

SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

Making real the Kingdom of God

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Ministry, and Building Community in Christ*

THIS WEEK, beginning May 30, 2021:

THIS SUNDAY: 9:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY: MEMORIAL DAY
Church office closed
No Bible Study today
10:00 am Chair Yoga (via Zoom)

TUESDAY: 3:30 pm Special Olympics (North Garden)
6:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting (Friendship Hall)
7:00 pm Scout Troop #7419

WEDNESDAY: 11:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) - NEW day and time

THURSDAY: No mid-week Worship on Thursday for the summer months
6:30 pm Al-Anon Meeting (Friendship Hall)
7:00 pm Venture Crew #2419

SATURDAY: 10:00 am Special Olympics (North Garden)

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

No reservations will be needed for Worship Services.

Masks and distancing will still be required.

See details on inside of this Yellow Page.

Even if you are traveling "up North" this summer, you can still join in our weekly Worship services. Consult the list below for details about all of the ways that we are broadcasting, streaming, and posting to our website and YouTube. Or, when you are ready, try the old-fashioned method and join us in the sanctuary! We all wear masks and social distance, we've made small changes to our usual liturgical practice, and added ionizers and UV-C sterilizing to our regular cleaning schedule, so that when you're ready, we will be too!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR VIEWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE INCLUDE:

- A recording of live worship can be viewed on Sundays at 9:00am on the congregation's YouTube Channel, accessible from the congregation's web-site, www.sjlc-elca.org or through a link at www.facebook.com/sjlc.elca/ . Click on the link provided.
 - A video recording of the Sunday worship service, with music accompaniment, is available for viewing at your convenience, usually by Monday morning, at your congregation's web-site, www.sjlc-elca.org
 - The worship service is broadcast on JATV, cable channel 994, on Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
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WE ARE PRAYING FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION:

Jada, Diana, Lori Fitzgivens, John, Janet Jacobson, Myrna Fitzgerald, Kim Jacobson, Sandy Skildum, Roger Carlson, Vi, Judith, Bob, Mary H., Sue E., Dale S., Drew, Karlene Thom, Jodi P., Kathryn W., Ruth, Kim, Ada Brudos, Teri Colson, Judi Magnus, Jean Thom, Karl Thom., Lorraine Whitehead, Virginia Ziegler, Bill Dooley, Rosann Dooley, Mary Ellen, Caryl, Jennifer McClellan, all those effected by Covid-19, and healthcare workers.

CHAIR YOGA RETURNS!

Chair Yoga returns to St John Lutheran! But this yoga class will meet virtually via Zoom! You can still see and hear your instructor and he can respond to you (keep your back straight!). This is NOT a recording. Class will meet on Monday mornings at 10:00 am beginning on March 22, 2021. Initially, the class will last for 30 minutes. As students build up their stamina, the class will transition to 60 minutes. The cost per class is just \$3.00. If you have Silver Sneakers as part of your insurance coverage, they will pay for this class for you. Ed can check on-line to see if you are covered by this program. To sign up, please call Ed Gilligan at 608-563-0682 or email him at gilliganiii_edward@yahoo.com. He'll be happy to help you with the technical aspects of this new technology and he is looking forward to seeing all of you again! New students are still welcome to join us!



FIRESIDE TRIP FOR 2021

A trip for St John Lutheran members and guests for dinner and a performance by "Gold City" of Alabama is planned for September 21, 2021 at the Fireside Theater. *Gold City* is a male quartet, which was begun in 1980. This talented quartet is dedicated to sharing the Good News of the Gospel through songs with encouraging and challenging lyrics presented in an exciting performance. Tickets are \$38.00 each and include the matinee, buffet, and tip. Only 30 tickets will be available. We will carpool and need to check in at the Fireside by 10:30 am. For questions or to order tickets, contact Diana at 608-756-3748. Payment for tickets is required by August 1, 2021.

MIDWEEK MID-DAY WORSHIP IS MOVING

The midweek worship service that has been on Thursday for a number of years has moved to Wednesday at 11:00 am. Beginning on May 19, 2021, worship will be on Wednesdays at 11:00 am. This is still a spoken Holy Communion service, the same as it has been in the past. We will keep to this Wednesday time at least through the summer. If you are unable to worship on Sunday morning, please consider our midweek mid-day Holy Communion service.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP TRANSPORTATION

Pastor Bond is able provide a ride for anyone in the city limits who can be picked up curb-side on Sunday morning. The pastor has been vaccinated, and we will wear our face-coverings. I have one front-seat and two rear-seat (more cramped) places available in my CR-V. Unfortunately, the pick- up time is 7:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, so you must be prepared to wait patiently in the sanctuary for service to begin at 9:00 a.m. Additionally, at the conclusion of the worship service, the wait may be up to one hour for a ride home. (If I had a meeting after worship service, that would be known in advance.) Please call Pastor Bond (608-208-0283) by the Friday at the latest if you want a ride. Additionally, if another member has space available in their automobile, and is willing to provide a ride for a member, contact Pastor Bond so we can publish details.

PANDEMIC PROTOCOLS AS OF MAY 18, 2021

The Congregation Council has been reviewing and discussing Pandemic Protocols for over a year now, and will continue to do so. Along with the announced changes of the CDC and the Rock County Health Dept., the county's news release of May 14 reminds us that, "Businesses may choose to keep mask requirements in place" The Council took all of the recent changes into account when they addressed the issue again at their latest meeting, May 18.

The protocols for the facilities of **St. John Lutheran Church continue to require a face covering** unless it would pose a health or safety hazard. This is seen as a way of **loving our neighbors**, even if it is uncomfortable or inconvenient. Concerns that arose in our conversation included vaccine breakthrough infections, immuno-compromised individuals, children under 12 years old who cannot yet receive the vaccination, and approximately one-in-four of those in attendance in worship not being vaccinated. To continue to move forward, as many people as possible should be vaccinated. Talk to your healthcare provider if you have questions or concerns.

One change that was made is that **reservations are no longer necessary for our worship services**. There will be a slight adjustment to the seating arrangement to allow for more 1-3 person places, so we should be able to accommodate everyone while remaining physically distanced. Communion distribution will remain as is, and singing will continue at the very end of the worship service on Sunday.

The Congregation Council will continue to examine and review protocols when they meet next month. Please be patient. Nothing is permanent, and things will continue to change, hopefully moving us more toward "normal."



READINGS FOR MAY 30 – JUNE 6, 2021

Sun. May 30, 2021 — The Holy Trinity

Readings: Isaiah, 7:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

Prayer of the Day: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.



Mon — May 31	Numbers 9:15-23	Revelation 4:1-8	Psalm 20
Tue — June 1	Exodus 25:1-22	1 Corinthians 2:1-10	Psalm 20
Wed — June 2	Numbrs 6:22-27	Mark 4:21-25	Psalm 20
Thu — June 3	Isaiah 28:9-13	1 Peter 4:7-19	Psalm 130
Fri — June 4	Deuteronomy 1:34-40	2 Corinthians 5:1-5	Psalm 130
Sat — June 5	Genesis 2:4b-14	Luke 8:4-15	Psalm 130

Sunday, June 6 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 3:8-15, Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35

Prayer of the Day: All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.