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THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11 – DECEMBER 18, 2022

SUNDAY: **9:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)**
 10:15 am Fellowship - Staff Appreciation Day (Friendship Hall)
 10:30 am Fall Book Study (Roehl Media Room)

MONDAY: **12:00 pm Bible Study (Friendship Hall)**
 10:00 am Chair Yoga (Narthex and on-line)
 5:30 pm Foundation Meeting (Conference Room)

TUESDAY: 2:30 pm Prayer Shawl Meeting (Conference Room)
 6:30 pm Congregational Council Meeting (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)
 6:30 pm Al-Anon District Meeting (Friendship Hall)

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.

WE ARE PRAYING FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION:

Kathy H., Pastor B., Pat M., 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., Karliene 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.

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!



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2022 CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022

Candlelight and Communion Service

4:00 pm or 7:00 pm
In the Sanctuary

Christmas Day

December 25, 2022

Communion Service

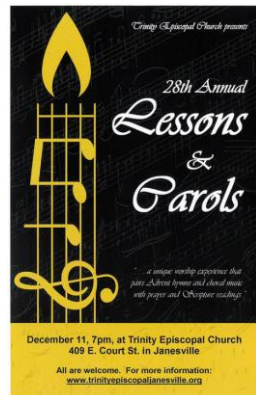
9:00 am in the Sanctuary

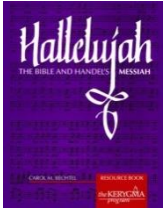
28TH ANNUAL LESSONS AND CAROLS

Trinity Episcopal presents their 28th Annual "Lessons and Carols", a unique worship experience that pairs Advent hymns and choral music with prayer and Scripture readings.

Only one opportunity to attend, tonight, December 11th, at 7:00 pm at Trinity Episcopal, 409 E Court St, Janesville, Wisconsin.

All are welcome!





A NEW BOOK STUDY STARTS TODAY!

Join us in the Roehl Media Room (at the North end of Friendship Hall) for a new book study beginning TODAY, 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:

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| 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 arrived. 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: 14 more cotton t-shirts, long or short sleeves (not onsies), 7 sweaters or jackets with hoods or caps, and 14 receiving blankets. Please see the list in the Narthex or the November Messenger for more details about the types and sizes of items that are still needed. Thank you to everyone who has responded so generously already! Your kindness makes a difference!



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!

ECHO TOY DRIVE

In years past, St John Lutheran Church has hosted the ECHO Toy Drive in our building. Volunteers filled the building amid much sorting and hurrying and by the time the adults came to choose toys for the children, Friendship Hall looked like Santa's workshop. This year, things will be a little different. With an awareness of keeping everyone safe during the current health concerns, the procedures will be as follows: Parents will sign up their family in advance and gift cards to Farm and Fleet and Target will be given out from the ECHO Office so that parents can choose gifts for their children. **But ECHO still really needs our support. If you would like to contribute to help provide toys for children, please make your check out to "St John Lutheran Church" and write "ECHO Christmas Toys" in the memo line. We will combine all of our gifts and get them to ECHO in time to provide gifts for the children.** Thank you for your kindness to the children!



Readings for the Week of December 11 – December 18, 2022

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.



Mon. Dec 12	Isaiah 29:17-24	Acts 5:12-16	Psalm 42
Tues Dec 13	Ezekiel 46:1-12	Jude 17-25	Psalm 42
Wed. Dec 14	Zechariah 8:1-17	Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34	Psalm 42
Thur. Dec 15	2 Samuel 7:1-17	Galatians 3:23-29	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Fri. Dec 16	2 Samuel 7:18-22	Galatians 4:1-7	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Sat. Dec 17	2 Samuel 7:23-29	John 3:31-36	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Sun. December 18 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25

Prayer of the Day: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.