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# EVANGEL

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH – NORMAN

## *Worshipping God with Our Whole Lives*

### Holy Eucharist

#### SUNDAY

Rite I: 7:30 a.m.

Rite II: 10:30 a.m.

#### TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. (chapel)

#### WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. (chapel)

What's a backpack? You might deem me out of my mind but that's a deeper question than you may think. Yes, on one level, it's a pragmatic tool to keep together and to transport possessions needed to do a specific job. Students use them to carry around all sorts of things they need to be, well, a student. You don't want to lose your calculator when you're going to math class. But "professionals"—those of us who go to work everyday (we aren't just students, we actually get paid for what we do!)—we use them too. It's a bad day when I don't have my Mac, so I need a bag to tote it around.

On a deeper level, those backpacks are symbols of a ritual we do everyday. Okay, most days. The ritual of getting up, getting dressed, and going to a workplace. (Okay, I know that's changing, and so some of you may just work from home, so you're not technically going somewhere else, but please, stay with me!) That workplace might be a school, or an office, or a church. (I threw that one in for me!)

Christians believe we take God with us wherever we go. That as the Holy Spirit resides within us, we know that we need to ask prayerfully for his wisdom and direction in whatever sphere of life we're in. A large portion of our lives are spent at the workplace. We also know that those places are not always free of danger. So we need protection. And finally, we know that our faith teaches us that we are to worship God with our whole lives, not merely a part of our lives.

For all these reasons, it's important for the church to mark the return to school for our kids—and the return to work for professionals. (I know a lot of you didn't get the summer off, but work with me here, okay!). Sunday, August 15 is the Blessing of the Backpacks, where we'll formally bless those little symbols of our return to "work"—and we'll pray for wisdom, protection, and for those returning to remember that everything they do is worship unto Almighty God.

Two more things! Don't forget "Welcome Home Sunday" is August 29. More on that in this edition of the Evangel. AND I welcome anyone who's interested in participating in the EfM program, for this fall, to come have a chat with me. (I don't bite!) St. John's is partnering with St. Michael's this year, and I can share more details with you then.

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## Celebrating the New School Year

### THE LESSONS

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a  
Psalm 51:1-13  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

#### AUGUST 8

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33  
Psalm 130  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

#### AUGUST 15

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
Psalm 111  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

#### AUGUST 22

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11], 22-30, 41-43  
Psalm 84  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

#### AUGUST 29

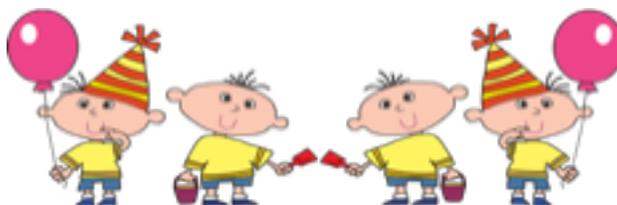
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

August 15th will be a very busy day for St. John's!

Join us for *Blessing of the Backpacks* during the 10:30 service. We invite all students and teachers to bring their backpacks or briefcases to church to receive a special blessing as we move into this next season.

As part of the Blessing of the Backpacks, we are hosting a *School Supply Drive* to benefit Adams Elementary School. You can bring donations to fill the bus beginning August 1. The supplies will be blessed as part of the service on August 15. You can find a list of suggested items here:



The afternoon transforms the playground into a church-wide carnival! Join us for *Back to School Bash* from 4-7pm. Bounce in the bounce house and slide down the water slide. Try your luck at our carnival games or enter your family to compete in the team races. Cool down with a Sno Cone and enjoy dinner with your church family!

You can sign up to work a carnival game or bring a baked good for the cake walk here:



Come and enjoy the last of summer and prepare for the start of the school year!

## Ignatian Prayer Exercises

The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma School of Spiritual Direction welcomes you into a 500-year old prayer method that has been known to change lives and relationships with God. Starting in August, each participant will be assigned to a group that meets twice monthly, either in person or by Zoom, and individual sessions with a Spiritual-Director-in-training. The cost of the program is \$300 total for the year, additional fees for an established Spiritual Director. For more information, or to fill out the application to the Ignatian Exercises course, click below for more information and to sign up. The normal deadline was July 31, but applications will be considered through the first week of August.

