

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

November 13, 2020

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:



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OUTREACH UPDATE

Gift Cards for the Maynard Backpack Program and Sudbury Neighbor Brigade

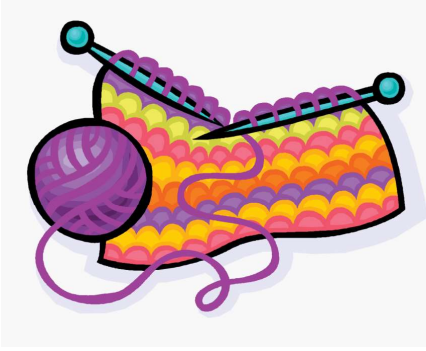
We would like to remind everyone about the gift card drive and share an update on an additional partnership with the Sudbury Neighbor Brigade and HOPEsudbury. As the pandemic continues, there is consistent need for support for struggling families in our community. In partnership with the Maynard Backpack Program and the Sudbury Neighbor Brigade, we are hosting a gift card drive in St. John to provide additional support to families in need. We are requesting \$25 gift cards for grocery stores, gas, pharmacies like CVS or Rite Aid, Walmart or Target for local families this December. We will drop off the gift cards in advance of the program's December 7th weekly backpack and food pickup at the Maynard Food Pantry. Wouldn't it be great to provide a gift card to all 40+ families on the program list? Our goal is to gather enough gift cards to also support families in need through Family Promise, Ascentria, and other local programs and we hope you will assist as you are able! Please drop off or mail your gift cards to St. John by December 1st! See the attached flyer for more information on the Sudbury Neighbor Brigade drive or contact Maddy LaCure for more information!

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

If you are caring for someone either directly or indirectly and feel you could use some extra support reach out to Janet (jlholmngren28@gmail.com). You may also contact Janet if you know of someone who would benefit from weekly phone calls and she can add them to the call rotation.



KNITTING/SEWING GROUP



This group is beginning to meet again via Zoom! Bring your knitting, crocheting, needleworks and other crafts to work on while visiting with your St. John family and friends.

The first meeting will be November 13th at 7:30 pm and a discussion about future times and dates will occur then.

Meeting ID: 978 443 8350

Passcode: 8350

Or join via phone: 1(301)715-8592

ON-CALL PASTOR

Thank you to the Rev'd Barbara Smith-Moran who has once again graciously agreed to be our "on-call pastor". She is available for emergencies at 978-369-1464(New #)

ELCA NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you would like to receive Bishop Eaton's weekly messages as well as other ELCA e-news, you may subscribe at this link...

<https://community.elca.org/elca-email-subscriptions?>

There is no cost and you may choose specific newsletters that are of particular interest to you. If you need help with the sign up process, please contact Valerie in the church office.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

We will still order poinsettias this year. You may order and pick them up at church around Dec. 18th or order a plant and it will be delivered to one of our homebound seniors. A list will be published in the newsletter of those plants that were given in memory of loved ones. The cost is \$12.00 per plant. Contact the church office to order!

FALL FLING NOV. 14

Are you missing seeing your fellow parishioners and being at St. John? Well this is your chance to help correct that. The Facilities and Fellowship Ministries will be teaming up to bring Fall Fling again to St. John on Saturday, November 14 from 9 am -noon, with a rain date a week later on November 21. The event will be totally outside, with masks and social distancing strictly required. While more details on the event will be available as November 14 approaches, plan to bring rakes, tarps, leaf blowers and whatever you might need to join in the job of fall clean-up around our church. See you there!!



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Find us at:
St John Lutheran Sudbury.



Check us out!
[@stjohnsudbury](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnsudbury)

2020 Holiday Gift Drive

Sudbury Neighbor Brigade and HOPEsudbury Join Forces!

Sudbury Neighbor Brigade and HOPEsudbury are coming together to help families in need in our community this holiday season!

We need your help to make this drive a success!

We will be collecting paypal and gift card donations through November 30th.

Our preference is for paypal donations, which can be made by clicking here: <https://bit.ly/2HOd1wd>

New gift cards at the following stores will also be accepted: Cloud Nine Toys, Learning Express, Target, and Walmart. Please mail your gift cards by November 30th to:

Sudbury Neighbor Brigade

P.O. Box 735

Maynard, MA 01754

This drive will take place in lieu of the one typically coordinated by the town social worker. Please direct any questions to either Emily Hayes at:

SudburyMA@neighborbrigade.org or Joyce Minkoff and Sarah Wilmot at **info@hopesudbury.org**. Please see our website for additional information:

hopesudbury.org.

