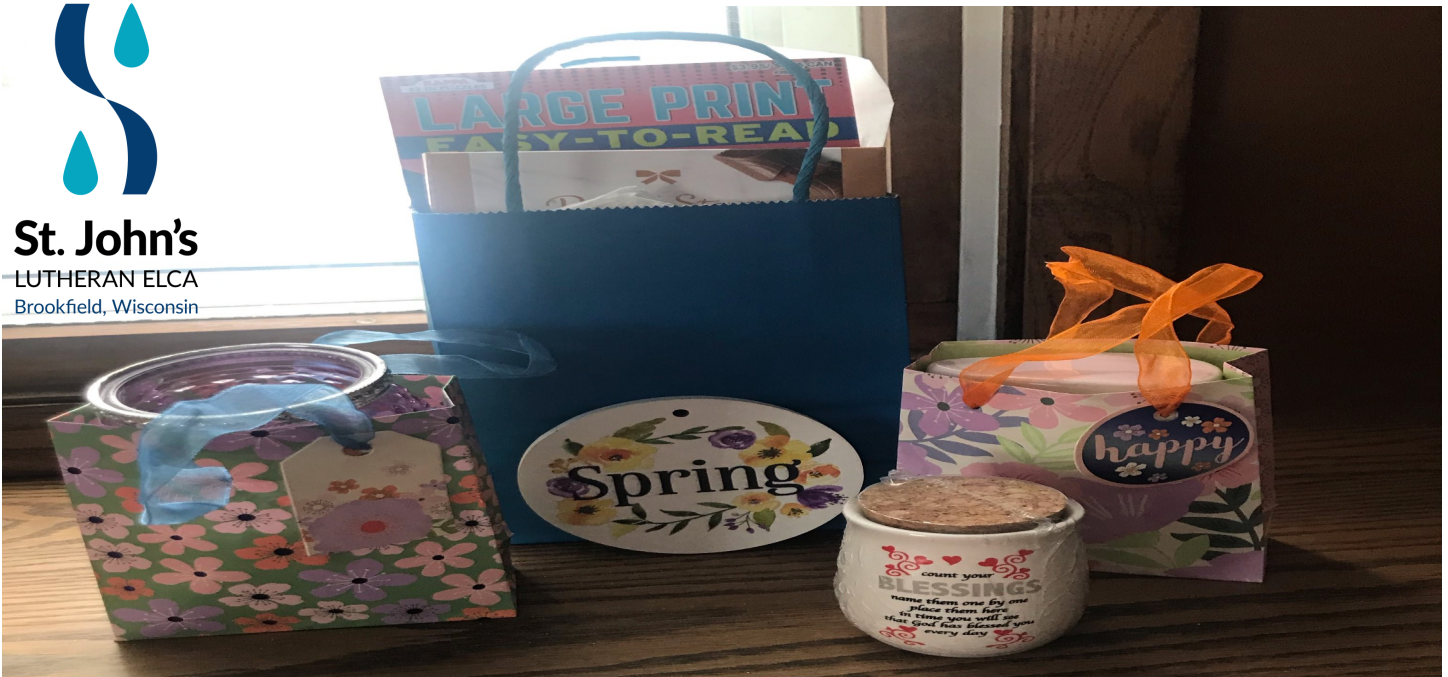




St. John's
LUTHERAN ELCA
Brookfield, Wisconsin



Outreach Focus for March

GIFT BAGS FOR SENIORS AT LUTHER MANOR

We generally do a cookie drive in the month of March for Luther Manor. However there is no cookie cart right now with the COVID restrictions. As we are all aware, the virus has been particularly tough on residents in senior care facilities. They have experienced isolation and loneliness - many of these people have not seen their families in almost a year. In the past, we've made Easter cards for them, but we decided to make this even more special and personalized for this Easter season.

We are asking St. John's to make and donate gift or "goodie" bags with either an Easter or springtime theme. We have so many gifted craftspeople at our church, and their creativity is endless. For those, like me, who are "craft-challenged", you can find delightful gifts, notions, and gift bags at stores like The Dollar Tree.

We ask that you assemble your own bag and drop it at church in the designated box near the main (preschool) entrance by March 31. Please see below for examples and a list of suggestions. Please contact Mary Tollander (maretolan@gmail.com) with any questions. Thanks!

Suggested gift ideas:

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- Gripper or fuzzy socks
 - Bird feeder or food
 - Hand-made items like quilt squares, prayer boxes
 - Lotions, skin-care or manicure products, powders
 - Puzzle books (Sudoku, crossword, word search)
 - Calendar (for wall or tableside)
 - Games, or playing cards
 - Goodies like wrapped candies to share
 - Flowers (little glass flowers in vases)
 - Costume jewelry (they love this!)
 - Subscription (women's magazine, Reader's Digest, puzzle magazine)
 - Sport team merchandise
 - Walker caddy (handmade or store-bought cloth tote, or metal)
 - Stationery
 - Craft supplies
 - Scarves and accessories
 - Perfume, cologne, or after-shave