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## *Sunday School Teachers Needed*

Sunday school will start up again in September and we need volunteers to teach!

\*Godly Play is our class for pre-K – 2nd grade. This class uses manipulatives to tell stories from the bible. Children get a chance to retell the story through play and art.

\*This year 3rd-5th graders will explore familiar stories through making. Using Legos, Minecraft, written word, or artwork, kids will share what they see as the most important lessons in each story. Throughout the year they will learn about our traditions and symbols and how those are connected to the bible.

\*Our 6th – 8th graders will look at the bible through the lens of Harry Potter. This class will use the published curriculum “The Gospel According to Harry Potter” by Connie Neal.

\*High school students are invited to prepare for confirmation in Confirm not Conform. This curriculum was developed by the staff at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Oakland, Ca.

Please consider leading one of these Sunday School classes. Contact Catherine Wilson at [cwilson@episcopalnorman.org](mailto:cwilson@episcopalnorman.org) for more information about volunteering.

## *VBS Comes to Splashy End!*

The St. John’s Vacation Bible School came to an end on July 25 with a pool party. Over the last 6 weeks we learned about water, soil, seeds, animals, harvest, and celebrating! We had such a wonderful time singing songs, making crafts, planting seeds, and making ice cream. Thank you to everyone that brought their children!



## *Welcome Our New Nursery Worker*

Marla Colijn joins our nursery staff in August. We are so excited to have her experience in the nursery this fall!

My family and I moved back to Oklahoma, my home state, and joined St. John's in 2002. My husband Walter and I have been married for 37 years and we have three grown children, Chris, Sarah and Abbey. They have all worked in the nursery at some time over the years. We have a four year old and a one year old granddaughter in St. Louis and a two year old grandson in Norman. I enjoy picking him up frequently for playdates with us. He loves the park, and I'll admit that I have been down the slide a time or two! Little people are a joy and I am happy for the opportunity to care for the tiniest little members and visitors of St. John's!  
John's!



# ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH

## CAMPAIGN TO CARE AND SHARE

### **Sharing God's Love In New Ways**

Throughout this year, parishioners have and continue to generously support the on-going efforts at St. John's Outreach Ministries of sharing God's Love in new ways with our neighbors in need. In an effort to minimize the spread of the COVID virus, our Outreach Office has temporarily partnered with Food and Shelter for Friends to administer our services. Last month, we provided a summary of the assistance that helped an overwhelming **180 individuals** with life changing support including the story of Katie who was able to remain in her home due to our parishioners' support. Your donation to last year's annual **Care & Share Campaign** provided the funds that assisted these individuals.

## 2021 Campaign Goal - \$6,000.00

Each year, St. John's Outreach Office provides resources to our local friends who have experienced unfortunate and unforeseen circumstances and have no other place to turn. These include underemployed families in poverty that are trying to make ends meet to avoid losing their homes, families that are trying to facilitate new opportunities to improve their situation through obtaining education or new jobs, and those that are homeless in Norman. Every person is unique with a different situation, but extending the grace and mercy that God calls us to give results in smiles, tears, and a renewed dignity and spirit. This year's goal remains the same as last year's and will allow us to fulfill hundreds of requests for our neighbors in need. We prayerfully have set a goal of \$6000 to support our annual operating budget of \$10,000. Thank you for your generosity!

Our Care & Share Campaign funds support St. John's Outreach Ministries throughout the year. In addition to our **Outreach Office**, for over a decade, St. John's parishioners have delivered the joy of Christmas to over 100 school children, DHS homebound seniors, and those in medical nursing homes. We plan to return to our in-person **Santa Ministry and Ringing the Bell** activities. We have also returned to quarterly **Blood Drives** and serving food at Food and Shelter for Friends. Check the Evangel for information.

### **Multiple Ways to Give**

This year's annual campaign offers new ways to share God's Love again with those recovering from the pandemic, experiencing homelessness, and searching for hope.

All funds for St. John's Outreach Ministries are solely raised through your generous donations. You can give on-line through our website at <https://onrealm.org/StJohnsEpiscopa87669/-/give/now>, by designating your gift to Outreach, or donate cash or check in the church office.

