

# St. John's E-news

6/11/2020

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

## Deacon George's message

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

## Deacon Tom's message

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## Online Worship Opportunities

[Click and scroll down for links for different worship opportunities on the home page of the SJEC website.](#)

## Sunday Morning Prayer at SJEC (via Zoom)

### WHEN

Sunday, June 14th, 10am

### WHERE

This is an online event.

### MORE INFORMATION

Watch your email for the Zoom link.

Please send any prayer requests to [Deacon Tom](#).

# Country Manor Birthday Cake Ministry Update

As you may have assumed, the birthday celebrations at Country Manor are on hiatus until further notice.

Here is a bit of history for those of you unfamiliar with this ministry from Elsa Ditty's report at Saint John's 2017 Annual Meeting (Elsa has retired as leader of this ministry. Elizabeth Feigh and Marie Schumann carry on as leaders of the team of bakers.)

*"The Birthday Cake Ministry is held at County Manor Community in Sartell, MN, from July through December each year. Six different cakes and ice cream is served. There can be from 45 to 70 guests at these birthday parties. SJEC gives each birthday person a signed birthday card. Residents of the independent living apartments, and family members of the birthday celebrants, come to the birthday party.*

*Many of the staff also come to the dining room for a slice of our cakes. The cakes are not your usual run of the mill flavors, but include many different versions of chocolate, pumpkin, spice, rhubarb, carrot, apple caramel, citrus, cranberry with butter sauce and angel food, to name a few. All cakes are made from scratch, no purchased cakes allowed. We are always complimented by the residents and staff on the quality and variety we serve. This ministry was started about 1980 and has not cost the parish any money. There are 7 of us that go each month to do this ministry."*

## Shared Ministry Update: Clergy Discretionary Fund

In the Episcopal Church, Canon Law provides for the establishment in every church of a Clergy Discretionary Fund, to be used "principally as a vehicle for providing assistance to persons in need."

National Church Canon III 9 5b states, ""The Alms and Contributions, not otherwise specifically designated, at the Administration of the Holy Communion on one Sunday in each calendar month, and other offerings for the poor, shall be...applied to such pious and charitable uses as the Rector shall determine. When a Parish is without a Rector...the Vestry shall designate a member of the Parish to fulfill this function."

At St. John's, the vestry has appointed our deacons, as our resident clergy, to handle distributions from this fund.

The Fund is used to address needs among congregation and community members. Payments for food, rent, utilities, medical bills, and the like for persons in need are typical uses of these funds. Recently, funds have gone to purchasing Coborn's grocery/gas gift cards as a means of assisting those in the local homeless community who have come to us for help. Members of our congregation who experience any financial emergency should inquire with clergy about fund availability.

Confidentiality of those persons receiving benefits from the fund is strictly maintained by the clergy. Oversight is provided by the Senior Warden and Treasurer, who, along with the vestry, receive an annual report summarizing (to maintain confidentiality) fund activity for the year. In addition to monthly unspecified contributions from the plate, individuals may also contribute directly to the fund with occasional gifts.

This is especially important at this time of pandemic and worshipping from home, where no open plate offering is made. Monies given to the Discretionary Fund are tax deductible contributions to the Church and are so reflected on annual statements provided to donors.

Submitted by Deacon George

## **Book Study: God and the Pandemic: A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and Its Aftermath (2 week book study)**

### **WHEN**

Sunday, June 14th, 9am

### **WHERE**

This is an online event.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

Join us for a 2-week book study using N.T. Wright's new book [God and the Pandemic: A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and Its Aftermath](#).

The e-book is available on Amazon.com and elsewhere for \$6.99. It is unavailable in paper until July 7.

RSVP to [Deacon George](#) by Friday June 12 to get the Zoom invitation for June 14 & 21.

## **Bizarre Bazaar - cancelled**

Due to the COVID19 virus, there will be no Bizarre Bazaar this September. (I am very sad about this, but that is how it is.) There is so much uncertainty as to what will be going on in September and we don't want to put anyone in an unhealthy situation. So much time is involved and so many people are involved. We are considering having the 9th Annual Bizarre

Bazaar in June of 2021, if we can work out the logistics for a sale in spring versus fall and the Vestry approves of this.

So keep on cleaning out those closets and think of the BB for spring. If you have any questions, please give me a call anytime. Stay safe and healthy. I miss all of you so much.

Blessings to all,  
Marie S. 252-3897

PS Hopefully we will be able to have our Christmas bake/craft sale this year if all goes well.



Thank you to the Altar Guild for transitioning the sanctuary to Ordinary Time. Photo: Kathy Wiant

## Consecration of Bishop X (from ECMN)

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you know, on Saturday we consecrated and ordained Craig Loya, Xth Bishop of Minnesota! We are grateful to all who participated via livestream, or with offerings of music, peace, donations, or notes for Bishop Loya.

If you missed the service, [watch the livestream here](#).

Many requested video and transcript of the powerful sermon delivered by the Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker, Bishop of the Diocese of Nebraska. You can [find the video here](#) and the [transcript here](#).

On Sunday, Bishop Loya led his first service as Bishop, presiding at the Trinity Sunday service at St. Mark's Cathedral. [Watch the livestream here](#). (If you'd like to hear Bishop Loya's sermon, it can be found at 25:58). [Find more resources here](#).

Thanks be to God for all who participated in this process: the Search, Transition, and Standing Committees, all who attended listening sessions, filled out the survey, or attended road trip sessions. Thanks be to God for the faithful work of Bishop Prior and for the work yet to come in this next season, led by Bishop Loya. We look with hope and anticipation to the new world we are called to build, in humble and faithful partnership with the Holy Spirit.

## Intercessions

During the month of June, we pray for Bishop Prior as he concludes his ministry as the 9th Bishop of Minnesota and for our newly ordained Bishop Craig Loya. Pray also for all Ecumenical Ministries throughout the Minnesota, especially for the Minnesota Council of Churches and all those who work with social service agencies. We pray also for the congregation of Samuel Memorial Mission in Naytahwaush.

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

We pray in thanksgiving for our friends and members, especially, Erin, Patrick, Evan, Andrew, & Alex Scapanski, Myra & Tom Schrup, Marie & Ivan Schumann, Michael Schwartz, and Eric & Haidee Selle.

## Scripture for Second Sunday After Pentecost

- [Genesis 18:1-15,\(21:1-7\)](#).
- [Psalm 116:1, 10-17](#)
- [Romans 5:1-8](#)
- [Matthew 9:35-10:8\(9-23\)](#).

OR

- [Exodus 19:2-8a\\*](#)
- [Psalm 100](#)
- [Romans 5:1-8](#)
- [Matthew 9:35-10:8\(9-23\)](#).

\*The worship committee has chosen the second set of readings (Track 2) for the remainder of this church cycle. If you are streaming church services from another site, e.g., St. Mark's Cathedral or the Washington National Cathedral, the readings may be from the first set listed.

# Leadership & Staff

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



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