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THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18 - DECEMBER 25, 2022

SUNDAY: 9:00 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:15 am Fellowship in Friendship Hall

10:30 am Book Study – Hallelujah (Roehl Media Room)

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

12:00 pm Bible Study (Friendship Hall)

TUESDAY: No Quilters Meeting today

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)

No ESL Classes today

THURSDAY: Church Office closed today

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

SATURDAY: Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Candlelight and Communion Worship (Sanctuary) 7:00 pm Candlelight and Communion Worship (Sanctuary)

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

Blessed Christmas to All!

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, <u>www.sjlc-elca.org</u> 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:

Bonnie S., 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!





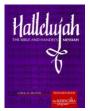
ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH 2022 CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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



NEW BOOK STUDY CONTINUES TODAY!

Join us in the Roehl Media Room (at the North end of Friendship Hall) for our book study today, December 18, 2022. We are 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 18, 2022 Session 2: Who May Abide the Day of His Coming?

January 1, 2023 Session 3: For unto Us a Child Is Born January 8, 2023 Session 4: Glory to God in the Highest

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. <u>Currently, the Mission Outreach Group needs: 14 more cotton t-shirts, long</u>



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!



JUST A REMINDER: Any contributions that you wish to have recorded on your contribution statement for 2022 MUST be in the church office on or before noon on December 28, 2022. The office will close at noon on December 28th. Any contributions received after 12:00 p.m. on the 28th will be credited to your 2023 statement of contributions. Thank you for your on-going support and generosity!

Readings for the Week of December 18 - December 25, 2022

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

<u>Prayer of the Day</u>: 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.



Mon. Dec 19	Genesis 17:15-22	Galatians 4:8-20	1Samuel 2:1-10
Tues Dec 20	Genesis 21:1-21	Galatians 5:1	1Samuel 2:1-10
Wed. Dec 21	Genesis 37:2-11	Matthew 1:1-17	1Samuel 2:1-10
Thur. Dec 22	Isaiah 33:17-22	Revelation 22:6-7, 18- 20	Luke 1:46b-5546b-55
Fri. Dec 23	2 Samuel 7:18, 23- 29	Galatians 3:6-14	Luke 1:46b-5546b-55

Sat. December 24 – Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Eve

Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14

<u>Prayer of the Day</u>: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that her on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the rightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sun. December 25 — Nativity of our Lord, Christmas Day

Readings: Isaiah 62:6-12, Psalm 97, Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2: (1-7) 8-20

<u>Prayer of the Day</u>: All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.