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BEGINNING JANUARY 23, 2022

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

10:30 am Adult Forum - Chapter 8 (Conference Room)

Paper copies of the Annual Report are available this morning

in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one home!

MONDAY: 8am-noon, 1-5pm Office Hours*

9:00 am Staff Meeting

10:00 am Chair Yoga (via Zoom from Conference Room)

12:00 pm Bible Study (Conference Room)

TUESDAY: 8am-noon, 1-5pm Office Hours*

> 7:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting (Friendship Hall) 7:00 pm Scout Troop #7419 (Rm 113)

8am-noon, 1-5pm Office Hours* WEDNESDAY:

1:30 pm Worship Service (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY: 8am-noon, 1-5pm Office Hours*

> 6:30 pm Al-Anon Meeting (Friendship Hall) 7:00 pm Venture Crew #2419 (Rm 113)

SATURDAY: 12:00 pm ECHO Community Meal (Carry out only)

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

10:10 am Annual Meeting of the Congregation (Nave)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR VIEWING OUR 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/
- Video recordings of worship services are available for viewing at the congregation's website, www.silc-elca.org
- The Sunday worship service is broadcast one week delayed on JATV, cable channel 994, on Sunday at 9:00 a.m.



WE ARE PRAYING FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION:

Pat M., David VT, Kelly K., Jack A., Jon, Shelly, Ethan, Jared, Ada B., Butch, Donna R., Baby M., Jada, Lorraine W., Kay, Glen, Judy, Annette U., Judi M., Ronald L., Russell, Karliene T., Duane J., Ruth, Miles, Diana, Lori F., Janet J., Kim J., Bob, Drew, Jodi P., Teri C., 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.

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).



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.
- On the fourth Sunday of each month there will be no singing during our worship service. (There may be singing <u>after</u> 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.

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum will meet this morning! Join us again for conversation on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room or by Zoom (information below). Today's topic: Chapter 8 of our book, *Confronting Injustice without Compromising Truth: 12 Questions Christians should ask About Social Justice*, by Thaddeus J. Williams. We look forward to thoughtful and faithful discussions.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held **NEXT SUNDAY**, January 30, at 10:10 am. That morning's service will be a non-singing service due to the extended time we will be in the Nave. To attend the meeting, members of the congregation are asked to be seated in the Worship space, observing our usual spacing protocols. Paper copies of the



Annual Report will be handed out and the information will also be displayed on the projector screen in the Nave. Voting and participation for the annual meeting will be in-person. For those who would like to watch and hear the Annual Meeting, a Zoom link will be provided through the email next week to those who regularly receive our weekly materials. Please note, questions or comments will not be taken through Zoom. If those viewing online desired to ask a question, they should be in contact (by phone or text) with someone in attendance who would be recognized to ask a question in the meeting.

All confirmed members of the Congregation, who have communed and contributed in the previous two years, are eligible to vote for members of the Congregation Council. This vote will take place during the meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the St John Lutheran Church Foundation will immediately follow the meeting of the Congregation; please remain in your seats for this meeting, as well. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. We hope to see you there!

COVID VACCINE UPDATES

Everyone 5 years of age and older is eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccination. COVID-19 Vaccine booster shots are available for everyone who was previously vaccinated. Those who received the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccine should receive a booster at least 6 months after they completed their initial series. Those who received a J & J vaccine should receive a booster 2 months after they received their initial vaccine. Boosters are approved for anyone over the age of 18.

To find a vaccine provider near you, visit https://rockcountyshot.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 vaccines and boosters. There is no cost to the patient for a vaccine. Even if you have a regular doctor or a specific clinic, you can go anywhere to get the vaccine, including pharmacies or vaccine clinics. The Blackhawk Tech vaccine site has been moved to the old Job Center Building at 1900 Center Ave. and has booster shots available now. The Rock County Health Department has vaccines available at their Highway 51 location. If you need a ride to your COVID-19 vaccine appointment, call 211. You can get a free ride to your vaccine appointment, anywhere in Rock County.

GET VACCINATED AT HOME! The Rock County Public Health Department is scheduling in-home COVID-19 vaccine appointments for those who live in the Janesville Fire and EMS service area and are unable to travel to an appointment, as well as their caregivers. **Call 608-352-6727 to schedule for yourself and your caregiver.**

Readings for the Week of January 23, 2022 – January 30, 2022

Sun. Jan. 23 — Third Sunday after Epiphany - Lectionary 3

Readings

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

Prayer of the Day

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mon Jan. 24	Jeremiah 36:1-10	1 Corinthians 14:1-12	Psalm 119:90-96
Tue Jan. 25	Jeremiah 36:11-26	2 Corinthians 7:2-12	Psalm 119:89-96

Or

Tue, Jan. 25 — Conversion of Paul

Readings

Acts 9:1-22, Psalm 67, Galatians 1:11-24, Luke 21:10-19

Prayer of the Day

O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world. Grant that we may follow his example and be witnesses to the truth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Wed Jan. 26	Jeremiah 36:27-32	Luke 4:38-44	Psalm 119:89-96
Thurs Jan 27	2 Chronicles 34:1-7	Acts 10:44-48	Psalm 71:1-6
Fri Jan. 28	2 Chronicles 35:20-27	Acts 19:1-10	Psalm 71:1-6
Sat. Jan. 29	2 Chronicles 36:11-21	John 1:43-51	Psalm 71:1-6

Sun. Jan. 30 — Fourth Sunday after Epiphany - Lectionary 4

Readings

Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 4:21-30

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son,

Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.