

# SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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## THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18 – SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

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

**MONDAY:** 12:00 pm Bible Study today  
10:00 am Chair Yoga (Friendship Hall and on-line)

**TUESDAY:** 12:30 pm Quilters Meeting (Friendship Hall)  
7:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting (Friendship Hall)  
7:00 pm Scout Troop #7419 (Rm 113)

**WEDNESDAY:** 9:00 am Yin Yoga (Friendship Hall and on-line)  
11:00 am **Worship Service (Sanctuary)**  
6:30 pm Al-Anon District Meeting (Friendship Hall)

**THURSDAY:** 6:30 pm Al-Anon Meeting (Friendship Hall)

**SATURDAY:** 10:00 am Special Olympics practice (North Garden)  
12:00 pm ECHO Community Meal (Friendship Hall)  
Carry out only due to Covid protocols.

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

## 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/](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.

## **WE ARE PRAYING FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

Bob G., Dolores S., Nadine J., Keith M., Dave H., Mary P., Connie O., Leonard, Dennis, Ron, Gloria W., Robert B., Gary H., Eugene E., Bill E., Karlene T., Jean T., Alex, Chris, Norman D., Matt, John, Penny J., Annie E., Ruth B., Indie R., Ryan, Dennis, Janet, Blaine, Jane, Kelly K., Shelly V., Jada U., Judi M.

***☎ 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**

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 from others to feel safe. (3) Upstairs balcony seating (front 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.
- The Wednesday Holy Communion Service is always a spoken service and is the 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.

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## **MID-WEEK WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**

**Mid-week Worship will continue to be held on Wednesdays but we have moved the service up to 11:00 am.** Just a reminder that in addition to our usual precautions, the Wednesday Holy Communion Service is always a spoken service and is the safest for those with health concerns. We look forward to seeing you in the Sanctuary this summer!

## **ECHO MEAL!**

The monthly ECHO Community Meal is this coming Saturday, September 24, 2022. NEXT month, on October 29, 2022 will be our congregation's annual turn to host the meal. Please watch the Yellow Page and Messenger for details about how you can help with this important service to our community!





### **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS**

The in-gathering of LWR quilts took place this weekend at the railyard in Madison, Wisconsin. Our hard-working quilters worked diligently all year to make sure we had as many quilts as possible to send for our brothers and sisters all around the world. (Final count of quilts came in after printing of the Yellow Page. We'll know next week!)

If you'd like to help with this on-going project, monetary donations will help us to cover the cost of shipping the quilts (\$2.25 each this year) and purchasing fabric to make more quilts for next year. Make checks payable to "St John Lutheran Church" and write "Quilts" in the memo line. Additional quilters and quilters' apprentices are always welcome too! We meet this week at 12:30 pm on Tuesday in Friendship Hall; come and join us! Thank you to everyone who helped to make this project possible!

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Faith Literacy and the YWCA are working to offer English and Citizenship classes in Janesville. We are looking for people who are willing to work with adults interested in learning/improving English skills and/or prepare for the citizenship interview process.

English classes are planned for Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11 at the Janesville Community Center and for Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 at St. John Lutheran Church, starting mid-September. The current plan is for these classes to run year around.

Citizenship classes are planned for Tues and Thurs mornings from 9 to 12 at the Hedberg Library and on Mon and Tues evenings from 5:30 to 8:30 at Faith Lutheran Church. These classes will start in Nov. and finish in March.

All classes will take a three week break for Christmas and New Year's. Other possible holiday breaks such as for Thanksgiving and Spring Break can be decided by the volunteers and students.

Curriculum/books are in place for Citizenship classes, and English curriculum will be obtained. Training for volunteers who desire it will be available.

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Barb Becker: 308-381-0192 or [bsbgine@hotmail.com](mailto:bsbgine@hotmail.com) or Kathy Holcombe at 608-752-8117 or [kholcombe8117@charter.net](mailto:kholcombe8117@charter.net).



### **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PROJECTS FOR 2022**

This year the Mission OutReach team of St John Lutheran Church would like to invite you to participate as you are able in gathering materials for LWR kits. Our focus during the summer months has been Personal Care Kits. We want to thank everyone who contributed so generously to these kits. All of the materials have been donated and are being assembled now! Thank you for your kindness and your generosity to our neighbors in

all parts of the earth.

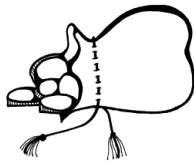
Our next project is to collect materials for Baby Care kits. Please see the enclosed flyer for details of what is needed. Your kindness makes a difference!

***Readings for the Week of September 18 - September 25, 2022***

**Sun. September 18 — Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Readings: Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13

Prayer of the Day: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



<b>Mon. Sep 19</b>	Proverbs 14:12-31	Acts 4:1-12	Psalm 12
<b>Tue. Sep 20</b>	Proverbs 17:1-5	1 Corinthians 9:19-23	Psalm 12

**Wed. Sep 21 – Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

Readings: Ezekiel 2:8-3:11, Psalm 119:33-40, Ephesians 2:4-10, Matthew 9:9-13

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, your Son our Savior called a despised tax collector to become one of his apostles. Help us, like Matthew, to respond to the transforming call of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

<b>Thu Sep 22</b>	Proverbs 22:2-16	2 Corinthians 8:8-15	Psalm 146
<b>Fri Sep 23</b>	Proverbs 28:3-10	Ephesians 2:1-10	Psalm 146
<b>Sat. Sep 24</b>	Proverbs 28:11-28	Luke 9:43b-48	Psalm 146

**Sun. September 25 — Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Readings: Amos 6:1a, 4-7, Psalm 146, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

Prayer of the Day: O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.