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THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25 – OCTOBER 2, 2022

SUNDAY: 9:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:15 am Fellowship in Friendship Hall

MONDAY: 12:00 pm Bible Study (Conference Room)

10:00 am Chair Yoga (Friendship Hall and on-line)

TUESDAY: 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)

6:00 pm ESL Classes (Room 303)

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

6:00 pm ESL Classes (Room 303)

SATURDAY: 10:00 am Special Olympics (North Garden)

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

10:15 am Fellowship in Friendship Hall

JOIN US FOR A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR FELLOWSHIP!

It was so good to see everyone last Sunday that we decided to make it a habit! Every Sunday right after Worship, please join us for an informal gathering with snacks and beverages in Friendship Hall. On the first Sunday of the month, we'll honor those with birthdays that month and on the third Sunday of the month, we'll honor those with wedding anniversaries that month. Happy news is good news! Hope to see you there!

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, <u>www.sjlc-</u> elca.org/worship-online/
- Video recordings of worship services are available for viewing at the congregation's website, 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:

The Family of Ronald Brown, Fran B., Bob G., Dolores S., Nadine J., Keith M., Dave H., Mary P., Connie O., Leonard, Dennis, Gloria W., Robert B., Gary H., Eugene E., Bill E., Karliene 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.

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 (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.
- 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.



MID-WEEK WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Mid-week Worship will continue to be held on Wednesdays at 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!

Our congregation extends their sympathy and prayers to the family of Ronald I. Brown, brother of Diana Winger, who died on September 14, 2022. Services for Ron were held at the Gunderson Oregon Funeral Home on September 23, 2022. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.





LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS

The in-gathering of LWR quilts took place last 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. The final count of quilts came in 91 quilts for LWR, 4 quilts for the Lutherdale auction, and more than a

dozen quilts distributed to local providers of assistance in Janesville. We are so impressed with the dedication and hard work of our quilters. Thank you so much, ladies! A total of \$205.00 was donated to cover the shipping for all of the LWR quilts! If you'd like to learn to quilt from the best, additional quilters and quilters' apprentices are always welcome too! We meet each month at 12:30 pm on the third Tuesday of the month 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. St John Lutheran Church is participating by providing classrooms and volunteers to teach. Our Foundation provided a grant to purchase student and teacher textbooks. The program is 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 8pm at St. John Lutheran Church, starting in mid-September. The current plan is for these classes to run year around. Citizenship classes are planned for Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 to 12 at the Hedberg Library and on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30 at Faith Lutheran Church. These classes will start in November and finish in March. Curriculum/books are in place for all classes. Training for volunteers who desire it will be available. 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.

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Barb Becker: 308-381-0192 or bsbgine@hotmail.com or Kathy Holcombe at 608-752-8117 or 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 from now until the end of December. Please see the display in the Narthex and the enclosed flyer for details of what is needed. Your kindness makes a difference!

Readings for the Week of September 25 – October 2, 2022

Sun. September 25 — Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

Mon. Sep 26	Amos 6:8-14	Revelation 3:14-22	Psalm 62
Tue. Sep 27	Hosea 10:9-15	James 5:1-6	Psalm 62
Wed. Sep 28	Hosea 12:2-14	Matthew 19:16-22	Psalm 62

Thu Sep 29 - Michael and All Angels

<u>Readings:</u> Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3, Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22, Revelation 12:7-12, Luke 10:17-20

<u>Prayer of the Day:</u> Everlasting God, you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as Michael and the angels contend against the cosmic forces of evil, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God whom we worship and praise with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, now and forever.

Fri Sep 23	2 Kings 19:8-20, 35- 37	Revelation 2:12-29	Psalm 37:1-9
Sat. Sep 24	Isaiah 7:1-9	Matthew 20:29-34	Psalm 37:1-9

Sun. October 2 — Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

<u>Readings</u>: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, Psalm 37:1-9, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

<u>Prayer of the Day</u>: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.