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THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25 – MARCH 3, 2024:

NEXT SUNDAY: Second 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)

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)

SATURDAY: 8:00 am CROP Walk Team Captain Meeting (Friendship Hall)

NEXT SUNDAY: Third 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:

The Family of Ronald Greenwood, Aimee, Fran, Gus, 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.



Our congregation extends their sympathy and prayers to the family of Ronald Greenwood, who died on February 14, 2024. Funeral services for Ron were held at Apfel Wolfe Funeral Home on February 17, 2024. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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!



NEW STUDY FOR LENT!

The ELCA is developing a social statement on civic life and faith, the relationship of church and state, and related matters, as called for by the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Social statements are the

ELCA's primary documents to address significant social issues. They are intended to aid reflection, shape conscience and set forth the ELCA's teaching and policy on the major social issues and questions of contemporary life. Social statements are developed by task forces, using an established process of study and widespread participation across the church to guide theological and moral deliberation. At this time the task force encourages you to study and give feedback on a draft version of the social statement. The feedback period will be open until Sept. 30, 2024.

We will read and discuss the draft statement in six sessions of the Sunday Adult Forum. We will be reading approximately nine single-spaced pages each week. A complete schedule will be included with documents for those who sign up below. Materials will be provided on Sunday, February 25, 2024, and we will we will have our first meeting Sunday, March 3, at 10:40 in the Roehl Room. Sign up in the narthex to receive materials.



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 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.

Mon – Feb 26	Genesis 21:1-7	Hebrews 1:8-12	Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45
Tues – Feb 27	Genesis 22:1-19	Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19	Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45
Wed – Feb 28	Jeremiah 30:12-22	John 12:36-43	Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45
Thu – Feb 29	Exodus 19:1-9a	1 Peter 2:4-10	Psalm 19
Fri – Mar 1	Exodus 19:9b-15	Acts 7:30-40	Psalm 19
Sat – Mar 2	Exodus 19:16-25	Mark 9:2-8	Psalm 19

Sunday Mar 3 –Third Sunday in Lent

Readings:

Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

Prayer of the Day:

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.