

THE SJLC MINUTE

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER **November 2024**

CALENDAR

- Nov. 6** SAM's Meeting
Post-Election Zoom Prayer
Gathering
- Nov. 7** Highways and ByWays
Feeding Ministry
Executive Team Meeting
- Nov. 9** Suzuki Violin Recital
- Nov. 11** All-Tennessee Youth
Gathering*
- Nov. 10** **25th Sunday after
Pentecost**
*Nursery
*Children ... Music, Lesson, Snack, and
Craft
*Youth ... Games and Spiritual Gains
*Parents ... Coffee and Conversation
about The Art of Neighboring
*Adults ... Manna & Mercy Study
All-Tennessee Youth
Gathering
- Nov. 11** Veteran's Day
Undivided*
Staff Meeting
APATT Feeding Ministry
- Nov. 12** Deanery
Finance Team Meeting
- Nov. 14** Highways and ByWays
Feeding Ministry
W.I.N.E. Meeting
- Nov. 15** Reed-Day Rehearsal
- Nov. 16** Reed-Day Wedding



Bundles of thank you cards are still available in the Welcome Center.

Remember to bring your cards back to the church office by Sunday, November 17!

Our office volunteers will stamp them and put them in the mail for you.

A Word about Worship from Pastor John

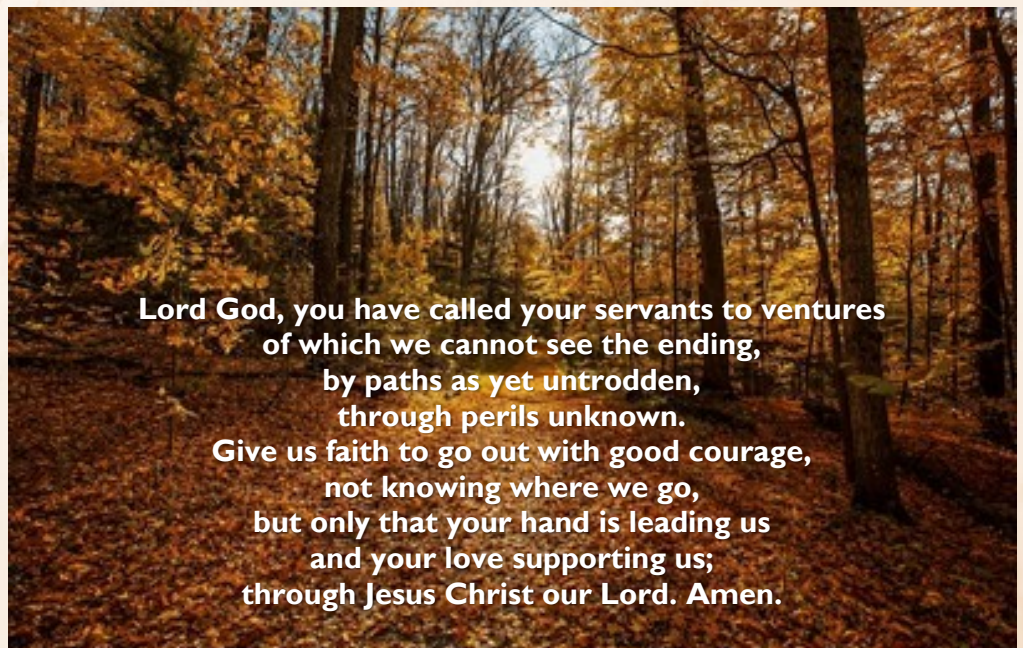
On Reformation Sunday, October 27, we celebrated Martin Luther's life-giving realization, centuries ago, that God's love can't be earned or lost: it's a gift of grace. We word red in honor of the day and the invitation to re-form.

On All Saints Sunday, November 3, we remembered those we love who have gone on to heaven. In worship, we lit candles, rang bells, and said their names. Also, between services we enjoyed First Sunday Brunch, a great time to get to the church family better.

Veterans Day is November 11, so this Sunday, we will honor our veterans who have served in our armed forces, securing our freedom and peace.

November 17, after second service, is our Stewardship Celebration Potluck and Ministry Fair, when we celebrate all of our contributions to ministry at St. John's: worship, outreach, children and youth, senior adults, feeding ministries, music, yoga, and more!

Christ the King Sunday, November 24, we celebrate the strange kind of king we follow: one who comes not to be served, but to serve. Also, after second service is Hanging of the Greens, when we decorate our church, inside and out, for Advent and Christmas.



An Invitation to Prayer After Our National Election
Wednesday, November 6, at 7:00 PM via Zoom

**ZOOM Meeting ID for Wednesday, November 6:
896 4437 4307**

Are you aware that St. John's has a library with an impressive variety of books for your enjoyment and learning? Check out the categories:

Adult Fiction
 Children & Youth
 Devotions
 Christian Caregiving
 Grief
 Bible Studies, Meditations, Commentaries
 Family
 Family Bible Library
 Women's Issues
 Misc. Bibles & Hymnals
 Beth Moore Bible Studies
 Luther Works

Inspirational
 Christian Living
 Church History References
 Significant Lutheran Works
 Max Lucado Books
 Poems, Prayers, Songs
 Theology & Church Doctrine
 Christian Worship
 Adult Miscellaneous
 Church Directories
 Rediscover Jesus Books



The library is located outside Pastor Amy's office, first door on the left in the first floor hallway in the Education Building. Check out books on the honor system by signing your name on the checkout form provided and return them to the round table in the library.



**Thursday, November 14 at 6:30pm
 Welcome Center**

We will be discussing embracing change and transition.

Some questions to consider:

- How do you usually respond to change in your life?
- Can you share a time with a change led to unexpected growth or blessings?

"To everything there is a season..."

ALL are welcome and we hope to see some new faces!
 Please contact Kristen Williamson with any questions.
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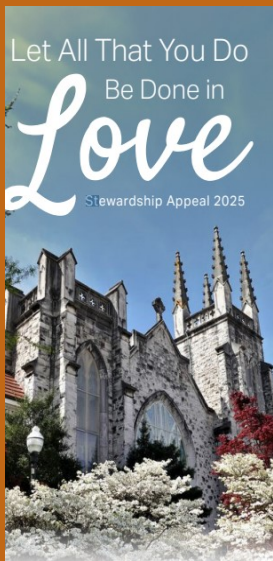
SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, November 17
 Sparks Fellowship Hall

12:15 PM	Potluck Lunch
12:45 PM	Stewardship Celebration
1:00 PM	Ministry Fair

We have much to celebrate as we announce the results of this year's Stewardship Campaign; we have much to anticipate, including folks finding ways to share their gifts of time and talent. Nursery provided!

Stewardship Campaign Update



Total Pledges Received:
 66 (Our Goal is 83!)

New Families Pledging:
 6

Time Left to Pledge:
 10 Days (November 15)

Ways to Pledge:

- *Drop off pledge in Church Office
- *E-mail pledge to Toni at toni@sjlcknox.org
- *Call in pledge to Toni at 523.3330

Loving inclusively
 Growing spiritually
 Serving faithfully



Hanging of the Greens

**Sunday, November 24
 12:15 PM**

Come and help us ready the sanctuary for the Advent Season, ALL are welcome to participate in the festivities.

A light lunch of soup, bread, and brownies will be provided!

