



**~ St. John's Church ~
Weekly News
May 5, 2024**

Holy Eucharist

Lyn Burns, Officiant

Readings for Sunday, May 5, 2024

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

**Loose Plate Offering
Rector's Discretionary Fund**

THE AMEN EFFECT

WEEKLY DISCUSSION MEETINGS BEGIN

MAY 1, 2024

Today we start our weekly discussion meetings using the Amen Effect, by Sharon Brous. We plan to meet every Wed. night from 7-8:15 from May 1 until June 19. Instructions for how to order the book are given below.

To Order:

You'll see there are a few places to order, including Amazon.

(Note: If you cannot get the title directly through Amazon search for it in Google and the first and this title will bring up Amazon. Amazon also has the Audio and Kindle versions as well as hard copy.)

If you would like to sign up for the weekly discussion please visit a 'live' shared document to do so and click on the link below

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1cQsnCjXxu0CvOfzbXtwpBaiGa5zKPMbyTtfz-meqaRU/edit?usp=sharing>

Then just click on the indicated box and start typing - it auto saves your entries.

If you want to **LEAD** any of the discussions on a given Wednesday, then indicate as much on the sign-up form.

Key Concepts of the Book:

- Power of Connection: Brous argues that our fundamental human need for real connection is the key for healing not only for our personal heartaches but also the fractured world around us.
- Meaning of "Amen": The book delves into the ancient word 'amen,' exploring its significance as an affirmation for our shared humanity and the act of seeing and acknowledging each other's experiences.

Our assignment for tonight is to read the Introduction and Chapter 1.

If you haven't ordered the book here is a link to a PDF of the first Chapter:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WKO9h_1eTiN3bLaxmzlzgJxhgJ_MZ8a6/view?usp=sharing

Chapter 1 Showing Up. Sharing Grief and Joy in the Heart of Life Itself.

Key Take Aways:

- Our innate desire for connection is a moral and spiritual necessity.
- Our genuine presence can mend our broken hearts and rebuild society
- The word 'amen' is a powerful expression of connection. When we say "amen," we are saying "I see you, I hear you, and I share your experience."

· We can cultivate amen communities in our own lives.

Questions to ponder over prior to tonight's discussion meeting

1. What examples do you have of a time in your life when **sharing** your sorrow - in hindsight - was an essential step in the healing process.
2. What are examples of a time in your life when you found tremendous joy in **sharing** your joy?
3. How do you typically show up for others in times of Joy and Sorrow?
4. In what ways do you crave connection with others?
5. How do you use the word "amen" in your daily life?
6. What examples do you have of a time in your life when **sharing** your sorrow - in hindsight - was an essential step in the healing process.

The link to the Zoom Meeting is below. Its ONLY on Zoom FYI

Heather M is inviting you to an hour of lively discussion re: the Amen Effect

Topic: Amen Effect Study Group St. Johns

Time: May 1, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83768989146?pwd=SzR5RjlvbmQ0QW9Yd29LYk1vU0Zwdz09>

Meeting ID: 837 6898 9146

Passcode: 121212

Coffee Hour Is For Everyone

We are grateful to the many parishioners who volunteer to prepare wonderful delectations which the rest of us enjoy so much each Sunday. As hosts they are responsible for setting things up either the day before, or on Sunday morning, They should also check to see that there is an adequate supply of half and half on hand and, in general to make sure that all of the necessary preparations have been made.

On Sunday morning hosts are asked to greet people as they bring in their offerings and to help with placing them, and also to plug in the coffee, decaf and hot water machines. If they notice that supplies such as sugar, foil wrap, etc. need to be replenished they should list these on the supply paper in the kitchen.

The coffee hour hosts cannot be expected to provide all of the food. They rely on the rest of us to bring contributions when we can. Please make every effort to make a little something extra when you are preparing a meal. If there is something left over the provider can take it home or, if it can be frozen for another Sunday, they can put it in the freezer part of the refrigerator.

Many thanks!

Prayers

For Those in Need or Any Kind of Distress

O compassionate One, hold us in your mercy: heal the sick, mend the broken, protect the vulnerable, shelter the refugee, strengthen the weary, rescue the lost, and give courage to all who struggle: we pray especially for Margaret, Charlie, Carolyn, Rob, Geoffrey, Noa, Alex, Lois, Abra, Mike, Beverly, Lillian, Chris, Rae, Olivia, Steven, Tom, Chris, Eve, Cheryl, Ella, Louis, John, Arnold, Alicia, Sarge.

Hear us when we pray to you.

We Need your help

The following people have been on the prayer list for some time and we do not know who put their names forward: Alex, Ella, Louis. If you placed them on the list please contact Bobbi Perez at perezgonehome@gmail.com or call her at 518-983-0008 so that we can update our files. Thank you.

Search Prayer

Dear Lord, grant us your wisdom and guidance as we continue our search process. Help us to humbly discern and accomplish your will for St. John's. We know this is a challenging journey for all of us, but we pray that it will strengthen our faith and our respect and love for each other. Help us to share more deeply our faith in you as we learn to listen to each other with open hearts and minds and to hear your voice in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

History Tidbit

Part 26

Wed., Dec. 12, 1923

At a meeting of the Vestry held this day the first business to come before the meeting was the presentation of the resignation of the Rev. Albert Gale as rector of St. John's. Mr. Gale presented same as follows:

“The Wardens & Vestry

S. John's Parish

Essex, N.Y.

I beg to tender my resignation as Rector of S. John's Parish, to take effect

today, and ask your acceptance of the same. In resigning I must express my appreciation of the gracious hospitality, kindness and goodwill which has made my work with you a very pleasant one.

