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THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022 – JANUARY 1, 2023:

SUNDAY: 9:00 am Christmas Day Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Blessed Christmas to All!

MONDAY: 10:00 am Chair Yoga (Friendship Hall and on-line)
No Bible Study today

TUESDAY: 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
No ESL Classes today
6:30 pm Al-Anon Meeting (Friendship Hall)

SATURDAY: 12:00 pm ECHO Community Meal (Friendship Hall)
(Carryout only due to Covid protocols.)

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 am New Year's Day Worship Service (Sanctuary)
New Year's Blessings to one and 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, 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:

Jean S., Connie O., Bonnie S., Kathy H., Pastor B., Pat M., Jean T., Terri S., Patty V., Les M., Fran B., Bob G., Dolores S., Nadine J., Dave H., Mary P., Connie O., Leonard, Dennis, Gloria W., Robert B., Gary H., Bill E., Karlene 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!



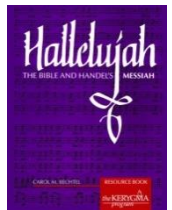
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2023 NEW YEAR SERVICES

New Year's Day
January 1, 2023

Communion Service
9:00 am in the Sanctuary

NEW BOOK STUDY CONTINUES!

Join us in the Roehl Media Room (at the North end of Friendship Hall) for our book study. 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:



January 8, 2023 Session 3: For unto Us a Child Is Born
Date to be announced 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. Please see the list in the Narthex for more details about the types and sizes of items that are still needed. On January 22, we will assemble the kits. Please plan to help if you can! Thank you to everyone who has responded so generously already! Your kindness makes a difference!



GIVING TREE 2022

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to our Giving Tree projects. Gifts were received for ECHO, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran World Relief, ELCA Disaster Relief, the GIFTS Men's Shelter, the YWCA Women's Shelter and Immigrant Support, the 16:49 Project for homeless teens, the Salvation Army, Lutheran Social Services, and the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Your kindness will be felt in our own community and in communities all around the world in this coming New Year!

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 be closed on December 29th and 30th. 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!



*The Pastor and Staff of St John Lutheran Church
pray that every one of you will know the
true peace and joy of this holy Christmas season
and experience the fullness of God's blessings in the New Year.*

Pastor Bond Haldeman

Pastor Dave Nelsestuen

Jennifer Hein

Judi Magnus

Les Meehan

Pat Meehan

Londa Rusch

Melissa Van Tassell

Ellen Westlund



Readings for the Week of December 25 – January 1, 2022

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

Prayer of the Day: 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.

Mon. Dec 26 Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

Readings: 2 Chronicles 24:17-22, Psalm 17:1-9, 15, Acts 6:8-7:2a, 51-60, Matthew 23:34-39

Prayer of the Day: We give you thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of Stephen the first martyr, who looked to heaven and prayed for his persecutors. Grant that we also may pray for our enemies and seek forgiveness for those who hurt us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Tues Dec 27 – John, Apostle and Evangelist

Readings: Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31, Psalm 115:12-19, 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 21:20-25

Prayer of the Day: Merciful God, through John the apostle and evangelist you have revealed the mysteries of your Word made flesh. Let the brightness of your light shine on your church, so that all your people, instructed in the holy gospel, may walk in the light of your truth and attain eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Wed. Dec 28 – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Readings: Jeremiah 31:15-17, Psalm 124, 1 Peter 4:12-19, Matthew 2:18-18

Prayer of the Day: We remember today, O God, the slaughter of the innocent children of Bethlehem by order of King Herod. Receive into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims. By your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Thur. Dec 29	Jeremiah 31:15-22	Luke 19:41-44	Psalm 20
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Fri. Dec 30	Isaiah 26:1-9	2 Corinthians 4:16-18	Psalm 20
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Sat. December 31 – New Year's Eve

Readings: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13, Psalm 8, Revelation 21:1-6a, Matthew 25:31-46

Prayer of the Day: Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever – the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sun. January 1, 2023 — Name of Jesus

Readings: Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 8, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:15-21

Prayer of the Day: Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.