

The logo consists of a stylized tree with a circular base, composed of overlapping geometric shapes in various shades of teal and blue. The text "BAPTISM" is written in a large, bold, dark blue sans-serif font, and "CELEBRATION" is written below it in a smaller, dark blue sans-serif font. The background is a light blue gradient with abstract, overlapping geometric shapes in darker shades of blue and teal.

BAPTISM
CELEBRATION

January 14-15, 2023

TRADITIONAL PRAISE WORSHIP OUTLINE

Baptism of Jesus | January 15, 2023

Service Elements taken from: Divine Service, Setting 4, Pew Hymnal (LSB) p. 203
For your convenience, all hymn lyrics will also be displayed on the screens at the front of the Sanctuary.

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* LSB #394

SERVICE OF THE WORD

LSB p. 203

Confession/Gloria

LSB p. 203-204

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Worship Bible p. 602

Epistle Reading: Romans 6:1-11

Worship Bible p. 942

Alleluia

LSB #951

Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

Worship Bible p. 808

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HYMN OF THE DAY: *To Jordan's River Came Our Lord*

LSB #405

MESSAGE

Pastor Steve Grafe

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH/LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB p.160-166

Hymn: *All Christians Who Have Been Baptized*

LSB #596

Thank the Lord

LSB p.211

POST COMMUNION PRAYER/BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered*

LSB #404

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER:

The Bible teaches that along with the bread and wine of Holy Communion we also receive the true body and blood of our Savior. Jesus' own words, "this is my body" and "this is my blood for the forgiveness of sins" reveal His Real Presence in the sacrament (Luke 22, I Cor. 10:15-16). The Bible also teaches (1 Cor. 11:23-32) the Lord's Supper, properly received brings great blessings, but improperly received without understanding can actually incur God's judgment. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the Biblical teaching of communion, please feel free to commune today. If you have any questions, please first speak to a pastor.

As you come forward, gluten free wafers are available by request, as well as individual cup choice of wine or lighter colored non-alcoholic grape juice (located in the center of the trays). Common cup is also offered during Traditional Praise services at the altar only.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in Traditional Praise on the first, third, and fifth weekends of the month; and in Modern Praise on the second and fourth weekends of the month.

THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

ONE IN JESUS... REACHING MANY!

Week of January 15, 2023

WORSHIP CELEBRATION



THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Today as we together follow Jesus to the Jordan's edge for His baptism, may we all be reminded how we are connected through water and Word in our baptism to all He has done for us as Savior and Lord! Our God reminds us connects us to His saving work through the means of grace! Today we also give thanks for all of those who this past year received this incredible gift of assurance in faith as part of our St. John family!

HOLY BAPTISM

This weekend we celebrate three baptisms! At the 5:00 PM Modern Praise service we celebrate the baptisms of Addison Elizabeth Mauck and Hudson Robert Mauck, children of Meghan & Jason. At the 10:45 AM Modern Praise service we celebrate the baptism of Reid Mark Miehlke, son of Kimberly & Ronnie. May God richly bless Addison, Hudson, Reid and their families!



CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND!

In addition to the baptisms happening this week, at all worship celebrations we will be welcoming forward all families that experienced the blessing of God's calling to faith through baptism at St. John over the past year! Candles will be lit and a special time of prayer and thanksgiving will be given over this amazing affirmation of calling in Jesus' love for us!

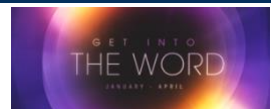
We are so thankful for all who were baptized in 2022: William Balent, Cassidy Bartley, Brooklyn Bauer, Flynn Bess, Stuart Bikson, Kyle Brown, Kylie Brown, Blair Burke, Sophia Carlton, Remington Chmiel, Riley Fulton, Giana Halstead, Cora Hanning, Everett Hanning, Weston Heinrich, Riley Herman, Wyatt Hughes, Allison Kaulfuss, Bennett Kaulfuss, Blair Kaulfuss, Derek Kaulfuss, Hudson Kidder, Zoey Kidder, Claire Konrad, Elise Konrad, Clayton Koslowski, Harvey Koslowski, Jackson MacDonald, Maeve Malinowski, Elle Mansilla, Fern Martyniuk, Beckett Mazurak, Griffin Mazurak, Theodore McCauley, Harper McIntosh, Liam McElroy, Olivia McIntosh, Sloane Peshl, Dorothy Roggow, Amy Rubin, Grace Sawyer, Lucy Schaibly, Samuel Ulrich, Dario Vitale, Maxwell Walters, Victor Wentzloff, Charles Wineke.

BIBLICAL DISCOVERY

GET INTO THE WORD THIS WINTER | Classes have begun!

