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BEGINNING MAY 22, 2022

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

MONDAY: 9:00 Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (via Zoom)
12:00 pm Bible Study (Conference Room)

TUESDAY: 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)**
6:30 pm **Ministry Outreach Meeting (Pastor's Office)**

THURSDAY: 6:30 pm Al-Anon Meeting (Friendship Hall)
7:00 pm Scouts – Venture Crew

SATURDAY: 12:00 pm **ECHO Community Meal (Friendship Hall)**
All meals are carry-out due to Covid protocols.

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

MONDAY: Memorial Day
Church Office closed
10:00 am Chair Yoga (Friendship Hall
and on-line)
No Bible Study today



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:

Alex, Chris, Bill E., Jean, Norman D., Matt, John, Ron, Penny, Donna R., Karliene T., Marlene W., Annie E., Craig, Maxine A., Ben C., Ruth B., Indie R., Ryan, Dennis and Janet, Jane and Blaine, Jane, Judy B., Adam, Paul, Ron, David, Diane, Kelly K., Jack, Shelly, Jada, Lorraine W., Kay, Glen, Judy, Judi M., Ronald L., Russell, Duane J., Ruth, Diana, Janet J., Kim J., Bob, Drew, Teri C., Virginia Z., Bill D., Rosann, 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.
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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.



To my friends at St John Lutheran Church,
Your card certainly brightened my day! Words fail trying to express how much your prayers and well wishes mean. Prayers and my surgeon and his team pulled me through. I am better every day – but slowly. I look forward to seeing you all soon. God bless! Donna Roehl

ADULT FORUM

Join us for conversation on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the Roehl Media Room or by Zoom. We will be studying ELCA Social Statements and social issues from a Lutheran perspective during this series of classes.

Class will meet today, on May 22nd.



CROP WALK 2022

Thank you for helping us to raise funds to help neighbors near and far get the meals they need for today and sustainable food security for tomorrow! Twenty-five percent of the funds raised stay to help with local hunger concerns through ECHO. The other seventy-five percent is used by Church World Service for global relief and

sustainable projects to help eliminate hunger. **To-date, Team St John Lutheran has raised over \$11,000.00 through cash donations, on-line gifts, and a grant from the St John Lutheran Foundation. And we are still accepting donations! To make a donation today, go to: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/st-john-lutheran-church> or write a check to "St John Lutheran Church" and write "CROP Walk" in the memo line. Thank you for your support of this vital ministry!**

THERE IS STILL TIME TO JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

Register today! What is important to you when you think about government? What about how the church and the state relate to each other?

A task force is at work on a new social statement about civics and faith, and it wants to hear from you. This social statement was requested by the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. A key piece of this process is hearing from ELCA members about their priorities and perspectives.

Social statements establish the basis for the ELCA's public voice and policy decisions. They also serve as a teaching tool to help people discern and discuss their views on an issue.

This month you can connect directly with the task force to let them know what's important to you! Join members of the ELCA social statement task force for an ELCA-wide virtual listening event. The event will introduce what social statements are and how they're developed. Then, participants will have a chance to share with task force members directly in breakout groups. **The main questions will be:**

What themes, ideas or topics do you think the task force needs to talk about or consider for the social statement?

What is important for the task force to consider in creating an effective social statement?

Register here for the Zoom meetings: <https://community.elca.org/online-registration/civics-and-faith-listening-event?erid=42b209cd-c00b-4d9c-9408-26e60e088561&trid=42b209cd-c00b-4d9c-9408-26e60e088561>

There are two opportunities to participate: Tuesday, May 24, 7-8:15 p.m. Central time or Wednesday, May 25, 7-8:15 p.m. Central time

To learn more about the social statement process, visit elca.org/civicsandfaith. For more on our preexisting social statements and study materials, including a new study guide on Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action, visit elca.org/socialstatements.

If you have any questions, email civicsandfaith@elca.org.

We hope to see you there!

The Rev. Roger A. Willer, PhD, Director for Theological Ethics

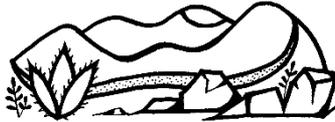
The Rev. Carmelo Santos, PhD, Director for Theological Diversity and Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Engagement

Readings for the Week of May 22, 2022 – May 29, 2022

Sun. May 22 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29

Prayer of the Day: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Mon May 23	1 Chronicles 12:16-22	Revelation 21:5-14	Psalm 93
Tues May 24	2 Chronicles 15:1-15	Revelation 21:15-22	Psalm 93
Wed May 25	2 Chronicles 34:20-33	Luke 2:25-38	Psalm 93

Thurs. May 26 – Ascension of Our Lord

Readings: Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Fri May 27	Exodus 33:12-17	Revelation 22:6-9	Psalm 97
Sat May 28	Exodus 33:18-23	John 1:14-18	Psalm 97

Sun. May 29 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26

Prayer of the Day: O God, form the minds of your faithful people in to your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.