

# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

October 23, 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	Carol Young
Ruth Avery	Jim Hansgate	Charlotte McNeil
Ron Rakowsky	Isla Rose Kelley	Norma Duane
Ginnie Soderling	Pam McKay	June Carins
Fred Ripley	Peter Kindem	Gladys Zimmer
Cynthia Guild Stoezer		Steven Greene



## Caregiver Support Group

This group continues to meet over Zoom. If you are caring for someone either directly or indirectly and feel you could use some extra support reach out to Janet (jholmgren28@gmail.com).

## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, November 1, 2020

During the liturgy on All Saints' Sunday in 2020 we will offer special thanks to God for the life of members of the congregation who have died in the past year. Those to be named are Willis Bean, Jerry Hartke, Barb Weiblen, Eila Makey, Ruth Fields, and Niel Maurer. Additional thanks will be offered for friends and family of the congregation who have died in the past year. We will pause to give thanks for their lives and for the lives of others we still remember with love.

Special gifts to the Memorial Fund of St. John honor their memory. Since the church and chapel are closed for services, the memorial albums will not be displayed on this All Saints' Sunday.





***A Giving Reminder...*** We may not be greeting each other in the pews yet but we are still experiencing worship and fellowship as a church family virtually! The one thing we cannot do virtually is pass the offering plate so we need you to remember to continue your giving electronically or by mail. *We are concerned that there has been a rather significant drop in giving over the past few months....so we prayerfully ask you to check your records and continue to support the ongoing ministries and expenses of St. John !!!*

### 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 617-791-7919.

### Outreach Update



The holidays are quickly approaching and Outreach has traditionally supported various ways of helping those in need at this time. Because of health restraints, we are hoping to expand our gift card program by giving cards that provide necessities such as food, gas, health supplies, etc. We are reaching out to local programs to get a feeling for their needs, and will report to you in more detail once we are fully organized. So we ask you to stay posted for final details, and to be ready to respond as you are able as the need arises.

### Fall Fling is Back

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!!



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

Dear St John Members,

As you've likely heard this week, Karen LaCure is leaving St John after 11 years to join Notre Dame Hospice as a Nurse Case Manager. While we will miss Karen's contributions to St John, with her care and sensitivity toward others, I believe this will be a great job for her. Michelle Rose and other Council members are working to cover her responsibilities.

Please join me and many others in praying for Karen and wishing her the very best in her new role!!

Please stay safe and well!  
Earl

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

PreK-3rd 11:00 AM via Zoom  
4th and 5th 11:45 AM via Zoom  
Confirmation 6:00 PM via Zoom

Thanks to all the folks who sent "Back to school" cards to our kids from pre-school thru high school. The well wishes were appreciated!

The Sudbury Youth Collaborative Fall Fest was a fun day!  
Twenty-two youth and adults participated from four churches.  
Check out more photos on Facebook.

## A Personal Note

By now you all know that I have accepted a new position as a Hospice Nurse, which means my leaving St John. This is something that I have wanted to do for a long time and I think of this as a "call" not just a job. My years here at St John have been a blessing, perhaps getting me ready for this next chapter. I have always felt St John is a big extended family, and I still feel that. I will remain a faithful member of the parish and help out where I can, and maybe in different ways. This happened very quickly and perhaps that's a good thing as my tears are flowing...frequently. Change is hard and we are going through a lot of change right now. God does provide, always, on God's time table.

One of my favorite Bible verses from Matthew 7:

<sup>7</sup> "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

With much love and God's blessings, Karen

Festive pumpkins were painted by kids and adults and then delivered to Seniors who live by themselves. These folks were very happy and said to share their thank you's with the painters. A couple of the thank yous were as follows;

"Thank you and the kids for the gift and thoughts. Much appreciated"

"I hope you all had fun painting them because I was so happy to receive it. A surprise gift like that does wonders for the soul. It was so thoughtful. Many thanks to you all for lifting my spirit. The pumpkin is on a table in my living room so I see and enjoy it all the time."



ST. JOHN SENIORS ON THE GO  
BOOK CLUB FOR  
OCTOBER 27TH and NOVEMBER 3RD

Please join us!!!

We will have ZOOM book club meetings on Tuesday, Oct 27 and Nov 3 at 11:00 AM for just a get together to discuss prior books read and new books to read.

On November 17th, we will discuss "The Matriarch: Barbara Bush and the Making of an American Dynasty" by Susan Page.

If you do not receive a ZOOM invitation email prior to the meeting time, please contact Jan Nielsen at jrn-nielsen@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:

November 17, 2020, "The Matriarch: Barbara Bush and the Making of an American Dynasty" by Susan Page

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

January 19, 2021, "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett



*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)*

- October 25th - 10:00 am - Coffee and Conversation
- 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
- October 26th - No Seniorcise
- October 27th - 11:00 am - Seniors on the Go Book Group
- October 28th - 10:00 am - Seniorcise (with Michelle Rose!)
- November 1st - 10:00 am - Coffee and Conversation
- 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 2nd - 10:00 am - Seniorcise
- November 3rd - 11:00 am - Seniors on the Go Book Group
- November 4th - 10:00 am - Seniorcise
- November 5th - 11:00 am - Book Group in Racism

## ZOOM Meeting Login information

<https://zoom.us/j/9784438350>

Meeting ID: 978 443 8350

(or call in 1-312-626-6799)

## NOVEMBER 5th at 11:00 AM – The New ZOOM Book Club Meeting to Discuss Books About Race.

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.

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

Prior books about race which were read at St John's book club:

August 20, 2019, "Waking Up White: and Finding Myself in the Story of Race" by Debby Irving

August 4, 2020, "So You Want to Talk About Race" by Ijeoma Oluo

"How to be an Antiracist" by Ibraim Kendie – some people are currently reading.

"Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson – some people are currently reading.