It's a New Year and with it comes many new opportunities at St. John to grow in your faith through God's Word! Bible study groups started meeting last week! Check out the new *Get Into the Word* Bible study listing, available in print and on our website!

Please note that not all classes start in January; please see individual class listings for more details.



ARE YOU READY TO MAKE ST. JOHN YOUR HOME? | Class starts January 30

Have you or someone you know been searching for an opportunity to learn or rediscover what real faith in Jesus is all about in a non-threatening environment where your real questions can be answered? Maybe you're new to St. John School or maybe you have been worshiping as a guest and finally feel led to make St. John your official church home. Whether transferring from another church or brand new to the Christian faith, The ONE Class is for you...and now is the time! Come join Pastors Marc, Steve, and Jon on an 8-week, action-packed journey through God's Word as they help you discover what Christian Lutheran faith is all about! You will also learn more about our St. John mission and vision!



Classes meet on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. (Free childcare is available upon request.) After completion of the series participants are welcomed to prayerfully consider official membership as part of the St. John family.

An email with registration information was sent this week. For more please contact church@stjohnrochester.org or call the Pastoral Office at 248-402-8020. We hope you can join us!

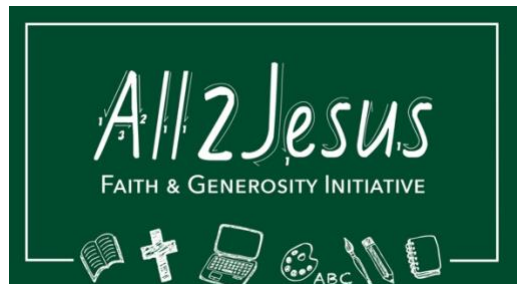
SHARED LIFE

IMPORTANT ALL2JESUS UPDATE

As we've been reminded throughout the weeks of the All2Jesus Faith & Generosity Initiative, the Lord has truly given each of us a divine opportunity to fully engage in growing in our faith and respond boldly in generosity to make an eternal difference in His name by expanding our school ministry to reach more and more children and families!

So far, over 400 households have responded for a pledged commitment of more than \$4.2 million over the next two years! This amount is above and beyond ongoing regular giving!! We are humbled and grateful to all of those who have responded in faith and generosity to make an eternal impact! We are truly blessed!

This past Wednesday, we had over 200 people (75 in-person and 136+ online) attend the special congregation forum where the Building Expansion team shared the bid process and final estimates. Thank you to those who attend! We will be developing a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) from the information that was shared and the questions that were asked. Please keep your eyes open for this sometime in the week leading up to our **Special Congregation Meeting being held on Sunday, January 29 at 12:30 PM seeking final approval. Please make plans to attend this important gathering.** In the meantime, let's all continue to pray for the Lord's leading as we walk together seeking His will in these important and exciting days!





WOMEN'S NIGHT OF WORSHIP | Friday, January 20, 6:30 PM
Join us this Friday for a time of singing, sharing, and fellowship for women. Come prepared to honor the Lord in praise and to hear of His goodness from others we know. Contact Jennie Eller for more information at Jeller@stjohnrochester.org.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL | Sundays at 9:30 AM

Sunday School is offered weekly at 9:30 AM in the school classrooms. All children ages 3 (toilet trained) through 6th grade are welcome to attend. No registration is required and there are no attendance requirements. We look forward to seeing your children and sharing with them the love of Jesus!

SCHOOL NEWS



St. John Lutheran School
OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 22, 2023
12:00 - 1:30 PM
PRESCHOOL - 8TH GRADE



Enrollment Information:

Current school student re-enrollment and congregation early enrollment is January 17 to 27. Any remaining space will be opened to the community starting February 1 with Open Enrollment.

Preschool Preview for parents is this Tuesday, January 17, from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Hear all about our Preschool and Young 5's options, followed by the opportunity to visit the classrooms.

Open House is next Sunday, January 22 from 12:00 – 1:30 PM. Stay for a little or for the whole time. The whole family is invited to attend to learn more about our Preschool to 8th grade. Meet the Principal and teachers, visit the classrooms and talk to our current students and families.

If you missed Kindergarten Preview this past Thursday, or if you have any enrollment questions, please contact Beth Dameron at 248-402-8012 or bdameron@stjohnrochester.org.

The **St. John Ski & Snowboard Club** is back this year, and the group is meeting at Mt. Holly. They had a great turnout this past week for the first night out! This club is open to the church and school as well as friends and family. If you didn't sign up yet and are interested, you can do so until February 1. For more information, please contact Mrs. Cassie Benter, cbentner@stjohnrochester.org



National Lutheran Schools Week (NLSW) is January 22–28, and this year's theme is "Making Disciples for Life", based on Matthew 28: "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing

them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (18–20).

