

# SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14 – JANUARY 21, 2023:

### **NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday after Epiphany**

9:00 am Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:15 am Fellowship (Friendship Hall)

**10:30 am Budget Q & A (Friendship Hall)**

### **NEXT MONDAY: 10:00 am Chair Yoga (Friendship Hall)**

12:00 pm Bible Study (Conference Room)

5:30 pm Foundation Meeting (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)

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

### **SATURDAY: 12:00 pm ARRL Testing (Friendship Hall)**

### **NEXT SUNDAY: Third Sunday after Epiphany**

9:00 am Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)


10:15 am Fellowship (Friendship Hall)

## 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.

## **PRAY FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

The Family of Jim LaVeen, Melissa, Mary S., Eugene E., John A., Skip, Carl L., Patty M., Erin V., Shelly V., 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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**Our congregation extends their sympathy and prayers to the family of Jim LaVeen**, who died on January 5, 2024. Services for Jim will be held at St John Lutheran Church on January 18, 2024 at 11:00 am, preceded by a visitation at 10:00 am at the church. There will also be a visitation at Schneider Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m..

May his 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!



### *Prayer for the New Year*

*Eternal Father,  
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 this new year we may know your presence,  
see your love at work,  
and live in the light of the event  
which gives us joy forever,  
the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

*~ from Trinity Lutheran Church, Sealy TX*



## **A LOOK at the BUDGET**

### **BUDGET Q AND A FOR 2024**

Please plan to join us in Friendship Hall **THIS MORNING**, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am, for snacks and coffee and a review of the 2024 Congregational Budget. Printed copies of the proposed budget will be available at the start of the meeting. Congregational Council members and officers will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. The Annual Meeting will be held on January 28, 2024 at 10:30 am in Friendship Hall. **Please plan to attend both of these meetings; we want to hear your input!**

### **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION!**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of St John Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 10:30 am in Friendship Hall. All members of the congregation are invited to attend. Confirmed and/or adult members of the congregation who have communed and contributed in the previous two years are entitled to vote on the budget and new representatives to the Council. **We need your presence and your input at this meeting! Please join us as we chart our future!**



## **BEREAVEMENT group**

### **AGRACE OFFERS VIRTUAL GRIEF SUPPORT IN FEBRUARY**

Local adults and children living in southern Wisconsin who are grieving can find hope and healing with the help of grief support specialists at Agrace. This February, Agrace hosts "Bridges," a virtual support group for adults who are grieving the death of a person. This group provides emotional and peer support in a professionally led group setting and requires advance registration. Bridges meets Tuesday, February 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., via Zoom. There is no fee for Agrace grief support if a participant's family member was served by Agrace Hospice Care or another hospice in the past 12 months. Modest fees may apply for others, and fees can be lowered or waived, if needed. One-on-one grief support is also available by phone or video chat. This support is open to *anyone*, even if the person who died did not have hospice care. To make an appointment or register for a grief group, visit [Agrace.org/GriefGroups](https://Agrace.org/GriefGroups), call (608) 327-7110, or email [griefsupport@agrace.org](mailto:griefsupport@agrace.org).

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AGRACE'S HOSPICE SERVICES**

Agrace is seeking volunteers in Rock County and surrounding areas and will host a volunteer orientation training in February to help them prepare for their roles. Volunteering may involve reading aloud, listening to music together, playing cards, assisting with meal delivery, or simply being there as a caring presence. No previous health care experience is necessary. Orientation for volunteers will be held Tuesday, February 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Agrace Janesville campus. For more information, or to get started, fill out an online application at [Agrace.org/Volunteer](https://Agrace.org/Volunteer) or call Agrace at (608) 327-7163. All new volunteers will discuss their skills and interests with Agrace's Volunteer Services staff before attending orientation.



## Sunday Jan 14 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

### Readings:

1 Samuel 3:1-10, Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20,  
John 1:43-51

### Prayer of the Day:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

<b>Mon – Jan 15</b>	1 Samuel 9:27-10:8	2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1	Psalm 86
<b>Tues – Jan 16</b>	1 Samuel 15:10-31	Acts 5:1-11	Psalm 86
<b>Wed – Jan 17</b>	Genesis 16:1-14	Luke 18:15-17	Psalm 86

## Thur – Jan 18 - Confession of Peter Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

### Readings:

Acts 4:8-13, Psalm 18:1-6, 16-19, 1 Corinthians 10:1-5, Matthew 16:13-19

### Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, you inspired Simon Peter to confess Jesus as the Messiah and Son of the Living God. Keep your church firm on the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth and follow one Lord, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

<b>Fri – Jan 19</b>	Jeremiah 20:7-13	2 Peter 3:1-7	Psalm 62:5-12
<b>Sat – Jan 20</b>	Jeremiah 20:14-18	Luke 10:13-16	Psalm 62:5-12

## Sunday Jan 21 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

### Readings:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

### Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.