

Saint John Lutheran Church, ELCA

September 25, 2020

Pastoral Update to Members of St John Lutheran, Sudbury Sept 23, 2020

Dear members and friends of the ministry of St. John,
I pray that this letter finds you well and with the peace of God.

Good news! The office of the Bishop has identified a good pastoral candidate, for our Call Committee to meet as a first interview. The leadership of St. John will provide you, our beloved members, with periodic updates during the interview process.

Our next steps are for the Call Committee to meet with the candidate.

Recently, I sent a letter regarding the conclusion of my service as Interim Pastor.

My work among you is complete, and there is urgency in another sister church, who needs help in addressing crisis issues and aiding their transition to a new pastor, as we have done together here.

Familiar local clergy partners have been scheduled to lead Sunday services and to attend pastoral care urgencies during the pastoral interview process.

My final day at St John is this Sunday, Sept 27.

I will miss you! St John is a really great church! It's because of you!

St John's members, leaders, and our united passion for ministry strengthens our faith. Your lively fellowship sustains joy in our spirits, your generosity blesses those in need.

Please keep our ministries and leadership in your daily prayers, trusting in the work of the Holy Spirit to provide all that we truly need.

By grace and in faith,
Pastor Sandra D'Amico Interim / Transition Pastor
New England Synod of the ELCA

NEWS

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Rachel Florey

Joe Jackson

Richard

June Parker

Alexis Marsh

Paul Simeone

Charlotte McNeil

Carol Young

Ron Rakowsky

Ginnie Soderling

Fred Ripley

Brian

Regina Mueller

Christopher Miller

Brian Young

Robin Hartford

Pat Quinn

John Duane

Ruth Avery

Isla Rose Kelley

Pam McKay

Peter Kindem

Bill Moldwin

Johnny

David Donnelly

Trish Sarvela Leiva

Brennan McGinnis

Patricia Jolou

Rhonda Tibbetts

Jim Hansgate

Norma Duane

June Carins



Save the Date

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

- September 27th** - 10:00 am - Coffee and Conversation
- September 27th** - 11:00 am - Sunday School
- September 27th**- 2:00 pm - Bible Study (Prev Thurs am Group)
- September 28th** - 10:00 am - Seniorcise
- September 29th** - 11:00 am - Seniors on the Go Book Group
- September 29th** - 7:00 pm - Dialogue on Race
- September 30th** - 10:00 am - Seniorcise
- October 4th** - 10:00 am - Coffee and Conversation
- October 4th** - 11:00 am - Sunday School
- October 4th** - 2:00 pm - Bible Study (Prev Thurs am Group)
- October 4th** - 6:00 pm - Confirmation
- October 5th** - 10:00 am - Seniorcise
- October 7th** - 10:00 am - Seniorcise
- October 8th** - 11:00 am - Book Group on Race
- October 8th** - 10:00 am - Outreach Ministry Committee

ZOOM Meeting Login information

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



CROP WALK
Save the Date!
October 18, 2020

**Stay tuned for more details
or contact Jen Adams
jenerbadams@gmail.com**

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.

Here's a comment from a person in the community:

"My mother just sent me a bunch of pictures and text messages about a church in Sudbury that has cool signs on their lawn/property. She thought it was pretty cool. I wanted to let you know that you guys are doing good things and people are noticing! GOOD STUFF"



YOUTH AND FAMILY

Sunday school classes have resumed on ZOOM

PreK-3rd: 11AM

Grades 4 & 5: 11:45AM

The first "Family Sunday school" for both combined classes will take place on
Oct 4th at 11:00 AM.

We will use a storytelling model to relate Biblical stories to our own personal ones.

Confirmation Classes began via ZOOM

Sundays 6-7:00 PM

This year's curriculum is "Colaborate: New Testament and Lutheran Living"

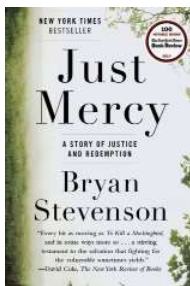
Sunday October 4th Pumpkin Painting for young families.

Weather permitting, we will have
2 small socially distanced groups.

Please sign up with Karen so she
knows how many pumpkins to purchase.

Grades PreK-Grade 5: 1-2:00 PM,

Grades 5-9: 2:15PM.



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.

SAVE THE DATE: SUDBURY YOUTH COLLABORATIVE

Fall Fun Fest

Sunday, October 18th 3:00 - 5:00 PM



Caregiver Support 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).

Thank You! Thank you to all the folks who sent "Good Luck at School" cards to the all the kids of St John.

Everyday Spirituality the book by Bishop James Hazlewood is an uplifting read. St. John has purchased a few extra copies. If you would like a copy, please contact Karen.

THE NEW ZOOM BOOK CLUB MEETING TO DISCUSS BOOKS ABOUT RACE - OCTOBER 8th at 11:00 AM. We are meeting every other Thursday at 11:00 AM.

Please join us to help select books to be read.

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

ST. JOHN SENIORS ON THE GO BOOK CLUB FOR SEPT. 29th and OCTOBER 6TH

Please join us!!!

We will have ZOOM book club meetings on Tuesday, Sept 29 and Tuesday, Oct 6 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.

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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

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