NLSW provides more than 1,800 LCMS preschools, elementary schools and high schools with an opportunity to celebrate the blessings of Lutheran schools and to proclaim God's work in our schools and communities. Look for more information next week!

LIGHTHOUSE MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY | Grades 6-8

Lighthouse is a place where Middle School students can come and feel safe and at home. It is also a place for students to bring their friends to share Jesus. Our activities include students in grades 6-8, and all are welcome! Lighthouse meetings are on Sundays between 6:00 and 8:00 PM. For more information, please contact our Director of Child and Family Ministry, Steve Wilson, at swilson@stjohnrochester.org.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY | Grades 9-12

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We cannot wait to see you all! Our next meeting will meet on **January 22** at 6:00 PM in the Youth Room for devotionals and game night! The High School Youth usually meet on Sundays between 6:00 and 8:00 PM, in the Youth Room or offsite. All are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship! For more information, please contact our Director of High School Youth Ministry, Melissa Hammett at mhammett@stjohnrochester.org.

SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

FINANCIAL UPDATES | St. John's fiscal year is 7/1/22 through 6/30/23

"We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing!" 2 Thessalonians 1:

GENERAL MISSION & MINISTRY OFFERINGS (as of 01/08/2023)

Offerings for week ending January 8	33,251
Y.T.D. Budgeted Offerings:	\$1,526,268
Y.T.D. Actual Offerings:	\$1,418,470
Y.T.D. Variance to Budget:	\$(107,797)
Year-to-Date Offering Budget to Actual	93%



CEREAL COLLECTION FOR NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK | January 18 to January 25

As part of our NLSW celebration, we will be collecting regular size (18 oz), sealed boxes (no bags) of cereal, which will be donated to an area food pantry. School students please take donations to your teacher; all other donations can be taken to the collection bins which will be located in the atrium, January 18 to January 25. Thank you for your donations!



COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE | St. Paul Community Lutheran Church, Pontiac

Thank you to those who have been serving at our mission partner St. Paul. Your service in the food pantry and clothing closet has been a huge blessing! Over this last year over 1,481 people received food and clothing from this ministry.

We are seeking additional volunteers to join us in serving at St. Paul Lutheran for the months of January, February, and March. We will be packaging meals, serving groceries to those in need, and helping fill clothing needs. If you are able to help, please contact Jennie Eller, Director of Mission Mobilization at Jeller@stjohnrochester.org.

CONSTANT PRAYER

WE WOULD LOVE TO PRAY FOR WHATEVER IS ON YOUR HEART

To submit a prayer request, please email it to prayer@stjohnrochester.org at any time or click on one of the prayer request links on our Online Worship Resources webpage. These requests are received by our pastors and are passed along (or kept confidential when requested) to our prayer warriors and are also included in our weekend worship.



Healing & Peace: Chuck Schroeder – recovering from a stroke / Andrew Guetzkow (great nephew of Roger & Janet) – brain tumor and subsequent surgery / Natalie (daughter of John & Joyce Van Hoef) - suffered a stroke and is in recovery therapy / Ryan Gorcyca (grandson of Janie Ortlieb) – foot surgery / Lauren – hospitalized for issues with a difficult pregnancy / Linda - rare incurable cancer praying treatment will stop its progression / Kirk - upcoming cancer surgery and treatment / Debra & David Jankovich – thanksgiving for healing / Colson Jankovich – 2y old with laryngitis / Ollie Tait – broken elbow and subsequent surgery / Dave Ehlen – hospitalized for continuing seizures / Don Kleckner

Strength & Guidance: Bahbah family transitioning during a move

All2Jesus: (member prayer) – *“Lord, we ask that you grow St. John school & church to accommodate all the families and students who desire to attend. We pray that families and individuals will sacrificially give to see this expansion happen to the Glory of God! Allow us Lord this opportunity to share Your Word and Love with those in our community and for generations to come. Thank you for our wonderful teachers and staff who proclaim the Word and love children!”*

Gospel Impact: Getting Into the Word study opportunities / Upcoming All2Jesus Special Congregational Meeting

Thanksgiving: Baptisms of Addison Elizabeth Mauck and Hudson Robert Mauck - children of Meghan & Jason / Reid Mark Miehke - son of Kimberly & Ronnie / 60th wedding anniversary of Bob and Judi Richards / Thanksgiving for the gift of Baptism for the many this year and to all of us!



Traditional Praise: Sundays at 8:00 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:00 AM (Online at 8:00AM)

Modern Praise: Saturdays at 5:00 PM | Sundays @ 10:45 AM (Online at 10:45AM)

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