When we love our neighbors as we love ourselves, we help restore faith in those that have nowhere else to turn. Thank you for prayerfully considering your gift to this year's campaign!

# WELCOME HOME SUNDAY AUGUST 29

Welcome home, St. John's family! As we gear up for fall activities and ministries, let us take a moment to breathe a prayer of gratitude that we are together again. This fall is the perfect time to reinvest in church life. On August 29, we will gather together to discuss opportunities to serve in lay ministry, and also enroll children in Sunday School. We are looking for help in the following ministries:

***Readers for Prayers of the People, Lay Readers, and Chalicers***—these folks pray our corporate prayers, read our Holy Scriptures, and assist with administering communion.

***Ushers*** hand out bulletins, greet parishioners and visitors, assist with communion as needed, pass the collection plates, and bring forth the elements for communion.

***Altar Guild*** members prepare the altar for Holy Eucharist.

***Hospitality*** folks make parties happen! They arrange for food, set up, clean up, and fun!

***Home Eucharist visitors*** extend the walls of St. John's by taking communion to our shut-in parishioners.

***Acolytes*** are children from 4th through 12th grades who assist in church services. They carry the crosses and torches and process into and out of the church, among other duties.

***Choir*** members make joyous music unto the Lord!

***Sunday School teachers*** care for and guide our children in their Christian education.

More information will be provided on August 29! Watch for announcements and further information, and prayerfully consider offering your time and talents to one or more of these ministries.



## *Every Perfect Gift*

Fr. James and Senior Warden Holly Cole asked me to lead this year's stewardship campaign and I am happy to do so.

Our theme this year will be Every Perfect Gift and it is taken from the Book of James, Chapter 1, Verse 17. "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

Rather than bemoan the things we do not have; our focus should be on the many gifts we do have. And the source of all our many gifts is the one true God.

More to come as we move forward with our Fall stewardship campaign.

Dan Evatt, *For the Stewardship Committee*

## *St. John's Financial Audit*

Every summer an internal audit is conducted to verify that all the financial records of St. John's are in order. This year St. John's Treasurer, Robert Terry, led the audit of calendar year 2020 on Saturday July 10th. The volunteer audit team members were Greg Taylor, Dan Evatt, Robert Finley, Ben Odom, Terri Craig and Jim Frazier. In addition to conducting the audit, we enjoyed a delicious breakfast and a time of fellowship. My thanks to the audit team for your time and conscientious work! Please stay tuned for more information about the upcoming annual pledge drive and more opportunities for stewardship. Thank you for your continued support of St. John's as we further God's kingdom.

In Christ's abiding love,

Holly Cole, *Senior Warden*

## *New School to Move into Northeast Wing*

Thank you for welcoming Shyne Childcare Center! My name is Sheila Clifton. I retired from Norman Public Schools after 32 years of teaching



Special Education and first grade. I also served as an administrator for special education. My dream is to open a child care center for children with and without disabilities in inclusive classrooms. My dream is coming true! Shyne has two focus areas.

Our first focus is to provide high-quality care for all children. We will provide early intervention skills through music, movement, and hands-on activities. We will provide one-on-one and small group learning to meet the needs of all children. We will have children ages 6 weeks through 5 years of age.

Our second focus is to partner with families. Shyne will host a parent meeting once a month to provide speakers, share information and allow for networking.

If you are interested in volunteering to read to children or rock babies, please stop by! Shyne is appreciative of you!



## *Resurrection Memorial Service*

The second Wednesday of every month, St. John's holds a special Holy Eucharist in which we remember, by name, all the persons of St. John's who died in the past year, and all those who died in that month for all years. Please join us in the Resurrection Chapel (Columbarium) at 12:10 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11 to remember the cloud of witnesses who have gone before us. Questions? Contact the church office at [staff@episcopalnorman.org](mailto:staff@episcopalnorman.org) or (405) 321-3020.