With every good wish for the future of St. John's Church and S. Mary's Mission.

Believe me, yours very faithfully
Albert Gale".

After some discussion the following motions were made and, in each case, unanimously carried:

1. That the Rev. Albert J. Lovelee, of the Church of the Transfiguration, Brooklyn, N.Y. be elected to the Rectorship of St. John's Parish
2. That his stipend be fixed at \$1500. and the Pension Fund Premium paid in addition.
3. That the Parish pay one half the moving expenses of Mr. Lovelee from Brooklyn to Essex.
4. That the Parish declare itself ready to do whatever may be within their power to procure an automobile for the Rector's use in the Spring, and also, to make such repairs to the Rectory as the Rector and Vestry may deem necessary and possible.

It was further moved, seconded and passed that:

1. The Bishop Coadjutor be requested to consider the feasibility of continuing the Diocesan grant of \$500- in view of the present financial condition of the Parish.
2. That an honorarium of \$10 be sent the Rev. Percy A. Paris of Ticonderoga, N.Y. for his kindness in coming to us for Communion Service on Dec. 9th.
Mr. I. D. Townsend was instructed to attend to whatever correspondence might be necessary in carrying out the above motions.

Mr. G. R. Lowrey tendered his resignation as Vestry Clerk but by common consent it was decided to hold this matter over until the Parish Meeting in the Spring.

The following resolution was then passed with the injunction that it be spread upon the minutes:

Resolved: That the Wardens and Vestry of St. John's Church, Essex, N.Y. desire to express to the Rev. Albert Gale their sincere appreciation of his never failing faithfulness to the Parish during his years as Rector, to wish him every success in the future, and to hope that his ministrations at St. John's may not be entirely discontinued.

Monday, May 19, 1924

Meeting of the Vestry held this date called to order by the Rector at 8:10 P.M.

Mr. I. D. Townsend appointed Vestry Clerk.

Moved, seconded, and passed:

That the Parish buy for the Rector a two-door Ford Sedan, the car to be the property of the Parish, the Rector or Mrs. Lovelee to be always in the car when it is driven except in the case of emergency. The Parish to assume a pro rata share of the running expenses, to be based on the mileage used in Parish work, to cover gas, oil, tires, brakes and transmission linings, battery charging etc. The Rector to assume, for the period of one year, all expense of repairs due to accidents arising from the driver's fault. The Parish to assume garage expense.

Moved, seconded & passed that Mr. I. D. Townsend be appointed a committee to purchase the car.

Moved, seconded, and passed that Willsboro pledge itself to give the sum of three hundred dollars each year toward the Rector's salary.

Bills from telephone Co., W. H. Cruikshank, E. S. Garham (service book), Fee Bros. (ex. on wine), Bluebird Press (Parish stationary), C. Williamson (palms) ordered paid.

Moved, seconded, and passed that the sum of one hundred dollars be drawn from Burlington Savings Bank for the purpose of defraying what deficit there may be until the summer parishioners begin to arrive

Monday, July 14, 1924

Special meeting of the Vestry called to order this date by the Rector at 8:15 P.M.

Bill of assessment from the Essex Water Co. ordered paid.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Clerk send to Mr. Halpin a letter conveying the good wishes of the Vestry and their profound hope for his speedy recovery.

It was moved, seconded and carried that a letter of appreciation be sent Mr. Girard Lowrey for his generosity in the matter of the purchase of the Rector's car.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the matter of garage rental for the rector's car be reduced to writing and signed by the interested parties.

Thursday, Aug 7, 1924

Special meeting of the Vestry called this date at the request of Archdeacon Purdy, brought to order by the Rector at 8:40 P.M.

It was moved, seconded and passed that one parish Register be used for both St. John's, Essex & St. Mary's Willsboro and that one of the newly purchased Registers be therefore returned.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the Clerk be empowered to write to each member of the Vestry absent from this meeting asking their opinions concerning the investments of such funds as the parish holds in trust and further asking if they would be willing to have such monies, to be taken from Parish Treasury added to such Trust Funds as will bring the investment to one thousand dollars.

Monday Aug. 25, 1924

Regular meeting of the Vestry called this date brought to order at 8:15 P.M.

It was moved seconded and passed that a bill for \$13.75 covering the pro rata expense incurred by the Rector in using the car for Parish work be paid.

St. John's Zoom Passcodes

St. John's Sunday Service

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/worshipmeet>

Morning Prayer

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/morning-prayer>

Vestry Meetings

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/vestrymeet>

Finance Committee

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/financemeet>

Buildings & Grounds Committee

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/bandgmeet>

Contemporary Bible Study

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/biblestudy>

Meditation

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/meditationmeet>

Sunday Service Zoom Recording

stjohnsessexnyzoom@gmail.com

Passcode: +W2t+Fwu

AA 12-Step Meeting
Zoom Meeting ID: 817 7797 4233
Passcode: 123456

Weekly Calendar

Tuesday Contemporary Bible Study (Zoom) 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Wednesday Meditation (Zoom/In Person) 4 PM

Thursday Morning Prayer (Zoom) 10 AM

Sunday Holy Eucharist 10 AM (Zoom/in person)

Sunday AA Meeting (Zoom/In Person) 7 PM

Your Vestry

Scottie Emery-Ginn and Bill Tribou (Wardens)
Louise Baietto, Bruce Hale, Diana Lawrence, Jon McBride
Bruce Stephan and Anne Zilch (Members)
Darcey Hale (Clerk)
Antonia Bullard (Treasurer)
Dick Perez (Chair, Search Committee)

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