



Welcome to Mt. Carmel!

Announcements: Week of April 19, 2020

STAYING UP-TO-DATE

In this time of physical distancing, stay up to date with Mt. Carmel and our community through our website. Visit www.mountcarmelmpls.org/news to download weekly announcements, view past worship services and find information on special events and learning opportunities. Make sure to subscribe to The Candle email list as well.

If you find it difficult to access our information online, contact the office to be added to our weekly postal mailing list. Each week you will receive the weekly announcements and the text of the previous Sunday's sermon.

To subscribe to The Candle or have your name added to our postal mailing list, please contact Steve Robertson at 612-655-7594 or office@mountcarmelmpls.org.

WORSHIP ONLINE

Join with Pastor John and the Mt. Carmel faith community for **worship on Facebook Live**.

To access the worship online, go to the Mt. Carmel Facebook video page at facebook.com/pg/MountCarmelMpls/videos anytime after worship is scheduled to begin. Select the video with the red "LIVE" tag to start watching. You do not have to have a Facebook account to watch the worship service. Videos are available to watch at any time after the live event.

For more on worshipping with us using Facebook Live, visit mountcarmelmpls.org/watching-worship-on-sunday-mornings.

VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Join us online via Zoom on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 p.m. beginning April 15 for **Fellowship Hour on Wednesday Night** with Pastor John. While we can't have Fellowship Hour in-person on Sunday morning, Pastor John thought it would be good to recreate our fellowship time in some fashion. Join us to check-in with each other on how our lives are going and just chat for a half hour or so.

In the second half hour, Pastor John will look at the Gospel text for the coming Sunday for your questions and insights about the text; he would love to know what interests and connects with you. This will be time for all of us to spend time in scripture and give Pastor John a better sense of how to approach his sermon the following Sunday. Join us for as much or as little time as you are able.

This fellowship event will happen with Zoom, an online conferencing program. You can call in on a traditional phone line or download the app and use the video option on your phone, tablet or desktop computer (you just need to make sure you have a microphone and video camera on the device you are using). Watch for the weekly email on Tuesdays with the link for your computer and information to join by phone, cell phone, or tablet. Or send an email to Steve Robertson to get the direct Zoom link.

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Ethel Antonson, Marlene Black, Ray and Lorraine Carlson, Annette Dahl, Patty Griffith, Marion Harris, Chuck Kirk, Carol Kwiecien, Jennie Porter, Virginia Schaal and Dorothy Warhol.



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MT. CARMEL FINANCIALS

Treasurer Update YTD: March 31, 2020

Though we have not been able to worship in person, our expenses have remained steady. Our giving, however, has taken a severe downturn this last month.

March Actual Income	March Budgeted Income	YTD 3-31-2020 Actual Income	YTD 3-31-2020 Budgeted Income
\$15,641.07	\$25,695.73	\$63,741.90	\$75,937.23

March Actual Expenses	March Budgeted Expenses	YTD 3-31-2020 Actual Expenses	YTD 3-31-2020 Budgeted Expenses
\$25,764.08	\$27,762.74	\$79,505.07	\$78,954.85

WAYS TO GIVE

Please continue to support our congregation with your faithful financial contributions to Mt. Carmel. There are several ways to give:

- Online by credit card or bank account. Visit mountcarmelmpls.org/give for online giving opportunities.
- By phone using your credit card or bank account. (call 1-800-675-7430, ext 0)
- Mail your check to the church office.

Your generous support for Mt. Carmel and our ministry is truly appreciated.

MEETING ONLINE

These groups are meeting online:

- **Good Fruits Bible Study**—Tuesdays at 2 p.m.
(Contact Leona Olson at onodave@yahoo.com)
- **Men's Bible Study**—Wednesdays at 6:45 a.m.
(Contact Ralph Matthes at merinosdelimpls@gmail.com)
- **Reflect Group**—Sundays at 11 a.m.
(Contact Nick Ralston at faithformation@mountcarmelmpls.org)

The Group of JOY has canceled their April gathering and will look toward June for an opportunity to be together.

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER IS ONLINE

A number of Northeast Minneapolis Lutheran churches have united to create an online version of Holden Evening Prayer. A section of the worship was recorded at Mt. Carmel and features the music of Ruth Bills and Tiffany Ruser, filmed by Paul Lathrop. The message on April 1 was from Pastor John. Consider using this video to worship at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays or at a time of your choosing. Remember always: Jesus Christ is the light of the World!

