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BEGINNING APRIL 3, 2022

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



MONDAY: 10:00 am Chair Yoga (via Zoom)
12:00 pm Bible Study (Conference Room)

TUESDAY: 6:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
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)**
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: **Spring Clean-up Day**

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



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER – updated times
Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2022 - Sanctuary at 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 15, 2022 - Sanctuary at 3:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022 - Sanctuary at 9:00 am

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:

Maxine A., Bill E., The Family of Asher, Ben C., Chris, Ruth B., Indie R., Ryan, Dennis, Blaine, Janet, Jason P., Judy B., Adam, Paul, Ron, David, Kirk, Mavis C., Diane, Pat M., Kelly K., Jack A., Shelly, 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 eight 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. **Class resumes this morning!**

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, April 6 and 13th. 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 April 3, 2022 – April 10, 2022

Sun. April 3 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

Prayer of the Day: Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Mon Apr 4	Exodus 40:1-15	Hebrews 10:19-25	Psalm 20
Tue Apr 5	Judges 9:7-15	1 John 2:18-28	Psalm 20
Wed Apr 6	Habakkuk 3:2-15	Luke 18:31-34	Psalm 20
Thurs Apr 7	Isaiah 53:10-12	Hebrews 2:1-9	Psalm 31:9-16
Friday Apr 8	Isaiah 54:9-10	Hebrews 2:10-18	Psalm 31:9-16
Sat Apr 9	Leviticus 23:1-8	Luke 22:1-13	Psalm 31:9-16

Sun. April 10 – Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Readings: Luke 19:28-40, Procession with Palms
Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:14-23:56

Prayer of the Day: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.