## AN INVITATION TO ST. JOHN'S BELOVED READERS!

This monthly book review column aims to expand our learning resources for spiritual growth—in parish groups and Sunday School classes as well as through independent study. If you would like to contribute to this educational lay ministry, please contact Susan Laird [volunteer@episcopalnorman.org](mailto:volunteer@episcopalnorman.org) or *EVANGEL* editor Merrie Beard [merrie@episcopalnorman.org](mailto:merrie@episcopalnorman.org). Submission deadline: third Sunday of each month, about 200-500 words.

### A PILGRIMAGE TO BECOME 'MORE CHRISTIAN THAN WHITE'

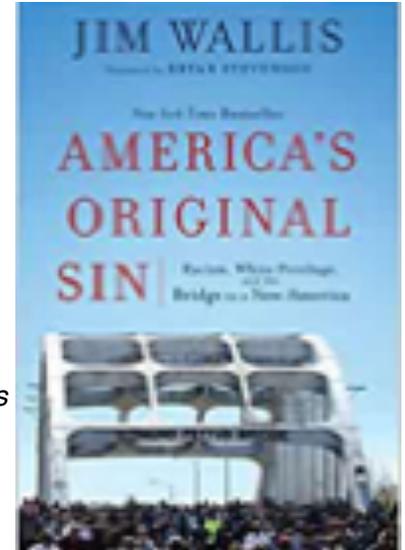
**Jim Wallis, *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America*.** Brazos Press, 2016. In paperback, e-book, & audible formats, about \$6-12, also used from \$1.50. (Note: The author does not read the audio book.)

The national Episcopal Church's educational ministries on race and faith encourage our transformational learning. As a student in its inspiring online course "Sacred Ground" (<https://episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/getting-started/>), I encountered thought-provoking excerpts from this book only recently, which came out before the 2016 election. Better late than never, for *AMERICA'S ORIGINAL SIN* is still a powerful and timely work of Christian social-gospel teaching.

Though not an Episcopalian, Jim Wallis is married to Joy Carroll, one of the Church of England's first women priests, and he will be familiar to many Episcopalians who read *SOJOURNERS* magazine ([www.sojo.net](http://www.sojo.net)), which he founded and edits. He is a prolific white evangelical theologian with an ecumenical ministry, broadly influential, intent upon applying biblical insights to contemporary cultural developments for the common good. From a strong Christian standpoint, he studies perennial national political problems, critical of both political parties and ever ready to recognize the praiseworthy, regardless of party affiliations. Not all his ethical positions on political controversies align precisely with our church's, but this book's ethical plea does align with our church's purpose of Building Beloved Community, emphatically: white privilege and racism do pose spiritual challenges that no Christian can ethically ignore, trivialize, or deny—or disqualify from church discussions as "politics, not religion." Wallis recounts here some noteworthy church history of racism.

He has studied black theologian Howard Thurman, who authored the "Sacred Ground" course's core text, *JESUS AND THE DISINHERITED*, whose ideal of "Beloved Community" influenced the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Detailing many spiritual challenges racism and white privilege pose, Wallis believes "truth-telling about America's original sin of racism must not be left to people of color alone" (loc. 392). This metaphor has contemporary secular critics as well as its own history dating back into the early nineteenth century, but Wallis commends the controversial New York City police commissioner William Bratton for his public acknowledgment that racism is America's original sin, "codified by laws enforced by police, by slave-catchers" (loc. 348). A parent himself, who understands that "no matter what you do to help overcome racism, you can never escape white privilege if you are white" (loc. 383), Wallis bears compassionate witness for diverse parents of color who feel that "if white Christians acted more Christian than white," they could fear less for their children. This primer aims to help white Christians hear this hard-to-hear message and also learn both why and how to join the "American pilgrimage" to end racism in ourselves, in our churches, and in our nation.

Wallis's vivid, self-examining personal testimony begins with his youth and makes this book stand out among many other narratives from which we can learn (even more) about US racial history in law, government, economy, education, religion, tribes, and other cultural institutions. He teaches faithful ways to look deeply into ourselves and our own personal histories, relationships, and communities as well as conscientious, creative ways that Christians have acted courageously together to acknowledge and respond to white wrongs against diverse people of color—worthy of our emulation. The Episcopal Church invites us to embark upon this pilgrimage too with its "Sacred Ground" course.



