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BEGINNING MARCH 20, 2022

THIS SUNDAY: **9:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)**
No Adult Forum today



MONDAY: **9:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive (Friendship Hall)**
Please donate blood if you can!
10:00 am Chair Yoga (via Zoom)
12:00 pm Bible Study (Conference Room)

TUESDAY: **11:30 am Red Cross Blood Drive (Friendship Hall)**
Please donate blood if you can!
7:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting (Friendship Hall)
7:00 pm Scout Troop #7419 (Rm 113)

WEDNESDAY: **1:30 pm Worship Service with Communion (Sanctuary)**
6:00 pm Ministry Outreach Meeting (Pastor's Office)
7:00 pm Lenten Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY: 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 due to Covid.)**

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



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 web-site, 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.

WE ARE PRAYING FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION:

Chris, Ruth B., Indie R., Ryan, Dennis, Blaine, Janet, Jason P., Judy B., Adam, Paul, Ron, David, Kirk, Mavis C., Hunter, Diane, Pat M., Kelly K., Jack A., Shelly, Butch, Jada, Lorraine W., Kay, Glen, Judy, Annette U., Judi M., Ronald L., Russell, Karlene T., Duane J., Ruth, Diana., 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 are in effect at this time:

- Wearing a mask during worship is optional at this time.
- There are three tiers of seating safety: (1) The pews on the main floor of the nave are open for family groups. Please consider your physical distance. (2) The back two 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. 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.
- The Wednesday Holy Communion Service is always a spoken service and safest.

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.



FIRESIDE TRIP 2022

This year's group trip to the Fireside will take place on September 27, 2022. The musical group featured this year is the Legacy Five (check the March Messenger for more details about the musicians and the trip). Tickets are limited and need to be purchased in advance. Each ticket includes the musical performance, a chicken and fish buffet, and the tip, for a total of \$43.00 per person. Please contact Diana Winger at 608-756-3748 if you are interested in attending. Tickets are limited and will sell out fast!

UPDATE: There are only nine tickets still available. Call today!

ADULT FORUM, LENTEN SEASON 2022

Join us for conversations on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room or by Zoom. We will be studying ELCA Social Statements and social issues from a Lutheran perspective during this series of classes. **No class today but class resumes next week!**

Zoom participants should have an identifiable name in your Zoom app and will be admitted.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87847849773?pwd=L3VBdFMxTEE4Tmkyc0kxN2JubUpzZz09>

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LENTEN SCHEDULE

Weekly Lenten Services will be held on every Wednesday during Lent.

There is a long tradition among Lutherans of dedicating more time for worship during Lent, usually by attendance at a mid-week worship service. Lenten Mid-week services will be offered at 1:30

and 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays, March 23, 30, and April 6. The 1:30 p.m. service will be our usual spoken Holy Communion. The 7:00 p.m. service will be based on Evening Prayer from the *Lutheran Book of Worship*. I anticipate some singing, perhaps a couple of songs, at this evening service, but you can be assured that there will be plenty of space to physically distance.

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 over the age of 12, who was previously vaccinated.

Boosters are approved for anyone over the age of 18.

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 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. **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 March 20, 2022 – March 27, 2022

Sun. March 20 – Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

Prayer of the Day: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Mon Mar 21	Jeremiah 11:1-17	Romans 2:1-11	Psalm 39
Tue Mar 22	Ezekiel 17:1-10	Romans 2:12-16	Psalm 39
Wed Mar 23	Numbers 13:17-27	Luke 13:18-21	Psalm 39
Thurs Mar 24	Joshua 4:1-13	2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5	Psalm 32

Friday, Mar 25 – Annunciation of Our Lord

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14, Psalm 45, Hebrews 10:4-10, Luke 1:26-38

Prayer of the Day: Pour your grace into our hearts, O God, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son, Jesus Christ, announced by an angel, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection, for he lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sat Mar 26	Exodus 32:7-14	Luke 15:1-10	Psalm 32
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Sun. March 27 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings: Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Prayer of the Day: God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.