

SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18 – FEBRUARY 25, 2024:

NEXT SUNDAY: First Sunday of Lent

9:00 am Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:15 am Fellowship (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 Lenten Service with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

11:45 am Fellowship (Narthex)

6:30 pm Lenten Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY: 9:00 am Pastors Pericope Study (Conference Room)

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

NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday of Lent

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/.

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.

PRAY FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION:

Mavis, Bud, Sue M., Dale S., Patty M., Joan W., Shelly V., Alex L., Melissa, Mary S., Eugene E., John A., Skip, Carl L., 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.



ECHO FUNDRAISER IN FEBRUARY!

This is a citywide fundraiser for ECHO. You can participate by logging on to <https://bit.ly/4bb9W2G>. Bidding all takes place on-line and opened to accept bids at 8:00 am on February 16, 2024. Bidding will close on February 28, 2024 at 6:00 pm. Items will be available for pick-up at ECHO on March 2, 2024 between 10:00am and 1:00 pm. No items will be shipped. All top bids are a donation to

ECHO and be used to support those in our community who are served by ECHO programs. Thank you for your continued support of ECHO's important mission to our community!

SOUPER BOWL

It's the time of year when pantries run low and our neighbors need the warmth of a steaming bowl of soup. Can you help?

AND YOU DID HELP! 187 cans of soup and \$20 was collected for ECHO during our Souper Bowl of Caring collection! All of the soup and monetary gifts have been delivered to ECHO, where they can be distributed to those who need them the most. Thank you for your generous response!



OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2024 are here; there are still a few boxes left in the Narthex! 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!



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Lent this year began on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Weekly Lenten Services with Communion will be held every Wednesday during Lent at 11:00 am and a second Evening Prayer Service (not a Communion Service) will be held at 6:30 pm. There is a long tradition among Lutherans of dedicating more time for worship during Lent, usually by attendance at a mid-week worship service. The 11:00 am. service will be our usual spoken Holy Communion. The 6:30 p.m. service will be based on Evening Prayer from the *Lutheran Book of Worship*. We hope that you will join us in this special time of preparation for Easter.

FIRESIDE TRIP COMING IN AUGUST!

We're going to the Fireside again! This year's trip will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2024. The performance is scheduled for noon and features the Grammy nominated band, High Road. Tickets are \$43.00 each and include the performance, a fish and chicken buffet, and the gratuity. Reservations and payment need to be made to Diana Winger (608-756-3748) by July 1, 2024.



"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

That verse has guided Sarah Davison both personally and with her Grammy nominated band, High Road. Sarah, a gifted pianist and vocalist, is joined by Ivy Phillips, a Tennessee Grandmaster Fiddle Champion; Kristen Bearfield on mandolin and guitar; and Emily Ann Roberts, a runner-up on *The Voice* who plays guitar and sings with the group. Since the group's genesis, High Road has garnered a Grammy Nomination for the album, "Gonna Sing, Gonna Shout," the Singing News New Artist of the Year, a Dove Award nomination for Bluegrass/Roots Album of the Year, and Singing News Band of the Year for 2022. The secret to their real-life harmony may well be found in their sisterhood. They now perform at leading Gospel events around the country, much to the pleasure of their loyal fans.



Sunday Feb 18 –First Sunday in Lent

Readings:

Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

Prayer of the Day:

Holy god, heavenly Father, In the waters of the flood you saved the chosen and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Mon – Feb 12	Job 4:1-21	Ephesians 2:1-10	Psalm 77
Tues – Feb 13	Job 5:8-27	1 Peter 3:8-118a	Psalm 77
Wed – Feb 14	Proverbs 30:1-9	Matthew 4:1-11	Psalm 77
Thu – Feb 15	Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18	Romans 3:21-31	Psalm 22:23-31
Fri – Feb 16	Genesis 16:1-6	Romans 4:1-12	Psalm 22:23-31
Sat – Feb 17	Genesis 16:7-15	Mark 8:27-30	Psalm 22:23-31

Sunday Feb 25 –Second Sunday in Lent

Readings:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38

Prayer of the Day:

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son, you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the Cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.