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THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26 – DECEMBER 3, 2023:

SUNDAY: 9:00 am Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:15 am Fellowship – (Friendship Hall)

MONDAY: 9:00 am Staff Meeting (Office)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (Friendship Hall and on-line)
12:00 pm Bible Study (Conference Room)

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)
11:45 am Fellowship (Narthex)

THURSDAY: 9:00 am Pastors Pericope Study (Conference Room)
6:30 pm Al-Anon Meeting (Friendship Hall)

SATURDAY: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Hanging of the Greens
(Meet in the Narthex.)



NEXT SUNDAY: First Sunday of Advent
9:00 am Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:15 am Fellowship – (Friendship Hall)

REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

- Sundays, 9:00 a.m., Holy Communion, in the Sanctuary
- Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m., Holy Communion (recited, no singing), in the Sanctuary

PRAY FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION:

The Family of Karolyn Upham, Georgia J., Tom W., Jim L., Olaf H., Patricia V., Shawn, Boyd C., Wanda Z., Dave K., Jerry R., Buck W., Bob W., Billie B., Chris D., Sarah J., Susan H., Roy P., Jennifer H., Trudy, Carl L., Patty M., Terri S., Cindy G., Lori B., Fran B., Bill E., Penny J., Dennis, Blaine, Judi M.

☎ Please call the congregation office if you or family members are hospitalized. The hospitals cannot be relied on to inform us.

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.



Our congregation extends their sympathy and prayers to the family of Karolyn Upham, who died on November 17, 2023. Services for Karolyn will be held at Apfel-Wolfe Funeral Home at 1:30 pm on December 2, 2023. Visitation will be at Apfel-Wolfe Funeral Home from 12:00 pm until time of service. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Come and join us for an hour, or the whole morning, on December 2, 2023 from 8:00 am – noon in the Sanctuary. We need helpers who can carry boxes and trees down from upstairs, and helpers who can hang up wreaths, set up the crèche, decorate the trees, and the Worship space, and say “move that one a little higher up”. We’ll have cookies and fellowship after the work is done.

Everyone is welcome!





SKAALEN HOME CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Skaalen Nursing and Rehab Center is again asking for our help to provide Christmas gifts for their residents. **Gifts should be in the \$6 - \$10 range and they ask that we do not wrap them (but in a gift bag is acceptable).** This helps them to know what gift is enclosed so that they can give it to a resident that it would be beneficial for. **They are hoping that our congregation can provide gifts for 2 men and 3 women.** Cash, for the center's staff to use for shopping for residents, is also appreciated. Generous members of our congregation have donated several items and one member has volunteered to deliver our gifts to Skaalen on December 1, 2023.

Can you help provide a gift too?

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Men

Colored pocket t-shirts
Baseball caps
Watches
Cologne

Women

New jewelry (necklaces, pins, earring)
Hair clips/ponytail holders
Body spray
Fuzzy socks with grippers

Both Men and Women

Professional/collegiate items (posters, pens, etc.)
Window décor
Wall décor
Dresser décor (no candles)
Coloring pages with crayons, markers, colored pencils
Music CD's
Soft chocolates (regular and sugar free)
T-shirts of sports teams
Lightweight blankets (fleece, quilt, etc)
Brush, comb, Picks
Dove Body Wash
Clothing items should be Large to 2XL



WREATHS FOR CHRISTMAS

Our congregation is using evergreen wreaths as part of our decorations for our sanctuary this year. The wreaths are being purchased from the Scouts and are \$36.00 each. Can you help to cover the cost for these wreaths? There are donation envelopes on the counter in the Narthex; just take one, insert a check (labeled "wreath" in the memo line) or cash, and drop it in the collection plate or at the office. Several individuals or families are welcome to contribute together. If you don't have one of these special envelopes, just write in the memo line or enclose a note with your gift. Thank you for helping us to prepare for Christmas!

Sunday Nov 26 – Christ the King Sunday

Readings:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 95:1-7a, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

Prayer of the Day

O God, of power and might, your son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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| Mon – Nov 27 | Esther 2:1-18 | 2 Timothy 2:8-13 | Psalm 7 |
| Tue – Nov 28 | Esther 8:3-17 | Revelation 19:1-9 | Psalm 7 |
| Wed – Nov 29 | Ezekiel 33:7-20 | John 5:19-40 | Psalm 7 |

Thursday – Nov 30 – Andrew, Apostle

Readings:

Ezekiel 3:16-21, Psalm 19:1-6, Romans 10:10-18, John 1:35-42

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, you gave your apostle Andrew the grace to obey the call of your Son and to bring his brother to Jesus. Give us also, who are called by your holy word, grace to follow Jesus without delay and to bring into his presence those who are near to us, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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| Fri – Dec 1 | Zechariah 14:1-9 | 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18 | Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 |
| Sat – Dec 2 | Micah 2:1-13 | Matthew 24:15-31 | Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 |

Sunday December 3 – First Sunday of Advent

Readings:

Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection waken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.