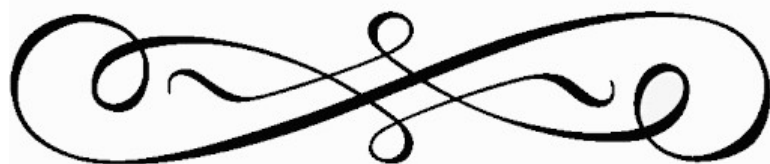


ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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September 16, 2021



SEPTEMBER 26TH 2021, 2:00 PM
ST. JOHN
HERITAGE HALL

Join us as we celebrate the installation of
The Rev. Eric G. Wolf
and the Triumphant Reentry to our building
and our ministries.

Immediately following the service we will gather
outside for games, a service project and a visit from
the Vee Bop ice cream truck.

*Please RSVP to the church office at 978-443-8350 or office@stjohnsudbury.org.
Seats are first come first served. Shaded, outside seating will also be available.
Covid precautions are in effect. Air filtration systems will be running
and N-95 masks will be provided upon entry into the church.*



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



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

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**SEPTEMBER 23RD AT
11:00 AM – ZOOM
MEETING TO DISCUSS
RACE, RACISM, AND
ANTIRACISM.**

Our group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 11:00 AM for informal, unstructured discussion about books, ideas, and experiences touching on race, racism, and antiracism.

Please join us!

Any questions, contact Jan Nielsen at jrnielsen@charter.net or 978-549-3044.

**ST. JOHN SENIORS ON THE GO BOOK CLUB
FOR SEPTEMBER 21ST AND 28TH**

Please join us!!!

ZOOM book club meetings will be on Tuesday, September 21st and Tuesday, September 28th at 11:00 AM. September 21st, we will discuss “The Forgotten Garden” by Kate Morton. September 28th is a get together to discuss prior books read and new books to read.

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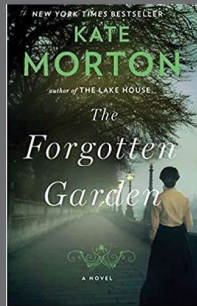
Next books:

September 21, 2021, “The Forgotten Garden”
by Kate Morton

October 19, 2021, “The Last Train to Key
West”

by Chanel Cleeton

November 16, 2021, “The Night Watchman”
by Louise Erdrich



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Debbie Reed
Charles Miller
Helen Williams
Liz Tolbert
Ruth Avery
Janice Potter
Jan Nielsen
Liz Radoski

Brian Young
Norma Duane
Angelika Zollfrank
Rhonda Tibbetts
Pat Quinn
Wendy
Marilyn Kunelius
Judy

Christopher Miller
John Duane
Jim Hansgate
Alexis Marsh
Bill Davis
Marilyn Hartke
Ann Kirk
Carolyn Sweeney



New Prayer List Procedure - We will be changing the way that we do the prayer list. Names will automatically remain on the prayer list for 3 months and then will need to be renewed. You may request removal or addition of a name at any time. Please review all the people on the prayer list and update Valerie as to how they are doing. This will help ensure that the list remains current. Thank you for your help.

Screening of the film GATHER



In the face of COVID-19, the commitment to preserving Native food systems and improving the health of Indigenous communities is more important now than ever. Learn more about this movement with a new film, GATHER, co-produced by First Nations Development Institute, at www.nativefoodsystems.org. The Social Justice Ministry at St. John Lutheran Church will be presenting this film on Zoom on Tuesday, Oct.5, 2021 at 7pm followed by a discussion on the film. Please join us in learning about Indigenous Food Sovereignty.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9784438350?pwd=UzVHbm5CSWJobXk2d2wydGdoTlZ6Zz09>

Meeting ID: 978 443 8350

Passcode: 8350

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+13126266799,,9784438350# US (Chicago)

OUTREACH NEWS

For September the Outreach Ministry is focusing on hurricane relief and helping Afghan refugees. We have made contributions to the following organizations and encourage you to participate individually.

For hurricane Ida relief we supported Lutheran Disaster Response, the disaster response ministry of the ELCA. You can find details at <https://www.elca.org> along with information on how you can provide additional support.

We provided financial support to two organizations that are helping Afghan refugees. Ascentria (formerly Lutheran Social Services of New England) is helping Afghan families resettle in New England. LIRS (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) has a more national focus. You can learn more about what they are doing and how you can help at <https://www.ascentria.org> and <https://www.lirs.org>

**KEEP BABIES CLEAN, DRY AND HEALTHY:
THE DIAPER PROJECT AT A PLACE TO TURN DIAPER CAMPAIGN**



We are pleased to once again support National Diaper Need Awareness Week from September 27 through October 3 by contributing to The Diaper Project at A Place To Turn in Natick.

You may support this project in the following ways...

1) You may financially support this worthy cause by writing a check made out to A Place to Turn. Write Diaper Project and the name of our church on the memo line. You may mail a check to church or we will collect contributions on Sunday, September 26th and October 3. You can also donate directly on their website <https://www.aplacetoturn-natick.org>. All amounts are welcome. A donation of \$30 could provide a week's supply of diapers for two babies.

2) Bring a package of diapers to church-- sizes 4,5 and 6 are in high need. Please place them in the box in the lounge. Opened packages your child has outgrown are fine. Collected diapers will be delivered to A Place to Turn, 99 Hartford St. in Natick.

