

# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

November 20, 2020



## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Rachel Florey	Brian	Bill Moldwin
Joe Jackson	Regina Mueller	Johnny
Richard	David Donnelly	Christopher Miller
June Parker	Brian Young	Trish Sarvela Leiva
Alexis Marsh	Robin Hartford	Brennan McGinnis
Paul Simeone	Pat Quinn	Patricia Jolou
John Duane	Rhonda Tibbetts	Ruth Avery
Jim Hansgate	Charlotte McNeil	Janice Potter
Ron Rakowsky	Isla Rose Kelley	Norma Duane
Pam McKay	June Carins	Dave Weber
Peter Kindem	Steven Greene	Joan LeDuc
The Ripley Family - bereavement	The Young Family - bereavement	
The Soderling Family - bereavement	The Carr family - bereavement	

## 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 (jlholmgren28@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.

## LETTER TO CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS

As we reported last week, we are pleased to inform you that the Council, on recommendation of the Call Committee, is recommending to the Congregation that Pastor Eric Wolf, be extended a Call to be the next Pastor of St John.

We have agreed on several key dates that I want to get on your calendar.

This coming Sunday, **November 22, 10 AM** - we have a Congregational Get to Know Pastor Eric Wolf (on zoom).

Next Sunday, **November 29, 9:30 AM** - we have a Sermon by Pastor Wolf from St John's sanctuary (on zoom) - After the service, we have a Congregational Meeting to discuss the candidate and vote on Call.

Please put these times and dates on your calendar and plan to join us at the events. We believe you'll enjoy meeting Pastor Wolf.

Stay safe and well! Earl Baucom, Congregation President



## ON-CALL PASTOR

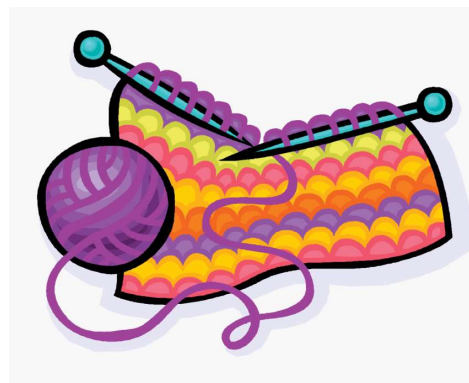
Thank you to the Rev'd Barbara Smith-Moran who has once again graciously agreed to be our "on-call pastor". She is available for emergencies at 978-369-1464(New #)

## KNITTING/SEWING GROUP

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

The next meeting will be November 27th at 7:30 pm and continue on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.  
Meeting ID: 978 443 8350  
Passcode: 8350

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



## 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!

## 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!



Visit our YouTube Channel  
All of our worship videos are available to watch at our YouTube channel.

Find us at:  
St John Lutheran Sudbury.



Check us out!  
@stjohnsudbury



Do everything in love.  
1 Corinthians 16:14



## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION CALENDAR

11/22 - Gobblers and Grace replaces Spread the Bread this year.

11:00 AM - Grades PreK to 3

11:45 AM - Grades 4-5

*Note: We will not be on the St John Zoom since that will be in use meeting Pastor Eric. Check your email for the appropriate link.*

6:00 PM - Confirmation

11/29 No Sunday School  
No Confirmation

12/6 11:00 AM - Family Sunday School  
6:00 PM - Confirmation

12/13 - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Grades PreK to 3

11:45 AM - Grades 4-5

6:00 PM - Confirmation

12/20 - 11:00 AM - Sunday School and Intergenerational Event  
No Confirmation

12/27 No Sunday School  
No Confirmation

## CONGRATULATIONS, CONFIRMANDS!

On Sunday, November 15, St John held the Affirmation of Baptism service via Zoom led by Pastor Angelika Zollfrank and assisted by former Youth Director Karen LaCure. Families as well as Confirmation teachers Mike Ripley and Carrie Stamos looked on as the confirmands proclaimed their faith and promised to continue the covenant God made with them at their Baptisms. In a unique pandemic twist, parents were able to conduct the laying of hands for their child since the service was performed virtually. May God continue to bless

**Grace Beckett, Sophia Dorsey, Krista LaCure, Emily Smith, Max Valentino.**

Confirmands were given a Bible in a beautiful protective cover as well as a handmade plaque displaying the Bible verse chosen for them and read during the ceremony.

The Confirmation ritual will be included in the service on November 22. Be sure to watch.

**ST. JOHN SENIORS ON THE GO  
BOOK CLUB FOR NOVEMBER  
24th and DECEMBER 1st**

Please join us!!!

We will have ZOOM book club meetings on Tuesday, Nov 24 and Dec 1 at 11:00 am for just a get together to discuss prior books read and new books to read.

On December 15th, we will discuss "The Nature of the Beast: A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel", Louise Penny.

If you do not receive a ZOOM invitation email prior to the meeting time, please contact Jan Nielsen at jrnielsen@charter.net or 978-549-3044. And, if you need help connecting to the ZOOM meeting, let Jan know; she will help you.

Next books:

December 15, 2020, "The Nature of the Beast: A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel", Louise Penny

January 19, 2021, "The Vanishing



*All Meeting are held via ZOOM  
Call church office if you are having  
trouble connecting.  
(Zoom meeting information below  
and is the same for MOST church meetings)*

- November 22nd - 10:00 am - Conversation with the Rev'd Eric Wolf
- 11:00 am - Pre-K-Gr 3 Sunday School
- 11:45 am - Grade 4/5 Sunday School
- 2:00 pm - Bible Study (Previous Thursday am Group)
- 6:00 pm - Confirmation
- November 23rd - 10:00 am - Seniorcise
- November 24th - 11:00 am - Seniors on the Go Book Group
- November 25th - 10:00 am - Seniorcise
- November 26th - Office Closed
- November 27th - Knitting Group
- November 29th - 9:30 am - Worship with the Rev'd Eric Wolf via Zoom  
immediately following will be a Congregational Meeting
- November 30th - 10:00 am - Seniorcise
- December 1st - 11:00 am - Seniors on the Go Book Group
- December 2nd - 10:00 am - Seniorcise
- December 3rd - 11:00 am - Book Group on Racism

**ZOOM Meeting Login information**  
**<https://zoom.us/j/9784438350>**  
**Meeting ID: 978 443 8350**  
**(or call in 1-312-626-6799)**

## December 3rd at 11:00 AM – ZOOM Meeting to Discuss Race, Racism, and Antiracism

We are meeting every other Thursday at 11:00 AM for informal, unstructured discussion about books, ideas, and experiences touching on race, racism, and antiracism.

Please join us.

Please note: On Dec.17, Pastor Barbara Smith-Moran will give a talk about her experience as a volunteer and witness with the Canadian Truth & Reconciliation Commission in 2010, a first step in restorative justice for Canada's First Nations.

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