



NEWS AND NOTES FOR APRIL 5, 2020

VISITORS AND GUESTS: following the 10 a.m. service, we serve coffee and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall - outside, turn right, down the ramp, + 30 feet, turn right to the red double doors! For obvious reasons, this is currently suspended and we look forward to the time when we can greet you in person! If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other need we can respond to, please speak with Fr. Eric or Deacon Elizabeth after the service, or call the Church Office at: 321-254-3365. And if you wish to know more about this church or to be included on our weekly and newsletter mailing lists, please fill out the card you will find in the pew rack and give it to an usher or mail it to us.

COMMUNION AND THE CORONAVIRUS: As you will know if you are reading this, St. John's, has suspended public worship gatherings. We have also suspended Christian education, home visitation of shut ins, hospital visits, and most other meetings and gatherings. We will continuously update this response as circumstances dictate.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE may be given in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate some occasion. Contact the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org or 321-254-3365.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None known.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Dick and Pam Jarvela.

Children's Ministry:

Kings' Kids (1st - 6th grade): 9 a.m., St. Nick House (just east of the Sanctuary). **Suspended.**

Bible Studies:

Monday afternoon: 1 p.m., Parish Hall, led by Hope Johnson. **Suspended.**

Tuesday early evening: 5:30 p.m., at the home of Anneke Bertsch, 2725 Cozumel Dr, Apt 1615. Call (321) 428-4170 for more info. **Suspended.**

Tuesday evening: 7 p.m., Eric's office, led by Deacon Elizabeth. Studying 1 and 2 Samuel. Online only. Email yarrumea@gmail.com for instructions on joining in.

Wednesday evening: 7 p.m., online only. Email office@stjohnsmlb.org for details.

TGIF: Men's breakfast and Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m., online only. Email office@stjohnsmlb.org for details.

DRIVE-IN WORSHIP was being planned. However, in light of the stay at home order taking effect April 2, that is no longer under consideration.

A PRAYER REQUEST BOX is now available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow seriously. In lieu of access to the prayer box, please give prayer requests directly to Sarah Kendall at 537sarah@gmail.com or 702-203-6093.

FAMILY PROMISE: We can always use new volunteers for this important outreach. Please contact Ben Kendall for details (832-229-0142 or ben.kendall@gmail.com).

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Sunday, 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Studying the book of Genesis. **Suspended.**

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS: Please bring your donations to the baskets in the rear of the sanctuary, or mark them and leave in the Parish Hall. Thank you for your generous response. During this crisis, please remember that pantries continue to need our support. Drop off your contributions at the church office during the week. You can leave them outside the office door if no one is available.

ST. JOHN'S MEAL MINISTRY: Parishioner-prepared meals are available for those times you or someone you know is unable to prepare a meal for themselves. Meals are located in the Parish Hall kitchen in the mini-freezer marked "Meal Ministry". The lock combination is 1887. Take what you need, being sure to check the ingredients list provided by the Parishioner/Chef. Please review the FAQs on the mini-freezer. We always need new meals added! We recommend that there be **NO home visitations** at this time.

WE HAVE 2 DAILY BREAD TEAMS! We provide food serving teams for the third Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m, and the fourth Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. The third Sunday team is led by Doug Ludwig (321-243-3686 or ludwig.murray@att.net). The

fourth Thursday team is led by Ian Johnson (321-674-0932 or johnsoni051075@gmail.com). The upcoming duty days are Sunday, April 19, at 10:30 a.m and Thursday, April 23, at 10:00 a.m. Your help is greatly appreciated! Daily Bread is now passing out meals to-go. If you are healthy and not in an at-risk group, your help is still needed.

ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH for the month of April has been designated for Solar Light for Africa, specifically the upcoming Summer Mission. SLA is a Christian ministry run by Charlene Turner that seeks to "Illuminate - Enlighten - Empower" the people of Uganda with clean, reliable and cost effective solar power in schools, clinics, orphanages and other facilities. We take teams of Americans and partner them with a team of Ugandans for a truly cross-cultural and life-changing experience. It is still hoped that the pandemic will have calmed enough for at least one summer mission to go (2 were planned), but even if not, installations will still be completed by our Ugandan contractors. You may just send your contributions marked clearly for "Outreach."

The **SUNDAY MINISTRIES SCHEDULE** is not being printed until it is known when these ministries will again be needed.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18