Watch the recorded Holden Evening Prayer Service at mountcarmelmpls.org/holden-evening-prayer.



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FAITH IN ACTION

Help is needed

THE SHERIDAN STORY: With the goal of serving children meals—especially during the school year—The Sheridan Story has been working hard ensure all children have access to food while school are closed. Working to distribute food through school districts and YMCA locations state-wide, The Sheridan Story is preparing more than 977,000 meals. You can support their work by donating to The Sheridan Story today. thesheridanstory.org

EAST SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES: Serving people hit hard by the pandemic: people living in poverty, isolated older adults, people who need childcare and food support and others. Two immediate ways to help: 1) volunteer at senior food shelf, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and 2) donate money. Call **612-781-6011** or visit esns.org to give and/or volunteer.

ELIM CHURCH AND STRONG TOWER PARISH SHELTERS: Providing temporary shelter in Northeast Minneapolis. They provide overnight relief to those experiencing homelessness, meet people's most basic needs and give an opportunity to show compassion. They are in need of meals purchased from a restaurant and delivered to the shelter to feed people. Contact Monica Nilsson, shelter director at **612-405-5156** or mnilsson@tasksunlimited.org.

LITTLE KITCHEN FOOD SHELF: The Little Kitchen Food Shelf is a no-boundaries, no-restrictions food shelf located at Grace Lutheran church. Their mission is to serve all people (and companion animals). gracenempls.org/service

PRAYER CHAIN

To to lift up a prayer concern for the prayer chain, please contact Leona Olson at 612-859-7075.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- April 4—Kathy Halverson
- April 4—Isabel Hansen
- April 6—Janell Partyka, Liz Pukins
- April 7—Al Erickson
- April 8—Gerry Johnson
- April 14—Robert Anderson
- April 15—Rick Labandz
- April 16—Bill McReavy
- April 21—Rich Feist, Patrick Kutzer, Andre Wetterland
- April 29—Delaney Kohler
- April 30—Rick Sundly

THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

- Trish Samletzka recovering from COPD illness
- Kathy Smith recovering from a stroke (*MaryJo Wigger's friend*)
- Glenn with cancer (*Brian Wirth's brother*)
- Peggy struggling with anxiety and depression (*Jodi Wirth's friend*)
- Barb Thorsen on the death of her husband Dale Thorsen
- Dick Anderson on the death of his brother Bill Anderson

To include your prayers in this list please contact the church office. If you would like Pastor John to be aware of your prayer concerns but do not want them named publicly, please be sure to note that. Let the office know of any updates or changes.

SUNDAY MORNING REFLECT

Join the conversation with Nick Ralston, director of faith formation, each Sunday morning at 11 a.m. to talk about faith and life. The group is currently meeting online with Zoom. For more information and to get the Zoom link, contact Nick at faithformation@mountcarmelmpls.org.



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THE CHURCH BUILDING

The building and office are closed through April. Pastor John, Steve Robertson, Ruth Bills and Nick Ralston are working from home. The Mt. Carmel Child Care Center remains open for those who need their services.

Community groups who use the building on a regular basis—Casa de Oracion a las Naciones, Scouts and the AA Complete Defeat Group—have suspended their on-site worship and meetings during this time.

THOUGHTS ON FAITH AND LIFE

with Pastor John

Join Pastor John on the Mt. Carmel Facebook page every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for a time of spiritual reflection and devotion. Join him at live at Noon on Facebook (you don't need a Facebook account to watch) or watch the video at any time.

Are there topics you would like Pastor John to focus on or dig deeper into? Drop him an email at pastorjohn@mountcarmelmpls.org to share your thoughts.

MAKING FACE MASKS

There are many opportunities to make face masks for use in healthcare and other settings. Leona Olson has provided a resource with links for patterns, and where to deliver or send the face masks or supplies. Visit mountcarmelmpls.org/mask-making-prayer-masks to learn more.

EXPLORING "FREEDOM OF A CHRISTIAN"

Looking for a deeper dive into faith, power and freedom? Director of Faith Formation Nick Ralston has put together a summary of Martin Luther's "Freedom of a Christian". Check it out at www.mountcarmelmpls.org/exploring-freedom-of-a-christian.



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