

# THE SJLC MINUTE

## February 2025

### SJLC CALENDAR

**Feb. 18** Staff Meeting  
Church Council Meeting

**Feb. 20** Highways and ByWays  
Feeding Ministry

**Feb. 23** Worship  
Faith Formation  
*\*Nursery*  
*\*Children ... Music, Lesson, Snack, and Craft*  
*\*Youth ... Games and Spiritual Gains*  
*\*Parents ... Coffee and Conversation*  
*\*Adults ... Bible Study of The Gospel of Luke*  
Knox Area Youth Gathering

**Feb. 24** Living Undivided  
Staff Meeting  
A Place at the Table  
Feeding Ministry

**Inquirers' Gathering**  
**Sunday, March 9**  
**Lunch at 12:15**  
**Conversation at 12:45 PM**

Got questions about the Christian tradition, life as an ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) Christian, or ministry at St. John's? Please join us for a light lunch and conversation with the pastors and members of Church Council.

Please RSVP to Toni in the church office at [toni@sjlcknox.org](mailto:toni@sjlcknox.org).



## LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

**NEXT WEEKEND** February 28 & March 1

Please RSVP to Toni in the church office at [toni@sjlcknox.org](mailto:toni@sjlcknox.org)

Amy is a therapist, spiritual director, coach, retreat leader, and writer in Columbia, SC. She works primarily with clergy, seminarians, couples, and individuals. Her first book, *Moment to Moment*, was named a top spirituality book in 2013, and she's earned six national Polly Bond awards. Amy co-authors a blog at [messymarvelous.com](http://messymarvelous.com) and has published *Launch: A Guide to Adulthood and Love: A Guide to Life Partnering*. She teaches in the spiritual direction program at Lutheran Southern Theological Seminary.



## Meet Our Keynote Speaker

Introducing  
Amy Sander Montanez



Join us for a transformative two-day Leadership Summit featuring Amy as she shares wisdom and guidance to inspire and equip our church community!

**Leadership In The Community of Christ**

### WORD ABOUT WORSHIP FROM PASTOR JOHN: WEEKS AFTER EPIPHANY

The weeks after Epiphany (Jan 12 - Mar 2) focus on who Jesus is and what it means for who we are as the church and as believers. It's a key set of teachings for building faith.

*Teaching on Mercy* (Feb 23) — Jesus gives one of his hardest and most important teachings: love your enemy; do good to those who hate you; be merciful, just as your Father in heaven is merciful. **PLEASE JOIN US AT 9:00 AND 11:00 AM!**





# FAITH FORMATION FOCUS

FEBRUARY

Please update your info

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**B.E.E.R. IS BACK!**

After a couple month pause, B.E.E.R. (Brothers Engaged in Enriching Relationships) will meet at Schulz Brau at 126 Bernard Ave. (very close to St. John’s) on Tuesday, February 25 at 6:00. So come and grab a bite, a brew or other beverage, and share some stories from your Christmas / New Year’s break. Schulz Brau also serves non-alcoholic beverages so there should be something for everyone.

Questions? Contact Garry Menendez [menendez@utk.edu](mailto:menendez@utk.edu) or Matt Whitehead [mattwhitehead@gmail.com](mailto:mattwhitehead@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

**Why Does Faith Formation Matter? This Sunday, February 23:**

Wrapping up with the launch of our new Faith Formation Handbook and an invitation to pledge your time, talents, and treasures to support this vital ministry.

*Let’s continue building a strong foundation of faith together!*

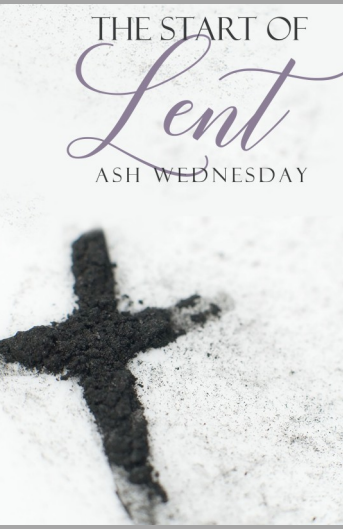


Fat Tuesday  
**PANCAKE**  
Dinner

Tuesday, March 4  
5:00—7:00 pm  
Sparks Fellowship Hall  
All donations will support our growing Youth Ministry program!

**Ash Wednesday**  
March 5  
12:00 Noon Worship  
5:30 PM Light Dinner  
6:30 PM Worship

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, as we are marked with the cross of Christ and remember “We are dust, and to dust we shall return.” It’s a tender and beautiful thing to remember we are not God; we are God’s creation, made from dust and filled with God’s own breath. Please join us in this penitential season in which folks focus their attention on the gift of discipline and reflection!



2025 *Lenten Focus*

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**Exciting details to come as we support the young women of Milagro during the forty days of Lent!**