

EASTER

WEEKEND

HE IS RISEN



March 31 – April 1, 2018

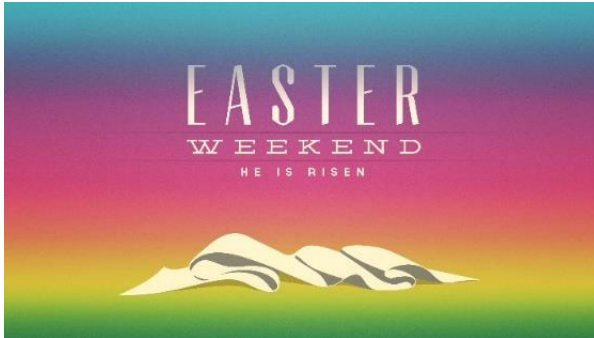


# THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

*ONE IN JESUS...REACHING MANY*

Week of April 1, 2018

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION



With all the challenge, pain and struggle that continues to play out in our world today, what a contrast it is to come together knowing that sin, evil and death has ultimately been defeated by our God! We are so glad you are here today! May the peace of our Risen Savior bless you and your family as we gather to worship and celebrate the true reason for Easter! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!



### NEW EASTER WORSHIP SERIES SET TO BEGIN!

Do you keep track of how many steps you take each day? For many of us, thanks to motivating new technology, fitness tracking has become nothing short of an obsession! But did you know that the true message of Easter and our Savior's resurrection can also impact our steps as well? Come back and join us the weekend of April 14-15 for the start of a new four-part worship series entitled *NEW STEPS* based on Colossians! While physical exercise is important, don't miss this opportunity to get spiritually healthy as well!

### NEXT WEEKEND OUR REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES:

#### TRADITIONAL PRAISE (Sanctuary) Sundays @ 8:00 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:00 AM

An ageless worship celebration designed to draw you and your family into the majestic presence of Christ through the rich heritage of Lutheran liturgy and hymnody led by a traditional pipe organ, choirs, hand bells, brass, strings and other sacred instrumentation. The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month.

#### MODERN PRAISE (Gymnasium) Saturdays @ 5:00 PM | Sundays @ 10:45 AM

A relaxed, come-as-you-are, band led worship celebration with guitars, keyboards, and drums. Through a relational family approach, passionately led worship and Bible focused teachings, the life-changing love of Jesus is shared through His Word. The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. (Saturdays follow Sunday schedule)

## BIBLICAL DISCOVERY

**NO ADULT BIBLE CLASSES** will be held TODAY Sunday, April 1 as we celebrate Easter. Classes will resume on Sunday, April 8.

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** will be held TODAY Sunday, April 1 and Sunday, April 8. As our local schools take Easter breaks and spring breaks, our volunteer teachers are taking a little break as well. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, April 15.

**SUNDAY CONFIRMATION CLASS** resumes Sunday, April 22 and will continue through May 6.



**GET INTO THE WORD THIS SPRING** – This Spring brings many new opportunities at St. John to grow in your faith through God's Word! From children to seniors, internationals to parenting, DVD based studies to in-depth verse by verse studies, there is truly something for everyone, no matter your age, life circumstances or schedule! Take a big step as a family in your faith walk with Jesus! Many classes and groups start next Sunday, April 8 and in the following week, as our Spring Bible Study term

gets underway. Our new Get Into the Word brochure with a full listing of large and small group Bible studies is now available on our St. John website: [stjohnrochester.org](http://stjohnrochester.org). Look for the homepage rotator that matches the graphic shown here. Printed copies of the brochure will also be available next weekend, April 7-8. Let's get into the Word together this spring!

## SHARED LIFE

**GET AND STAY CONNECTED!** Want to know how to get connected with the St. John family as well as being informed of ongoing opportunities to grow and serve? Subscribe to email updates by visiting our St. John webpage and click on the "subscribe to email" button at the bottom. Another way is to simply "LIKE" our St. John Lutheran Church & School Facebook page to add it to your newsfeed! Why not do it right now?!

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST EVENT | BECOMING MEN OF PRAYER**

Gentlemen, the time is quickly coming to be encouraged in your faith walk with Jesus, enjoy a tasty breakfast and connect with other guys who are humbly seeking to grow as men, husbands, fathers, sons and brothers in Christ! Our next Men of St. John breakfast event will be on Saturday, April 28 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on our campus in Concordia Hall on the lower level. Pastor Jon Trinklein will be speaking passionately on the topic *Becoming Men of Prayer*. Guys, if you haven't heard Jon speak before, you won't want to miss this! A free will offering will be taken to cover costs. Come check it out and bring a friend as everyone is welcome! To reserve your spot, visit the St. John website (look at the homepage banner slides for the graphic shown here), or contact the pastoral office at [church@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:church@stjohnrochester.org). We really hope to see you there!





