

THE SJLC MINUTE

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY - MARCH 2024

SJLC CALENDAR

- February 28** Abbey Dinner...Meal and Worship
- February 29** Highways & Byways
Feeding Ministry
- March 3** **Third Sunday of Lent**
Nursery
*Children ... Music, Lesson, Snack, Craft
*Youth ... Devos & Discussion
*Parents ... *The Spiritual Child*
*Adults ... *Serving God's People*
- March 4** A Place at the Table
Feeding Ministry
- March 5** Abbey Dinner...Meal and Worship
Yoga Class
- March 6** SAM's Meeting
Abbey Dinner...Meal and Worship
- March 7** Highways & Byways
Feeding Ministry
- March 9** Via de Cristo Team Meeting
- March 10** **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
Daylight Savings Time
Spring Forward
Nursery
*Children ... Music, Lesson, Snack, Craft
*Youth ... Devos & Discussion
Parents ... *The Spiritual Child*
*Adults ... *Serving God's People*

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:00 PM

Abbey Dinners with Communion

Please note: this is a dinner with prayer, scripture, conversation, and Communion **all in one**. Starts at 6:00, ends at 7:00 — in time for early bedtimes and choir rehearsal!

Over our five weeks together, we will consider the spiritual discipline of lament. Topics include:

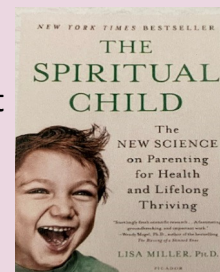
- ◆ Week Two ... "Little Laments"
- ◆ Week Three ... Laments from the Depths
- ◆ Week Four ... Individual Lament
- ◆ Week Five ... Communal Lament

Parents Learning Together

Sundays during Lent—February 18 through March 24—at 10:10 AM, we will explore *The Spiritual Child* during a special Parents' Faith Formation. Moving into the week, we offer family activities that invite learning at home.

Will you prayerfully consider this seasonal opportunity? We look forward to learning with you, from you.

Please reach out to Sara at sara@sjlcknox.org if you have questions.



Do you love watching our congregation grow?

Do you celebrate the joyful faces and laughter of children and youth filling our congregation?

If you answered "YES," please consider supporting Children and Youth Faith Formation. Contact Sara at sara@sjlcknox.org.

WE NEED YOU!

FAITH-FORMATION CLASS

CHILD	YOUTH
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kinder through Elementary ages• Crafting, snacks & giggles galore• Share your spiritual gifts and make a difference	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Middle & High School ages• Games, discussions, and sarcasm abound• Share your wisdom and learn in return

No teaching experience required (Content provided) Assisting & Fill-in spots needed

Contact Sara: sara@sjlcknox.org

NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES ... WHICH ONE CATCHES YOUR EYE?

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| April TBD | Family Eco-Fair | August 4 | Blessing of the Backpacks |
| May 19 | Open Street Fair | October 6 | Blessing of the Beer and Beasties |
| July TBD | Children's Arts Camp | TBD | Songwriters' Concert in the Round |

Details will be forthcoming, but for now, be thinking who you can invite to be a part of the fun!

COMMUNION INSTRUCTION DATES

March 6

5:00-6:00 PM at St. John's

March 20

5:00-6:00 PM at St. John's

March 23

4:00-5:30 PM at Liza Moz Pottery Studio

5:45-7:00 PM at Tomato Head



GUATEMALA DELEGATION

JULY 18-26

Nancy and Jim Friedrich will be traveling with a delegation to visit our companion synod in Guatemala. In this delegation, led by Pastor Stephen Friedrich, we will visit with MILAGRO and CLAG (the elementary school), participate in the Sunday School teacher's retreat at the Lutheran Center, visit two rural congregations and a beautiful nature preserve near Coban.

So far ten people are confirmed for the delegation from Peace Lutheran, Knoxville; Christ Lutheran, Marietta, GA; St. John, Griffin, GA, and Nancy and Jim from SJLC. We have room for about six more participants. Please let Nancy know (soon) if you are interested or would like additional information. Nancy.o.friedrich@gmail.com



SAM---Senior Adult Ministry

St. John's Lutheran Church

Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 11:30 am



Lunch: Brown Bag Catering Service

Your cost: \$5

RSVP: Mary Cole, 865-370-3132

memecole@comcast.net

Blessing Basket: toilet paper

Program: Smoky Mountain Service Dogs is a non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance the physical and emotional quality of life for veterans with service-connected disability by providing custom-trained dogs free of charge. They serve a 350 mile-degree radius or approximately a 6 hour drive from Knoxville. Laurie Birt and a canine friend will make a presentation on how the dogs are procured, assigned to a veteran, and the training methods for dog and their human companion.

I hope you will plan to join us. **Please RSVP** so we can give the caterer the needed number of meals. I look forward to seeing you.

Peace and love, Mary Cole

Holy Week Schedule (Sunday, March 24—Sunday, March 31)

Palm Sunday ... March 24

Procession with Palms at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Maundy Thursday ... March 28

Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar at 7:30 PM

Good Friday ... March 29

Tenebrae (Office of Shadows) at

Easter Sunday ... March 31

Sunrise Worship at 7:00 AM

(begins in the Old Gray Cemetery)

Festival Worship at 9:00 AM

Brunch, Flowering of the Cross and Easter Egg Hunt at 10:10 AM

Festival Worship at 11:00 AM

