

St. John's E-news

6/25/2020

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.](#)

Online Worship Opportunities

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

Sunday Morning Prayer at SJEC (via Zoom)

WHEN

Sunday, June 28th, 10am

WHERE

This is an online event.

MORE INFORMATION

Watch your email for the Zoom link.

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

Congratulations to The Reverend Thomas Roy!

Tom Roy was ordained on June 24, 2020. Click on the ECMN Ordination 2020 below to watch the recorded video of the service. Skip ahead to 10:54 for the actual beginning of the service.

Years of study and prayer have lead Tom to this beautiful new path in his journey, and the community of St. John's is proud of you. Congratulations to Tom and Alexis!



The Ordination of Rev. Thomas Dial Roy

When Will the Church Re-open?

SJEC is following the guidance of ECMN in re-opening the church building. The SJEC COVID 19 committee is creating a plan to allow us to resume in-person service in the future when we can worship safely and in accordance with ECMN's guidance.

At this time, we are NOT holding in-person services. We will continue to host Sunday morning prayer via Zoom. Keep checking the e-news for future updates!

Mission Update - Lake George Meals

Neighbors to Friends and other organizations have been providing meals at Lake George to people experiencing homelessness during the pandemic. My family volunteered to provide a meal last Friday. It was outside of my comfort zone, and I wasn't sure what to expect. My kids bagged up 40 lunches and we drove them to Lake George to distribute under the guidance of the experienced group of people who faithfully serve the homeless community. I could tell you about how to volunteer or how important caring for the marginalized is, but instead I asked my kids to tell you what they thought and felt as they took on the role of the hands and feet of Jesus for a few hours. If you are interested in providing a meal, please contact Nancy Dyson for more information!

- Jen Lessinger

Quinn (age 13)

My brothers and I went to hand out lunches to homeless people. We made forty lunches and handed them out. It felt good to give to people who need it. It's definitely something I would do again, and it only takes about an hour or two. Helping people makes you feel happy inside, especially when it's for a good reason.

Holden (age 11)

I liked handing out lunches to people in need. I felt good about myself too. The thing I was nervous about was that almost nobody was wearing masks except us. The other people who were helping weren't wearing masks. I handed out waters, Maddox handed out soda, Quinn handed out lunches, and I forgot what Griffin did. I would do this again. You should try it too.

Maddox (age 11)

At lake George we handed out lunch bags and drinks to homeless people. It made me feel like a good person, because we were doing good things for people. It also made me feel nervous, because we were doing things with people I didn't even know. I think more people should hand out lunches because it's a good thing to do.

Book Study: America's Original Sin by Jim Wallis

WHEN

Sunday, June 28th, 9am

WHERE

This is an online event.

MORE INFORMATION

This is a 10-week book study. Please consider purchasing the book from an independent book store if possible!

Please RSVP to [Deacon George](#).

Seeing and Believing - COVID19 Version

Movies are a source of theology. For a couple of years the monthly film series at Saint John's, "Seeing and Believing," made the connection. COVID-19 brought it to an abrupt halt. Or rather, interruption.

Here's the new plan -

Watch *13th*, the stunning 2016 documentary now available on Netflix, and then join with others in a Zoom gathering to talk about it. The date and time will appear in next week's eNews. The film *13th* traces the story of racism in America from the Thirteenth Amendment (1865) - "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction" - especially the phrase between the commas - to the current unconscionable mass incarceration.

What does this story mean to us personally and as a community in this time of reckoning?

Click [here](#) to watch the trailer.

If you would like to be part of the conversation, email Adult Formation chair [Patrick Henry](#), who will send the Zoom URL as soon as the date and time are firm, and some initial questions to think about.

Looking for Ways to Help?

Many of you want to serve our neighbors and community during the pandemic. Check out this list of ways to show the love of Jesus both inside our church community and to our larger St.

Cloud community.

THANK AN ESSENTIAL WORKER

Send a note of thanks to hospital staff, nurses, grocery workers, or anyone else that is an essential worker

MAKE MASKS

Whitney Senior Center, the YMCA, and other community organization are still in need of masks. Call Mary Krippner at the United Way (320-223-7991) to get details.

CHEER CARDS

Send note to church members and friends who are isolated at this time. Contact Peg at the office for a list of names. Nick, our Starfish Dwelling resident, also welcomes cards.

FOOD SHELF

Donations can be dropped off M W F from 12:30-1:30 pm at 157 Roosevelt Road or can be brought to Church.

RED CROSS

Donate blood if you can. Go to www.redcrossblood.org to set up an appointment.

CHURCH GARDENING

The two small gardens in back of the church are in need of lots of attention.

LAUNDRY LOVE

Contact Nancy Dyson to donate.

LAKE GEORGE

Help provide meals for people experiencing homelessness. Meals are served at Lake George. Contact Nancy Dyson for more information.

Your Prayers in Action

David Kroeger wants to thank the congregation for all their prayers towards the successful recovery of his son, Nick.

Intercessions

During the month of July, please pray for all who would have or still may go to ECMN camps: Episcopal Creative Arts Daycamp, Episcopal Kids Camp, Episcopal Youth Quest Camp, Episcopal Youth Music Camp, Summer in the City, Episcopal Family Camp and all who are, who would have, or who still may embark on mission projects during the summer in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. If Covid-19 does not allow our young people to participate, please hold them close in your prayers as they grieve what they will miss and dream of what is becoming. We pray in thanksgiving for the Rev. Tom Roy on his ordination to the priesthood

and for the Rev. Fred Nairn on the anniversary of his ordination. We pray also for the congregation of Grace Church in Wabasha.

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, 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, Clyde & Art Swenson, Missy & Joel Syvrud, Gale Tinglov, Ken & Pam Toven, and Maggie, Matt, Willa, Mae, & Rhys Varilek.

Scripture for Third Sunday After Pentecost

[Genesis 22:1-14](#)

[Psalm 13](#)

[Romans 6:12-23](#)

[Matthew 10:40-42](#)

OR

[Jeremiah 28:5-9*](#)

[Psalm 89:1-4,15-18](#)

[Romans 6:12-23](#)

[Matthew 10:40-42](#)

*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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