

# St. John's E-news

7/23/2020

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

## Father Tom's message

Click the button to read Father Tom's weekly message

## Deacon George's message

Click the button to read Deacon George's weekly message

## Sunday Morning Prayer at SJEC (via Zoom)

### WHEN

Sunday, July 26th, 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.

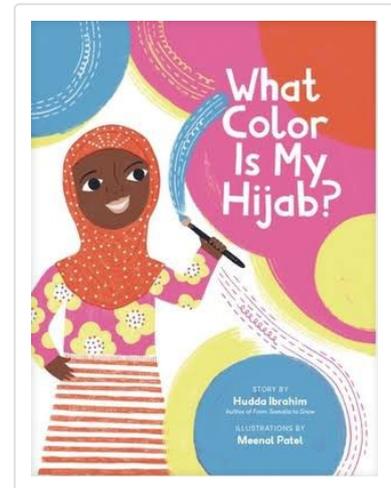
# Serving Our Community During COVID19

[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 to add to the list, please contact [Jen Lessinger](#).

## Ministry Update: Youth Formation Zoom Book Club

The Mission team is starting a project to provide books to our Sunday School youth that promote the theme of loving our neighbors. Each child will be getting their own book, thanks to a kind donor. Each age level will be doing a Zoom book club for their book. We'd like to tell you all about the book we'll be reading with the Godly Play class in the next month. [What Color Is My Hijab?](#) was written by local St. Cloud author Hudda Ibrahim.



Hudda teaches the colors by showing women in different-colored hijabs who are doing a variety of jobs. One page reads, "I know someone in a yellow hijab. She is a doctor, and she cares for people. When I want to give kindness, I'll wear a yellow hijab." This is a wonderful book to learn colors, and to model women doing a variety of skilled jobs. At the end of the book is an explanation of the variety of hijabs that Muslim women wear. This book is sure to appeal to our younger children with its colorful illustrations and the implicit message that women of all religions are capable of great things.

## Protecting Yourself from Scammers

The SJEC community has been receiving scam emails. The scammer poses as Deacon George or Father Tom and asks for help. The emails can be quite convincing. **Please know that we have an emergency fund for clergy access and requests for financial help will not come by email.**



Here are a few steps you can take to protect yourself and your information:

1. **Check the sender's email address.** Is it a new address that you have not seen before? If so, it might be a scam. In the scam last week, the scammer email was different by one number from Father Tom's actual email - so look closely!
2. If you are receiving a request, **compose a separate email** to the sender and verify the request. Don't reply to the original email.
3. **Never click a link in an email** to log in to an account.
4. If you think you have been scammed, immediately change the password to your account and check with your bank.

Read through [these tips](#) for additional ways to protect yourself.

## Red Cross Blood Drive - Save the Date

### WHEN

Friday, Sep. 11th, 12-2pm

### WHERE

1111 Cooper Avenue South  
St. Cloud, MN

### MORE INFORMATION

The Red Cross is organizing a blood drive at our church site. Volunteers will be needed for advertising, some tasks leading up to the drive, and on the day of the drive. Additional information will be coming as we get closer to the date.

## 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 26th, 9am

## WHERE

This is an online event.

## MORE INFORMATION

This is week 5 of a 10-week book study. Contact [Deacon George](#) with any questions.

## Intercessions

For the month of August, please pray for all hospital chaplaincies, counseling chaplaincies and Spiritual Directors throughout the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. Pray for your faith community nurses, health ministers and all those who minister to the sick. And pray also for all farmers and laborers working with the harvest, especially San Jose Obrero Mission in Montgomery. We pray also for the congregation of Sts. Martha and Mary in Eagan.

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 Olson, 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, Jack & Harriette Burkhalter, Sam & Janice Calvert, John & Nancy Carlson, Doug & Tarryl Clark, and Bill Daly & Rose Blesener.

## Scripture for Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

[Genesis 29:15-28](#)

[Psalm 105:1-11, 45b](#) or [Psalm 128](#)

[Romans 8:26-39](#)

[Matthew 13:31-33,44-52](#)

OR

[1 Kings 3:5-12\\*](#)

[Psalm 119:129-136](#)

[Romans 8:26-39](#)

[Matthew 13:31-33,44-52](#)

\*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.](#)



### St. John's Contact Information

Usual Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday: 10:30 – 1:30

Tuesday and Friday: 10:30 – Noon

 1111 Cooper Avenue South St. ...

 [Office@stjohns-episcopalchur...](mailto:Office@stjohns-episcopalchur...)

 (320) 251-8524

 [stjohns-episcopalchurch.org](http://stjohns-episcopalchurch.org)