

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

October 9, 2020

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

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Fred Ripley	Peter Kindem	Gladys Zimmer
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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 Karen (youth@stjohnsudbury.org) or Janet (jlholmgren28@gmail.com).

Sunday Afternoon Bible Study (formerly Thursday am study group)

In the October Living Lutheran magazine was a cover article which discussed ELCA's social message on "Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in a Democracy."

The St. John Bible Study will be trying to relate the lectionary-assigned Bible verses we study to that message in our next few meetings, from now until the national elections—please feel free to join in if this is a subject that you are interested in.

You may read the article on-line at :

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Government_and_Civic_Engagement_Social_Message.pdf





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 !!!*

Anti-Racism Workshop

Join us for a Virtual Anti-Racism Workshop led by Reverend Carrington Moore from the Mass Council Churches on Tuesday October 13th at 7:00pm.

The 'Dialogues on Race' program in collaboration with Trinity Lutheran in Worcester has invited Reverend Carrington Moore to lead a workshop on racial justice and anti-racism opportunities in communities of faith. Carrington has a passion for community development, program design, spiritual formation and enjoys working at the intersection of building faith communities and advocating for social justice. Carrington has led collective impact initiatives across the greater Boston community dedicated to increasing college access, building sustainable vocational pathways and creating equity within educational systems.

Join us to hear Reverend Carrington's experiences and brainstorm ideas to work for social justice at St. John and beyond! Please contact Maddy at maddylacure@gmail.com for more information and to RSVP for the Zoom link.

Call Process Update

Dear St John Members:

We informed you recently that Synod had given us a pastoral candidate's name for a follow-up discussion. We had several discussions with the individual and determined that the person was not a good fit for St John. We informed Synod of our conclusion and they are now looking to identify another candidate.

Thank you and please let me know if you want to discuss this or other matters.

Stay well and safe!

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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.

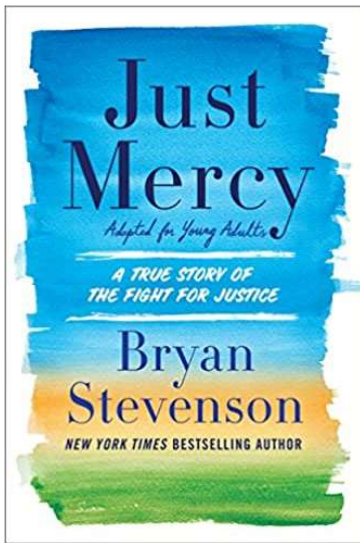


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Young Adult Book Group

Grades 7-10 are Invited. We will be reading "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson. "Stevenson's story is one of working to protect basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society--the poor, the wrongly convicted, and those whose lives have been marked by discrimination and marginalization. Through this adaptation, young people of today will find themselves called to action and compassion in the pursuit of justice." Please contact Karen for a copy of the book. We are exploring the opportunity to discuss with another church in the Synod. More to come on that.

Sunday School News

The first "Family Sunday school" for both combined classes took place on Oct 4th at 11:00 AM. We talked about the life of Moses and related his years of "adventures" to great adventures in each family's life.

No Sunday school classes this week 10/11 Enjoy the long weekend!

On Sunday 10/18 we resume our regular 11:00 for Prek - 3 and 11:45 am for Grades 4-5

Field of Hope



The "Field of Hope" hand-painted signs are up and look fantastic! Be sure to drive by and check them out. You could even talk a walk and get an up-close and personal look. The Sudbury Town Crier had a great half page article and color photos.

Save the Date: Sudbury Youth Collaborative

Sunday October 18th Fall Fun Fest 3-5:00 PM Grades 5-12. This will be an in-person socially distant event at the Sudbury United Methodist Church. Any questions or to sign up, contact Karen. Flyers went out to 28 youth in the congregation.



We had a lot of socially distanced, masked fun painting pumpkins last weekend.

Be sure to check out the rest of the photos on our Facebook page.

About 20 Seniors who live alone received the surprise of a handpainted pumpkin to their doorstep. Happy Fall!



ST. JOHN SENIORS ON THE GO
BOOK CLUB FOR
OCTOBER 13TH and OCTOBER 20TH

Please join us!!!

We will have a ZOOM book club meeting on Tuesday, Oct 13 at 11:00 AM for just a get together to discuss prior books read and new books to read.

On October 20th, we will discuss "City of Thieves" by David Benioff.

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:

October 20, 2020, "City of Thieves" by David Benioff

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



*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 11th - 10:00 am - Coffee and Conversation
No Sunday School
2:00 pm - Bible Study (Previous Thursday am Group)
No Confirmation
- October 12th - Office Closed
- October 13th - 10:00 am - Seniorcise
- 7:00 pm - Anti-Racism Workshop
(see page 1 for details)
- October 14th - 10:00 am - Seniorcise
- October 18th - 10:00 am - Coffee and Conversation
- 11:00 am - Pre-K-Gr 3 Sunday School
- 11:45 am - Grade 4/5 Sunday School
- 3:00 - 5:00 pm - Sudbury Youth Collaborative
No Zoom confirmation
- October 19th - 10:00 am - Seniorcise
- October 21st - 10:00 am - Seniorcise
- 7:30 pm - Council Meeting

ZOOM Meeting Login information

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

Meeting ID: 978 443 8350

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

OCTOBER 22nd 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 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. Jan Nielsen 978-549-3044

Prior books about race which 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.