## *Update from the St. John's Vestry*

Prior to the pandemic, the Vestry, Rector and Deacon met each year in February for a retreat at St. Crispin's. The purpose of the retreat is to have fellowship, prayer, Eucharist and to plan the upcoming year in keeping with the vision of St. John's as a loving, inclusive part of the Body of Christ. Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, the retreat was canceled in 2020. However, on July 17th we met for a "mini" retreat and potluck cookout. A big thanks to Vestry member George Ellassal for hosting us at his farm for this event. We enjoyed great food, laughs and time to reflect upon potential discussion topics for Vestry retreat 2022. Feel free to reach out to any of the Vestry members with your ideas as to how St. John's can be the light of Christ to the world.

In Christ's abiding love,

Holly Cole, *Senior Warden*

## *Scout News*

Cub Scout Pack 233 is excited to start the new school year and have regular pack meetings at St Johns! Several members of Pack 233 got to experience their first Cub Scout Resident Camp at Camp George Thomas July 7th through 10th, spending 3 nights camping and having all kinds of outdoor adventures. Those adventures included things like archery, fishing, and water safety. Our Pack has been meeting over the summer for special activities, including Fishing and Donuts, Launching Rockets, and a Swim Party at Westwood Pool in Norman. Several of our scouts have attended day camps as well, and one-day outdoor adventure events.

Our packs will be recruiting new potential cubs in the local elementary schools around Norman, and plan to be present for several Back to School nights. We have cubs of all ages starting in the Fall, from Kindergarten to Fifth grade.

We plan to have our Den's start meeting in person regularly on Tuesday August 24th, and will have a welcome night for new members on Tuesday August 31st. Both of these will start at 6:30 pm at St. John's. We welcome any visitors with interested youth at these events.

Pack 233 is excited to continue its charter with St. John's Episcopal Church for another great year of Scouting! If you are interested in learning more about Cubscouting for your son or daughter, please contact me at 405-831-2042.

Cubmaster Jeff Boles  
[Pandt233@gmail.com](mailto:Pandt233@gmail.com)



# Daughters of the King

St. John's has a local chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King. DoK is an order for women in which Daughters pledge themselves to a life-long program of prayer, service, and evangelism. The Martha chapter here at St. John's meets the second Saturday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in the Commons for prayer and discussion of a spiritual topic. The Daughters pray the prayer list daily. They also serve the church in other ways: by delivering flowers to parishioners who are ill or cannot attend church, by setting up and serving simple funeral receptions for the families who have lost a loved one, and by hosting a yearly women's retreat at the beginning of Lent. These women pray together, love and support each other, and further God's kingdom by loving service to others. Are you interested in attending a meeting and finding out more about DoK? Please contact Merrie Beard at [merrie@episcopalnorman.org](mailto:merrie@episcopalnorman.org).

## ***The Motto of The Order***

*For His Sake...*

*I am but one, but I am one.*

*I cannot do everything, but I can do something.*

*What I can do, I ought to do.*

*What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.*

*Lord, what will you have me do?*



## ***Why Education for Ministry?***

Education for Ministry (EfM) develops a theologically informed, reflective and articulate laity that is prepared to listen for and respond to God's call. EfM helps people discover and exercise their varied gifts for ministry in the places where they live and work. That is "Why Education for Ministry."

EfM is a four-year program offered through the University of the South, Sewanee, TN. In the first year the Old Testament is studied, year two the New Testament, year three Christian history and year four focuses on theology in everyday living. All years work on theology throughout the course. Your commitment is one year at a time.

At St. Michael's, Norman, we have two mentors who co-mentor an EfM group, Rachel Armstrong and Donna Young. We invite everyone at St. John's who may be interested in EfM to consider joining this group. Although both mentors attend services at St. Michael's, EfM is open to everyone. Last year we had people from St. John's, St. Michael's, and University Lutheran attending. All faiths and denominations are welcome.

If you are interested or even just slightly curious, please contact Donna Young: (405) 637-6371 [dryoun9@msn.com](mailto:dryoun9@msn.com) or Rachel Armstrong: (240) 409-6499 [rachiearmstrong101@gmail.com](mailto:rachiearmstrong101@gmail.com). Information is also available at <https://efm.sewanee.edu>. We hope you will join us, beginning this fall!



