

# SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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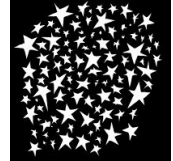


## THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3-10, 2023:

### **SUNDAY: First Sunday of Advent**

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:**

6:30 pm Executive Committee 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)

11:45 am Fellowship (Narthex)

### **THURSDAY:**

9:00 am Pastors Pericope Study (Conference Room)

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

7:00 pm Venture Crew #2419 (Room 113)

### **SATURDAY:**

5-9 pm Scouts' Christmas Gathering (Kitchen, Friendship Hall)

### **NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday of Advent**

9:00 am Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:15 am Fellowship – (Friendship Hall)

## USUAL REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

- 8:00 am-Noon, 1:00 -5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday

## 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:**

Family of Georgia Johnson, Family of Karolyn Upham, Tom W., Jim L., Olaf H., Patricia V., Shawn, Boyd C., Dave K., Buck W., Bob W., Billie B., Chris D., Susan H., Roy P., Jennifer H., Trudy, Carl L., Patty M., Terri S., Lori 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.***

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**Our congregation extends their sympathy and prayers to the family of Georgia Johnson**, who died on November 21, 2023. Services for Georgia will be held at Albrecht Funeral Homes, Milton, at 3:00 pm on December 9, 2023. A memorial celebration will be at the funeral home from 1:00 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.



**OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Offering envelopes for 2024 are here! We are asking that you pick up your envelopes when you are here for worship, instead of having them mailed. Boxed sets of envelopes for the entire year are provided for each household. The boxes are in the Narthex. If you do not see a set of envelopes with your name, please call the church office at 608-752-3159. We have extra sets in the office and will be happy to prepare a box of envelopes for you. We also want to correct the database if there are errors. Thank you for your help.



**HANGING OF THE GREENS**

Thank you to all those who participated in this year's hanging of the greens and Christmas decorating. We will extend our Christmas adornments one day past the Epiphany of our Lord. De-decorating will take place following worship service on January 7, 2024. Because many hands make light work, we hope you can join us for a few minutes that day.

## **CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES**

- 9:00am, Sunday, December 24, 2023 – **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent** – Holy Communion.
- 4:00pm, Sunday, December 24, 2023 – **Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Eve** – Carols, Candlelight, and Holy Communion.
- 7:00pm, Sunday, December 24, 2023 – **Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Eve** – Carols, Candlelight, and Holy Communion.
- No worship service Monday, December 25, 2023.
- 11:00am, Wednesday, December 27, 2023 – **St. John, Apostle and Evangelist** – Holy Communion.
- 9:00am, Sunday, December 31, 2023 – **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas** – Holy Communion.

## **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!



## **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/](http://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](http://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.

## Sunday Dec. 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.

<b>Mon – Dec. 4</b>	Micah 4:1-5	Revelation 15:1	Psalm 79
<b>Tue – Dec. 5</b>	Micah 4:6-13	Revelation 18:1-10	Psalm 79
<b>Wed – Dec. 6</b>	Micah 5:1-5a	Luke 21:34-38	Psalm 79
<b>Thu – Dec. 7</b>	Hosea 6:1-6	1 Thessalonians 1:2-10	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
<b>Fri – Dec 8</b>	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Acts 11:19-26	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
<b>Sat – Dec 9</b>	Ezekiel 36:24-28	Mark 11:27-33	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

## Sunday Dec. 10 — Second Sunday of Advent

### Readings

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1-8

### Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

