

SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE WEEK OF MARCH 17 - MARCH 24, 2024:

THIS SUNDAY: Fifth Sunday of Lent
9:00 am Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:15 am Fellowship (Friendship Hall)
10:40 am Civic Life and Faith (Roehl Media Room)
Happy St Patrick's Day!



NEXT MONDAY: 10:00 am Chair Yoga (Friendship Hall)
12:00 pm Bible Study (Conference Room)
5:30 pm Foundation Meeting

TUESDAY: 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 Lenten Service with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
11:45 am Fellowship (Narthex)
6:30 pm Lenten Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)
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)
7:00 pm Venture Crew #2419 (Room 113)

NEXT SUNDAY: Palm Sunday
9:00 am Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:15 am Fellowship (Friendship Hall)
10:40 am Civic Life and Faith (Roehl Media Room)

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:

Greg V., Bruce B., Gloria W., Norman D., Judy, Chris R., Kate, 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., 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.



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. Its not too late to join us! Please call the office to receive a set of documents for the class (608-752-3159) A schedule will be included with documents for those who sign up. We will not meet this weekend because of the baptisms; our next meeting will be Sunday, March 17, at 10:40 in the Roehl Room.

Session 2	March 17, 2024, 10:40-11:30	pp. 12-19
Session 3	March 24, 2024 10:40-11:30	pp. 19-26
	March 31, 2024	No meeting today
Session 4	April 7, 2024 10:40-11:30	pp. 27-36
Session 5	April 14, 2024, 10:40-11:30	pp.36-43
Session 6	April 21, 2024 10:40-11:30	pp. 43-50

It’s not too late to sign up. Come and join us! All are welcome!

ECHO EASTER BASKETS

ECHO will be packing and distributing Easter baskets to children in need. Items needed for the baskets are: Children’s Easter baskets, individually wrapped candies, and plastic basket wrap. **Items can be dropped off at ECHO or here at St John BEFORE March 21st.** Monetary gifts can be given and will be forwarded to ECHO. Please make your check out to “St John Lutheran Church” and write “ECHO Easter” in the memo line of your check.



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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Week will occur during the week of March 24th – 31st this year.

- Palm Sunday Worship, 9:00 am on March 24th.
- Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 pm. On March 28th.
- Good Friday Service, 3:00 pm on March 29th.
- Easter Sunday Worship, Sunday, March 31st at 9:00 am.



CROP HUNGER WALK

Six weeks from this Sunday, we will gather with others in our community to fight hunger both here and around the world.

We need Walkers and Sponsors for the Janesville CROP Hunger Walk

on April 28, 2024. Please see Lori Haldeman in the narthex for more details and to sign up to be a Walker, a Sponsor, or both.

Last year St. John Lutheran Church had 12 Walkers and, with the help of the Foundation, raised over \$13,000!

Thanks for helping to feed the hungry in our community and throughout the world.



Sunday Mar 17 –Fifth Sunday in Lent

Readings:

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33

Prayer of the Day:

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Mon – Mar 18

Isaiah 43:8-13

2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Psalm 119:9-16

Tues – Mar 19 – Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

Readings:

2 Samuel 7:4, 8-16, Psalm 89:1-29, Romans 4:13-18, Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Prayer of the Day:

O God, from the family of your servant David you raised up Joseph to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and the husband of his blessed mother. Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Wed – Mar 20

Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23

John 12:34-50

Psalm 119:9-16

Thu – Mar 21

Deuteronomy 16:1-8

Philippians 2:1-11

Psalm 18:1-2, 19-29

Fri – Mar 22

Jeremiah 33:1-9

Philippians 2:12-18

Psalm 18:1-2, 19-29

Sat – Mar 23

Jeremiah 33:10-16

Mark 10:32-34, 46-52

Psalm 18:1-2, 19-29

Sunday Mar 24 –Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Readings:

Procession with palms: Mark 1:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1-15:47

Prayer of the Day:

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.