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THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4 – DECEMBER 11, 2022

SUNDAY: 9:00 am **Worship Service (Sanctuary)**
10:15 am **Fellowship – Staff Appreciation Day (Friendship Hall)**

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

TUESDAY: 6:30 pm Executive Committee (Conference Room)
7:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting (Friendship Hall)
7:00 pm Scout Troop #7419 (Room 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: 6:00 pm ESL Classes (Room 303)
6:30 pm Al-Anon Meeting (Friendship Hall)
7:00 pm Venture Crew (Room 113)

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 am **Worship Service (Sanctuary)**
10:15 am **Fellowship in Friendship Hall**
10:30 am **Book Study – Hallelujah (Roehl Media Room)**

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.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHORDHAWKS

A free concert will be offered by the Chordhawks as their Christmas gift to the community. Please join them at Trinity Episcopal Church, 409 E Court St, Janesville, on December 9 at 7:00 pm or December 10 at 1:30 pm. A freewill offering will be taken during the performance to benefit youth scholarships. For more information and free livestream link see: www.badgerchordhawks.com

WE ARE PRAYING FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION:

Spider C., Jean T., Terri S., Patty V., Les M., Fran B., Bob G., Dolores S., Nadine J., Keith M., Dave H., Mary P., Connie O., Leonard, Dennis, Gloria W., Robert B., Gary H., Bill E., Karlilene T., Alex, Chris, Norman D., Matt, John, Penny J., 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.

JOIN US EACH WEEK FOR A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR FELLOWSHIP!

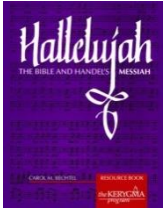
It was so good to see everyone at our resumed gathering this fall that we decided to make it a habit! Every Sunday right after Worship, please join us for an informal gathering with snacks and beverages in Friendship Hall. On the first Sunday of the month we'll honor those with birthdays that month and 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!



Today, we will be having a potluck to express our appreciation for our Congregation's Staff! Please come down and join us!

JANESVILLE CHORAL UNION PRESENTS "ELIJAH"

The Janesville Choral Union will present "Elijah" an Oratorio by Felix Mendelssohn on Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 2:00 pm at Cargill Methodist Church, 2000 Wesley Ave, Janesville. Four soloists will be featured. Tickets are \$15 at the door. For more information see: www.ChoralUnionJanesville.com.



A NEW BOOK STUDY! SIGN UP TODAY!

Join us in the Roehl Media Room (at the North end of Friendship Hall) for a new book study beginning next Sunday on December 11, 2022. We will be studying the book, *Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's Messiah*. The first four sessions of this course deal with texts associated the Nativity, and the final six sessions look to Easter themes. We will return to the later sessions during Lent, but for now our plan is:

December 11, 2022	Session 1: Comfort, Comfort My People
December 18, 2022	Session 2: Who May Abide the Day of His Comin?
January 1, 2023	Session 3: For unto Us a Child Is Born
January 8, 2023	Session 4: Glory to God in the Highest

The Resource Books for participants have been ordered. Check with Pastor Bond after Worship to pick up your copy. We look forward to seeing you in class.

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 current project is to collect materials for Baby Care kits from now until the end of December. Currently, the Mission Outreach Group needs: 25 more cotton t-shirts (not onsies), one sweater, and three baby caps. Please see the list in the Narthex or the November Messenger for more details about the types of items that are still needed. Thank you to everyone who has responded so generously already! Your kindness makes a difference!



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

St John Lutheran Church hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive on November 28 and 29, 2022. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated to give the gift of

life to another! Your generosity makes a critical difference! More information about donating blood is available at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/faq.html>

GIVING TREE 2022

The Giving Tree is right here in the Narthex as usual, complete with envelopes. Choose the organization that you would like to support, take an envelope from the tree, mark the envelope to designate your gift, insert cash or a check into the envelope (make checks out to "St John Lutheran Church, and write the name of the organization in the memo line), and drop the envelope into the collection plate or bring it to the church office. Thank you for your generosity!



Readings for the Week of December 4 – December 11, 2022

Sun. December 4 — Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

Prayer of the Day: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Mon. Dec 5	Isaiah 24:1-16a	Thessalonians 4:1-12	Psalm 21
Tues Dec 6	Isaiah 41:14-20	Romans 15:14-21	Psalm 21
Wed. Dec 7	Genesis 15:1-18	Matthew 12:33-37	Psalm 21
Thur. Dec 8	Ruth 1:6-18	2 Peter 3:1-10	Psalm 146:5-10
Fri. Dec 9	Ruth 4:13-17	2 Peter 3:11-18	Psalm 146:5-10
Sat. Dec 10	1 Samuel 2:1-8	Luke 3:1-18	Psalm 146:5-10

Sun. December 11 — Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5j-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

Prayer of the Day: Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and forever.