## St. John's Office Hours

The St. John's church office has reopened for regular hours! The parish administrator has changed the hours slightly to accomodate working parishioners. The new hours are:

Sunday morning: 9 a.m. to 10:20 a.m., and again after service

Monday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: closed



Please feel free to call at 321-3020, email at [staff@episcopalnorman.org](mailto:staff@episcopalnorman.org), or come by during office hours!

## Realm App...Finally

After a pandemic-related delay, St. John's will finally be launching the long-promised app! This church-specific app will serve as a directory, and will also enable us to form groups to be in contact with each other (such as altar guild or the hospitality committee), will allow us to change our own information and upload our directory photo, and will enable folks to check their pledge balance and make payments for altar flowers, special offerings, and more. Come to Welcome Home Sunday on August 29th for more details. We plan to launch in September!

## Knit Night in August

The "Knit" Night group will meet Thursday, August 5, and Thursday, August 19. Both evenings are 6:30-8:30 in the Commons.

Bring any portable needlework, craft or art project you're working on, or just join us for conversation. All are welcome!

If you have any questions about this group, or would like to be added to the email reminder list, contact Melody Palm, [mapalm@ilstu.edu](mailto:mapalm@ilstu.edu) or (309) 825-6963.

## Join the men of St. John's for August griller

The men of St. John's will gather for a griller on Friday, August 20. During the griller, the group enjoys cooking out on the patio and gathering for fellowship. We invite you to bring something to throw on the grill, a side, or beverages. The griller begins at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Robert Finley if you have questions at [rffinley325@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rffinley325@sbcglobal.net).

## Youth Schedule 21-22

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|--------------|------------------------------|
| August 29    | Homecoming Sunday - No Youth |
| September 5  | No Youth - Labor Day         |
| September 11 | Football Parking - Time TBD  |
| September 12 | Back to Youth!               |
| September 18 | Football Parking - Time TBD  |
| September 19 | Ultimate Frisbee             |
| September 25 | Football Parking - Time TBD  |
| September 26 | Campas Scavenger Hunt        |

# St. John's at a Glance

## Online Church Service Options

**Sunday Mornings:** These videos will continue until the live stream is up and running. The videos are available on the St. John's website, <https://episcopalnorman.org/videos.aspx>.

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Wed 9 am-6pm

## Prayer Requests

Prayer requests may be submitted to the church by calling the office, sending an email to [staff@episcopalnorman.org](mailto:staff@episcopalnorman.org), or online at [www.episcopalnorman.org/prayer-request](http://www.episcopalnorman.org/prayer-request). Requests will be added to the Prayers of the People, unless you would like your request kept private.

## Pastoral Care

The church is committed to the well-being of its members through caring relationships and kind actions. The Congregational Care committee has resumed home Eucharist for parishioners unable to attend church. The rector is also available for pastoral care via phone or email. If you or someone you know need care from the Congregational Care committee, please contact the church office at 321-3020, or [staff@episcopalnorman.org](mailto:staff@episcopalnorman.org).

## Online Giving

Many of you have recently taken advantage of the ease of making pledge payments online. If you are interested in doing so as well, go to [episcopalnorman.org](http://episcopalnorman.org) and click on the DONATE button in the upper left corner. There is a simple form to complete; be sure to also complete the memo with what the donation is for. You can use this to pay for altar flowers, make memorial donations, etc. We use a secure program facilitated by our bank. Questions? Contact the office at 321-3020.

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The church office will close at 1 p.m. on  
Thursday, August 5th.

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### Sundays

Rite I—7:30 a.m.

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### Tuesdays

10 a.m.—in the chapel

### Wednesdays

6 p.m.—in the chapel

## COMING UP AT ST. JOHN'S

*\*Knit Night, August 5, 6:30 p.m*

*\*Blessing of the Backpacks, August 15*

*\*Back to School Bash, August 15*

*\*Knit Night, August 19, 6:30 p.m*

*\*Men's Griller, August 20, 6:30 p.m.*

*\*Welcome Home Sunday, August 29, 4  
p.m.*