Since 2015, The Diaper Project at A Place To Turn has provided diapers and other basic necessities that children need to thrive. In 2020, it distributed 90,876 diapers to 1100 Metrowest families. This year between January and July, it has already distributed 60,540 diapers to 1055 low income families to keep their babies and toddlers clean, dry, and healthy!

Children go through six to 12 diapers each day during the two to three years they wear diapers. Purchasing enough diapers can consume a significant percentage of a low-wage family's post-taxable income, making it difficult to obtain a sufficient supply. Without enough diapers, babies and toddlers risk infections and health problems that may require medical attention, and may prevent parents from attending work or school, thereby further hurting the family's economic prospects and well-being.

According to the National Diaper Bank Network, one in three families in the United States struggle to provide an adequate supply of diapers for their children. We are excited to participate in a growing national movement for diaper sufficiency.

Please contact Eve Benda, coordinator, The Diaper Project at A Place To Turn, if you have any questions at 508-872-7125 or thediaperproject@yahoo.com. With our help, families in financial stress will obtain the diapers they need to keep their babies clean, dry and healthy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS OCTOBER 3RD!



current information about your family.

We are looking forward to families joining us for our first Sunday School class of the 2021-2022 year on October 3rd!

Classes are offered weekly for all kids from Preschool through 6th grade—and we will be continuing to include Family Sunday School once a month on the first Sunday of the month. Registration materials have been mailed via email and USPS. Please complete your forms and return them to Michelle Rose so that we have the most

All kids and teachers (and caregivers on the first Sunday of the month) will gather at 10:50 AM following the service for some group fun and reflection before breaking out into our 3 classes: PreSchool-PreK, Kindergarten through Grade 3, and Grades 4 through 6. This will foster relationship-building across various ages, give leadership opportunities for our Confirmation and High School members, and provide vision for our younger members and families as to what being a “cool big kid” looks like here at St John!

CALLING ALL ACOLYTES—OLD AND NEW!



We are restarting our acolyte participation in Sunday Worship. Anyone 4th grade and up is welcome to serve as an acolyte. We will conduct Acolyte Training—and Refreshing on Sunday, October 3rd following the Sunday School hour. Additionally, we will pair more experienced acolytes with less experienced acolytes for a few months until our newest acolytes are feeling comfortable.

Please let Michelle Rose know if you are interested in being an acolyte at <mailto:mrose@stjohnsudbury.org> or 508-320-7245.

CONFIRMATION KICK OFF THIS SUNDAY

Calling all students who would like to reaffirm their baptismal vows! Our Kickoff Meeting for our year of study begins this Sunday, September 19th for students and their parents. Join Pastor Eric, Michelle Rose and Carrie Stamos at 6:30 pm at St. John for conversation, program overview, fun—and some sugar! You should have received registration forms both via email and USPS. Please complete them and bring them along so that we can focus on building relationships—rather than the boring administrative stuff.



Also, we will be keeping with the Sudbury Town Health mandate and wear masks while we are together. To avoid bugs and darkness, we will likely meet indoors in Heritage Hall with all of our HEPA filters on Turbo for everyone's protection. Join us for friendship, faith, and fun!



WE HAVE 4 YESES! WILL YOU BE JOINING THE GROUP?

The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering will be in Minneapolis from July 24-28, 2022! This is an inspiring opportunity for youth (Grades 8-12 as of Fall 2021) to gather with other Lutheran teens from across the country to worship together, share experiences and ideas, and serve through citywide service projects.

Registration begins soon. For more information, please contact Michelle Rose at mrose@stjohnsudbury.org or 503-320-7245.

ALTAR FLOWERS WILL RESUME

We will once again be adorning the altar with flowers. You may donate the weekly flowers in memory, in honor or in celebration of someone or of an event.

If you would like to sign up for an Oct, Nov. or Dec. date, please use the sign-up sheet across from the office, or contact the church office at 978-443-8350 or office@stjohnsudbury.org.

The cost of the flowers will be \$40.00.



UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN

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| September 19th | -9:30 am - Worship at St. John
-10:45 am - Sunday School Teacher Training
-6:30 pm - Confirmation Kick-Off |
| September 20th | -10:00 am - Seniorcise |
| September 21st | -11:00 am - Seniors on the Go Book Group |
| September 22nd | -10:00 am - Seniorcise |
| September 23rd | -11:00 am - Discussion Group on
Racism/Anti-Racism |
| September 24th | -7:30 pm - Knitting/Crafting Group |
| September 26th | - 2:00 pm - Triumphal Reentry and Installation
at St. John |
| September 27th | -10:00 am - Seniorcise |
| September 28th | -11:00 am - Seniors on the Go Book Group |
| September 29th | - 10:00 am - Seniorcise |
| October 1st | - 7:30 pm - Knitting/Crafting Group |
| October 3rd | -9:30 am - Worship at St. John
-10:50 am - Sunday School at St. John
-6:30 pm - Confirmation |



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

OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be open
9:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Thursday
and will be closed on Fridays.

VISIT ST JOHN AT MAYNARDFEST!

St John will be hosting a booth at MaynardFest this year on Saturday, October 2nd. The Fonzels will be there—make sure you are too!

The free family-friendly festival celebrating commerce, community & culture in Maynard is an old-fashioned street fair throughout Maynard's downtown. The Fest includes sidewalk sales, 90+ vendors, music galore, and dozens of family-friendly activities! The event runs from 9 AM-3:30 PM, and most of Main Street and Nason Street in Maynard will be shut down to allow for attendees to stroll through vendors booths.

