



March 3, 2021

## ***A Message from Mo. Jan+...***

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#### **Church Building Closed**

Due to a rise in county COVID infections, we are (again) closing the church to all in-person events, including worship services. On Sundays we will continue to offer drive-through Communion in the church parking lot from 11:00-11:30. Services will continue to be live-streamed through Facebook Live. We just need to be vigilant and patient.

#### **Ballots for Annual Meeting**

By now you should have received the current issue of *A Voice in the Desert* containing a ballot to follow up on issues from the Annual Meeting. Please look for the ballot inside the newsletter, make your selections, and return it to the church (drop off or mail). Deadline is March 15.

#### **Follow-up on Parish Meeting with Bishop Hunn**

Some of you were not able to be with us for the Congregational meeting last Saturday with Bishop Hunn. If you would like information, please call Mo. Jan or any vestry member. If anyone has questions, concerns, or ideas, please contact us.

#### **Ushers Wanted**

In preparation for holding worship services in the Sanctuary, we need more ushers to assist during the services. If this idea appeals to you, please contact the church office (or Bob Anderson) to sign up. Training will be provided.

#### **Food Pantry Requests**

The St. Andrew's food pantry is alive and well, and there are some items especially needed presently: peanut butter, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, canned beef (Vienna sausages, Spam), canned mixed vegetables, canned potatoes, powdered milk, and breakfast cereal.

#### **Beware of Scammers!**

They are at it again: scammers are trying to get your personal information by posing as a caller from the Social Security Administration. Seniors are especially vulnerable. Remember: Social Security will not call you; they contact through the US Post Office. So hang up on those callers!

### **Help Support the St. Andrew's Sewing Group**

In the coming days, immigrants will be arriving from Juarez and will need help with baby receiving blankets. Susan Brown reached out to State Senator Nathan Small and he said funds have already been transferred to the state office for Border Health. The money will be transferred quarterly to Border Health at El Calvario Methodist Church.

We need women who would be willing to sew with the Saint Andrew's Sewing Group. The group has dwindled to just two women who meet weekly to provide 10 blankets a week.

If you can help, you can reach Susan Brown at 575-496-2627 or Sandy Zielinski at 575-636-4001.

### **Bible Study Concludes**

Thank you to all who participated in our Bible study of the Gospel of John. We had a wonderful class and I appreciate your faithfulness in attending. Personally, I learned a great deal and hope you did too! Stay tuned....we may have another study in the future. God bless!

--Deacon Anne

### **DRG Lent Retreat**

The Women's Ministry of the DRG invites all women to a Lent Retreat (via Zoom) with Canon Lee Curtis on March 12-13. Your Lent will be enriched by this time with God and one another. On Friday, March 12, we will gather at 6:30pm for fellowship, followed by a presentation by Canon Lee. The evening will end around 8:30pm with worship. On Saturday, March 13, we'll start at 8:45am with fellowship and worship. Throughout the day there will be times for quiet reflection, discussion, and talks by Canon Lee. The retreat will end with closing worship at 2:00pm. Invite a friend to this event, inside or beyond the diocese! Contact Cindy Davis, Coordinator of Women's Ministry, to get the Zoom link ([cynthiadavisauthor@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiadavisauthor@gmail.com)). You can join the retreat via phone if you prefer.

### **Lenten Program by the DOK**

The Daughters of the King will begin a Lenten Discipline of Lectio Divina, February 19 at 9:00am that continues each Friday during Lent, until Good Friday, April 2nd. For those who have never heard of Lectio Divina, it is not a bible study but rather an ancient monastic spiritual practice to listen to a scripture passage with the "ear of the heart." In other words, you learn to listen to what God is saying to you rather than what you, intellectually, are trying to figure out what He is saying. In this practice, the words of scripture become very alive and touch the heart in spontaneous ways that lead us more deeply into relationship with God.

Please let Candace Fitch, [canbf044@aol.com](mailto:canbf044@aol.com), know if you would like to join us and a Zoom invitation will be sent to you.

### **Healing the Brokenhearted**

Mo. Jan is offering a program, *Healing the Brokenhearted*, planned to begin later in March. We have postponed the start date to be a little later in Lent with the hope we can meet face-to-face. The state will issue another COVID report on March 10, so we'll see what the situation is at that time. Please spread the word and let Mo. Jan know who else might be interested.

### **Second Sunday Supper**

If anyone would like to help distribute meals at Second Sunday Supper, please contact Nancy McMillan at 575-635-5832 or nmcmilla@nmsu.edu. It takes a little over an hour at 4 pm on the second Sunday, and social distancing is maintained. It is such a delightful event every month that we would like to share the experience with anyone who would like to join us!

### **Offline Registration for Vaccine**

If you know of a person who does not have access to the internet and needs to be signed up for the vaccine, you can do the following:

Register this person at <https://cvvaccine.nmhealth.org/>. You will need to know the person's name, DOB, zip code, contact information (list yourself), employment, and health conditions. There is an option on the website to enter this information as a "friend." You will be contacted with this individual's confirmation code which you can pass on to them. You will be notified when your friend has an appointment available for a shot.

You can also call 1-855-600-3453 for assistance.

### **Virtual Services**

Please note the following opportunities to worship with us:

**Sunday @ 10:00am** - Rite II Eucharist (live-streamed via Facebook Live) with drive-through Communion immediately following

**Daily @ 7:00pm** - Compline (live-streamed via Facebook Live)

**Thursday @ 12 noon** – Rite I Eucharist (live-streamed via Facebook Live)

### **How to Donate Food and Money**

Despite the church building closure, we continue to receive individuals and families wanting food. If you would like to donate food for our food pantry, please bring it by the church during church office hours of operation (Tue-Fri, 10:00am-1:00pm) and ring the bell. Someone will meet you at the door with further instructions to maintain social distancing.

Likewise, if you contribute financially on a regular basis, please continue doing so by bringing or mailing it to the church. You may mail it to the church (518 N. Alameda, LC 88005), or if you would like to bring it to the church, you may leave it in our secured mail slot on the wall near the door.

Support for the Second Sunday Supper each month is always greatly appreciated (we're trying to cover the monthly expense for approximately 70 meals). Feel free to send or bring checks to the church. Be sure to put "Second Sunday Supper" in the memo line of the check.

**This Week's Birthdays**

Elsie Brown (March 3)  
Fran Kemp (March 5)  
Kamsi Osourji (March 5)  
Sharon Rysted (March 5)  
Bob Anderson (March 6)  
Neal McMillan (March 6)  
Gail Libbin (March 7)  
Anne Paradise (March 7)  
Jan Cristofaro (March 9)  
Gil Krebs (March 10)

**This Week's Anniversaries**

None this week.