

St. John's E-news

5/14/2020

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

Deacon Tom's Weekly Message

[Click here to read Deacon Tom'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.

Kids Corner: Making Snack Packs

Sunday School and Youth families:

Check out the video to make SJEC Snack Packs for the younger children living in local hotels during social distancing. The link can be viewed [here](#).

Youth Service Projects

The kids at St. John's like to DO stuff! We want to give a shout-out to the children and parents who practice what we preach by supporting our church missions in the past year.

- In September, Sunday School kids and parents planted lilies and flowering bushes to grace the Starfish Dwelling.
- During Advent, the intermediate class tied three fleece blankets to donate to Project Linus, to give comfort to children with cancer.
- In January, each child picked items from our "Giving Tree" to refurbish the Starfish Dwelling—and paid for these items themselves (well, some had a little help).
- In February, we all had a ball putting on the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, and the donations for this went to the Starfish Dwelling as well.

During the next couple months, our families are stepping up again to provide snack and activity packs for homeless children whose families have been sheltered in local hotels. It can truly be said that our youth and their parents live out the lessons they learn in church.

Youth Sunday—May 17

Last year, ECMN hosted over 600 children and youth from 43 faith communities in camps and retreats. 1 out of 5 young people needed scholarships to participate. Although COVID-19 is changing the shape of programming in the next few months, ECMN will continue to provide youth-centered faith experiences this summer and for years to come. We need your support! In lieu of the full plate offering that had been planned for youth scholarships, we hope that you will help by sending a check to church. Please make it out to St. John's, and write ECMN Youth Fund on the memo line. Thank you!

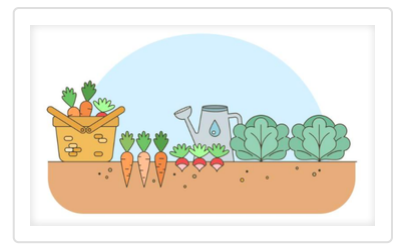
Betsy Hoover, Youth Minister

Mission Ministry Update: Home Delivered Meals

St. John's is part of a [large volunteer organization](#) run out of St. Cloud Hospital which delivers nutritious meals to elderly, sick and handicapped homebound people in St. Cloud, Monticello, Sartell, Sauk Rapids and Waite Park. Every 4-5 months, our crew of 22 volunteers spends the middle of each weekday picking up food from Centracare Plaza and delivering it to clients around our area. Most of us are retired, but we also have a few who take on summer deliveries when they aren't teaching. We have a core group of 15 people who have regular routes, and are lucky to have 7 others who are happy to sub as needed, which make the job of organizing easy for the coordinator!

This is a rewarding job—often we are the only person that the client sees during the day, which makes for some nice conversations. During the stay-at-home order, Centracare has suspended volunteer deliveries, but when it's safe to resume services, we'll be ready!

Calling All Gardeners!



Happy Spring everyone! If you are like me spring means gardening. I love to see the flowers come up and bloom. I have also been vegetable gardening. This weekend, May 16th, I will be bringing some vegetable plants to the church foyer to share. There will be Roma tomatoes (several dozen); some red, orange and yellow bell peppers; lime basil; and a few cilantro and cucumber plants. If you feel grateful please make a small donation to the Star Fish Dwelling.

Thank you and Happy Planting,
Jill

Taking Heart Open Houses

The [Taking Heart Open Houses](#) program has been bringing Muslims and non-Muslims together for food and conversation for 15 years. This year Taking Heart is offering virtual opportunities to learn about Ramadan.

- 5/14 at 6:00 pm - Hosts: Masjid At-Taqwa (St. Paul)
- 5/16 at 2 pm - Hosts: South Metro Islamic Center (Rosemount)
- 5/16 at 4 pm - Hosts: Faribault Islamic Center & Islamic Resource Group
- 5/17 at 2 pm - Hosts: MAS-Blaine Center
- 5/17 at 4 pm - Hosts: Twin Ports Islamic Center (Duluth)

In order for you to receive a link to this Zoom event you need to register [here](#).

For further information, please contact [Cynthia Bronson Sweigert](#).

Intercessions

During the month of May, we pray for all academic graduates, for all educational institutions, and for the specialized chaplaincies in those institutions. Remember especially ECMN's School for Formation, Breck School and Shattuck-St. Mary's and their chaplains, University Episcopal Community and all those who work with campus ministries. We pray also for the congregation of Ascension Episcopal Church in Stillwater.

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 and family, Casey, Lindy Frank, Frances Frederickson, Sally Fulweiler, Gary, Joshua Hart, Jade, Court Kenaston, Lisa & family, Sandy Logeman, Nicole, Raejean, Ruth, Phyllis Schindeldecker, Mary Ellen Smith, Mike Smith, Bill & Kay Stambaugh, Amara Strande, Tommy, Rocky White, Queen Williams, Kathy Yackley, Norman & Evelyn Ykema and Ed Zins.

We pray for comfort and peace for the family and friends of Mary Robbins who passed away last week.

Rest eternal grant to Mary, O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon her.

We pray in thanksgiving for our friends and members, especially, Kathy & David Matthew, Inese & Jeff Mehr, Louise Muggli, Peg Murphy, and Peter & Monica Nayenga.

Scripture for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

- [Acts 17:22-31](#)
- [Psalm 66:7-18](#)
- [1 Peter 3:13-22](#)
- [John 14:15-21](#)

Leadership & Staff

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