

# SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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## Beginning October 3, 2021:

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

**MONDAY:** Office Hours 8am-Noon, 1-5pm\*  
9:00 am Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)  
10:00 am Chair Yoga (via Zoom)  
12:00 pm Bible Study (Conference Room)

**TUESDAY:** Office Hours 8am-Noon, 1-5pm\*  
6:30 pm Executive Committee (Conference Room)  
7:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting (Friendship Hall)  
7:00 pm Scout Troop #7419

**WEDNESDAY:** Office Hours 8am-Noon, 1-5pm\*  
1:30 pm Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
6:30 pm Al-Anon District Meeting (Friendship Hall)

**THURSDAY:** Office Hours 8am-Noon, 1-5pm\*  
6:30 pm Al-Anon Meeting (Friendship Hall)

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 9:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
10:30 am Adult Forum (Conference Room)

*\* Office Hours may change due to out-of-office meetings, errands, or illness. Please call to verify.*

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR VIEWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE:

- A live-stream of our worship service can be viewed on Sundays at 9:00 am on the congregation's YouTube Channel, accessible from the congregation's web-site, [www.sjlc-elca.org/worship-online/](http://www.sjlc-elca.org/worship-online/)
  - Video recordings of worship services are available for viewing at the congregation's web-site, [www.sjlc-elca.org](http://www.sjlc-elca.org)
  - The Sunday worship service is broadcast one week delayed 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:**

The Family of Bernice Stone, Russell, Bev, Annette U., Sandy S., Mavis C., Jared, Marlow J., Carl T., Karlene T., Howard C., Sherry, Sheila, Heidi P., Duane J., Kathy H., Penny J., Dale S., Caryl P., Maddie G., Ruth, Miles, Jada, Diana, Lori F., Janet J., Kim J., Bob, Drew, Jodi P., Ada B., Teri C., Jean T., Lorraine W., Virginia Z., Bill D., Rosann D., Jennifer M., all those effected by Covid-19, and healthcare workers.

**Please call the congregation office if you or family members are hospitalized. The hospitals cannot be relied on to inform us.**

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## **PANDEMIC PROTOCOLS**

*Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn. 13:34-35). And the Apostle*

*Paul reminds us that love "does not insist on its own way" (1 Cor. 13:5).*

There will be a change in our Sunday worship services beginning October 24, 2021. On the fourth Sunday of each month there will be no singing during our worship service. (There may be singing after service for special occasions, like the First Sunday of Christmas.) This is to accommodate those who have concerns about singing and the risk of Covid infection. It makes it possible for those who desire to worship without singing to come to receive Word and Sacrament on Sunday morning. We do things like get vaccinated, wear face coverings, maintain physical distance, and curtail our singing for the sake of one another. While these actions may be inconvenient or uncomfortable, we seek to live out our love for our neighbor, in faithful obedience to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Please know that the Congregation Council will continue to review our pandemic protocols regularly and adjust them as necessary. The following protocols continue at this time:

- \* Wearing a mask during worship is strongly recommended in order to continue singing.
- \* There are three tiers of seating safety: (1) The pews on the main floor of the nave maintain more than 5 feet of distance between family groups. (2) The back 2 rows of seating on each side (4 family groups) are marked and reserved for those wearing masks and needing more distance (greater than 6 feet) from others to feel safe. (3) Upstairs balcony seating (font side) is available for masked non-singers.
- \* Members are reminded to maintain some physical distance when visiting with one another, especially before and after worship service.



(From the Rock County Public Health Department)

## **ADULT FORUM, FALL 2021**

Pastor Bond will lead Adult Forum this fall on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:30 a.m. (Notice the “delayed” start time. Be patient, as the pastor must conclude some worship matters before class.) Our in-person location will be the Conference Room until we exceed a comfortable capacity. A Zoom option will be attempted, and information is below. Participants will be admitted, so please have your identifiable name available in your Zoom app.

Topic: Sunday Adult Forum    Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87847849773?pwd=L3VBdFMxTEE4Tmkyc0kxN2JubUpzZz09>

Meeting ID: 878 4784 9773    Passcode: 591341

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Or dial by your location    +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Building on discussions from last spring, we will be looking at issues of church in society, beginning with “race” and the church. The plan is for Adult Forum to be a book discussion, and participants should anticipate reading in advance, as the leader will not be preparing a lecture but leading a conversation. We will start off by (re-)examining the ELCA social statement: Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture. It is available for free to read online or download from this web-site:

[https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/race\\_ethnicity\\_culture\\_statement.pdf](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/race_ethnicity_culture_statement.pdf). If you would like a printed paper copy, please call the office during office hours and we can print one for you to pick up.



### **COVID VACCINE UPDATES**

Everyone 12 years of age and older is eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccination. To find a vaccine provider near you, visit <https://rockcountysot.com/locations/> OR the vaccine registry is available online and via telephone at 844-684-1064 (toll-free) between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. They can assist you with scheduling your first and second vaccine dose **and your booster dose**, and help you monitor for any symptoms after getting the vaccine. There is no cost to the patient for a vaccine. You should not receive a bill.

Even if you have a regular doctor or normally go to a specific clinic, you can go anywhere to get the vaccine, including pharmacies or vaccine clinics. If you need a ride to your COVID-19 vaccine appointment, call 211. By connecting to United Way's 211, you can get a free ride to your vaccine appointment, anywhere in Rock County. Just dial 211 from any phone to speak to someone who will schedule a free ride for you.

### **GET VACCINATED AT HOME!**

The Rock County Public Health Department is scheduling COVID-19 vaccine appointments in homes for those who are unable to travel to an appointment. Appointments are available for anyone in need who lives in the Janesville Fire and EMS service area. **Call 608-352-6727 to schedule.** Caregivers in your home are also eligible for this service. Be sure to schedule their appointments as well.

***SEE THE OCTOBER MESSENGER FOR MOST RECENT CDC RECOMMENDATIONS!***

**Sun. Oct. 3**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Lectionary 27)**

**Readings:** Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 8, Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12, mark 10:2-16

**Prayer of the Day:** Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



<b>Mon Oct 4</b>	Deuteronomy 22:13-20	1 Corinthians 7:1-9	Psalm 112
<b>Tue Oct 5</b>	Deuteronomy 24:1-5	1 Corinthians 7:10-17	Psalm 112
<b>Wed Oct 6</b>	Jeremiah 3:6-14	Matthew 5:27-36	Psalm 112
<b>Thu Oct 7</b>	Deuteronomy 5:1-21	Hebrews 3:7-19	Psalm 90:12-17
<b>Fri Oct. 8</b>	Deuteronomy 5:22-33	Hebrews 4:1-11	Psalm 90:12-17
<b>Sat. Oct. 9</b>	Amos 3:13-4:5	Matthew 15:1-9	Psalm 90:12-17

**Sun. Oct. 10**

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Lectionary 28)**

**Readings:** Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Psalm 90:12-17, Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.