 320-252-0010

We pray in thanksgiving for our friends and members, especially, **Tom & Mary** Darnall, **Dave & Jeanne** DelZoppo, **Elsa Ditty**, **Liz & Stephen** Dolence, & **Geneva** DuVall.

## Scripture Readings for April 5, Palm Sunday

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm: 31:9-16

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

## Leadership & Staff

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



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