

# SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10 - 17, 2023:

### **SUNDAY: Second 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:**

2:30 pm Prayer Shawl Meeting (Conference Room)

6:30 pm 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)

11:45 am Fellowship (Narthex)

6:00 pm Ministry Outreach Meeting (Conference Room)

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

### **THURSDAY:**

9:00 am Pastors Pericope Study (Conference Room)

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

### **NEXT SUNDAY: Third 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, Rachel D., Terrin, Kealy, 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., Lori B., Bill E., Penny J., Dennis, Blaine, Judi M., and all of our brothers and sisters in need of prayer.

 **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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## 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.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross Blood Drive which was scheduled to be here at St John Lutheran Church on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> will be held at Faith Lutheran Church, Janesville at the same dates and times. The coordinator publicized the wrong church name on the Red Cross site where appointments are scheduled, so the staff at Faith Lutheran has kindly rearranged their facility schedule because of the short notice and the difficulty of rescheduling all of the donors. The Red Cross will be back in our building for additional blood drives in 2024. Thank you for your patience and special thanks to everyone who has signed up to donate blood!



# Merry CHRISTMAS



## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

- 9:00 am, Sunday, December 24, 2023 – **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent** – Holy Communion.
- 4:00 pm, Sunday, December 24, 2023 – **Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Eve** – Carols, Candlelight, and Holy Communion.
- 7:00 pm, Sunday, December 24, 2023 – **Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Eve** – Carols, Candlelight, and Holy Communion.
- No worship service Monday, December 25, 2023.
- 11:00 am, Wednesday, December 27, 2023 – **St. John, Apostle and Evangelist** – Holy Communion.
- 9:00 am, 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. 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 the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one god now and forever.

<b>Mon – Dec. 11</b>	Isaiah 26:7-15	Acts 2:37-42	Psalm 27
<b>Tue – Dec. 12</b>	Isaiah 4:2-6	Acts 11:1-8	Psalm 27
<b>Wed – Dec. 13</b>	Malachi 2:10-3:1	Luke 1:5-17	Psalm 27
<b>Thu – Dec. 14</b>	Habakkuk 2:1-5	Philippians 3:7-11	Psalm 126
<b>Fri – Dec 15</b>	Habakkuk 3:2-6	Philippians 3:12-16	Psalm 126
<b>Sat – Dec 16</b>	Habakkuk 3:13-19	Matthew 21:28-32	Psalm 126

## Sunday Dec. 17 — Third Sunday of Advent

### Readings

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126  
1 Thessalonians 6:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

### Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ne God now and forever.