

# St. John's E-news

7/2/2020

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.](#)

## Father Tom's message

[Click here to read Father Tom's message.](#)

## Sunday Morning Prayer at SJEC (via Zoom)

### WHEN

Sunday, July 5th, 10am

### WHERE

This is an online event.

### MORE INFORMATION

Watch your email for the Zoom link.

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

## Online Worship Opportunities

[Click for links to different worship opportunities.](#)

# Serving Our Community During COVID19

[Click here for a list of ways to help.](#)

The ongoing list of ways to serve our community during COVID19 is on our website. If you have an idea or suggestion, please contact [Jen Lessinger](#).



## Church Building Re-opening Update

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 and our website for future updates!**

This New York Times article has some practical advice for living our lives during a pandemic, especially as cases increase across the United States. Stay safe!

## 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.

## Book Study: America's Original Sin by Jim Wallis

### WHEN

Sunday, July 5th, 9am

### WHERE

This is an online event.

### MORE INFORMATION

This is week 2 of a 10-week book study. Contact [Deacon George](#) with any questions.

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 also for the congregation of St. Anne's in Sunfish 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, Sallie Bellicot, Aaron Boatz and family, Casey, Lindy Frank, Frances Frederickson, Sally Fulweiler, Gary, Joshua Hart, Jade, Court Kenaston, Lisa & family, Sandy Logeman, Nicole, Karen Olsen, Brian Pratt, 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, David Wall & Margaret McCue, Kay & Randy Welsand, Kathy & Jim Wiant, Bea Winkler, and Sheila & Leon Wolf.

## Scripture for Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

[Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67](#)

[Psalm 45: 11-18](#) or [Song of Solomon 2:8-13](#)

[Romans 7:15-25a](#)

[Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30](#)

OR

[Zechariah 9:9-12\\*](#)

[Psalm 145:8-15](#)

[Romans 7:15-25a](#)

[Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30](#)

\*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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