**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE COMING APRIL 21** to encourage and nurture women in their relationship with Jesus. "The Clothes Line - Getting Untangled" women's conference, hosted by L.I.F.T. (Ladies in Faith Together), takes place Saturday, April 21, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM at Wyndham Garden Hotel, Sterling Heights. The guest speaker will be author, speaker and singer Michelle Pillar. This multi-generational conference (high school and older) includes speaker, buffet lunch, and conference materials with your registration. The fee is \$40 between now and April 8. A small portion of the registration fee includes a donation to "Elli's House" charity. To register, please pick up a brochure/registration form at the tract rack behind the sanctuary, or for more information, contact: [liftevent@yahoo.com](mailto:liftevent@yahoo.com). The conference host group includes the following churches: Shepherd's Gate, Our Redeemer, Trinity-Utica, Trinity-Clinton Township, Faith-Troy, Grace-Romeo as well as St. John, Rochester.



**NEW FAMILY MEMBER WELCOME!** What an incredible time it has been as we have officially welcomed and celebrated 27 new member families (46 adults, 21 children) who participated in The ONE Class over nine weeks! We praise the Lord for each of these amazing people and all that is ahead as we all together grow and serve: One in Jesus... Reaching Many!



#### **CORNERSTONE OF COMPASSION – STEPHEN MINISTRY**

During this Lenten season, we have reflected on all that we are and have because of Jesus' ultimate gift of sacrifice. As we look at Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection, we observe the ultimate example of compassion.

He now calls us to follow His example and to be deeply concerned for one another. Stephen Ministry provides compassionate Christians a place where they can use those gifts in ministry as a Stephen Minister. It also provides a haven where those in need and struggling with life's demands and circumstances can receive compassionate care in a confidential relationship with a Stephen Minister. If you or someone you know are in need of a Stephen Minister to help you through a hard time, please

contact Pastor Steve Grafe at 248-402-8020 or [Pastorsteve@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:Pastorsteve@stjohnrochester.org). For more information about Stephen Ministry, please contact our Stephen Leaders Lori Horton, Sandi Brandenburg and Tom Rowe at [SJStephenministry@gmail.com](mailto:SJStephenministry@gmail.com). We are here to care for you!

**GRIEFSHARE** is a group of caring people who understand what you are experiencing and want to offer comfort, support and hope. Each session includes a video, workbook and discussion time. You may share as much or as little as you like. GriefShare is open to everyone and you may join us for any session. Each session focuses on a different aspect of grieving. We meet on Saturday mornings from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Church Library. Meetings will run through Saturday, May 19. The group is facilitated by Linda Baroli, Marlene Leinberger, Cindy Richardson and Joanne Curran. For more information, please contact Linda at 248-895-0310.

**CAREGIVER CARE SUPPORT GROUP** – Do you assist a family member or friend with activities of daily living and/or medical tasks? If you answered yes, you are a caregiver. There are about 2 million unpaid family caregivers in Michigan. Caregiving is rewarding, but can also be stressful, overwhelming, and exhausting. We are happy to offer Caregiver Care, a support group for the loving caregivers of St. John families and friends. Join fellow caregivers to learn problem-solving strategies and receive validation and encouragement from others who understand what you may be going through. Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month starting at 6:30 PM in Concordia Hall downstairs. No registration or sign-up is necessary – all are welcome! For more information, please contact Faith Community Nurse Laura Tom at 5860201-9162 or [laurajtom@gmail.com](mailto:laurajtom@gmail.com).

**DO YOU LIKE TO GOLF?** The St. John Men's Golf League is celebrating 61 years of fellowship and currently welcoming League members and substitute golfers. This year the League will start on Tuesday, April 10 at Black Heath Golf Course in Rochester. The League plays for 23 weeks and is scheduled to finish on September 11. Tee times are from 3:45 to 5:15, and golf carts are included with your membership dues. Substitutes pay \$10 and that also includes the cart fee. All men over the age of 18 are welcome to be part of the fun, and substitutes can be 16 years and older. Any degree of ability to play is welcome. There are weekly prizes along with two banquets. Please contact John Kassen at [johnkassen@icloud.com](mailto:johnkassen@icloud.com) or 248-969-0242, or Brian Evanson at [bevanson18@gmail.com](mailto:bevanson18@gmail.com) or 248-310-9699 for more info. Please consider joining as a member or be a substitute in this great Christian fellowship opportunity for men.



## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



### HAVE YOU CONSIDERED ST. JOHN SCHOOL? IT'S TIME TO ENROLL!

St. John Lutheran School is accepting applications to enroll for the 2018-2019 school year for Preschool to 8th grade. Preschool 3's AM, 4's AM and 4's Full day sessions are currently filled, with applications being accepted for the PS3's PM and PS4's PM sessions. In addition, a PS4's mixed schedule (M/W/F PM and T/TH Full Day) option is available, for those not quite ready for five full days. All PS4's sessions are Kindergarten readiness programs. Limited spaces remain in Kindergarten. Half and Full Day Kindergarten options are available, with the opportunity to extend from half to full day at specific dates during the school year.

St. John Lutheran School offers an attractive student/teacher ratio.

Students participate in gym, art, music, and recess, as well as academic course work including math, science, language arts and social studies. Middle School students participate in academic enrichment courses each quarter. Morning and after care, as well as a hot lunch program are offered to K-8 students and bus service is available for those within the Rochester Community Schools. For more information, visit [www.stjohnrochester.org](http://www.stjohnrochester.org) or contact Beth Dameron, Director of School Admissions, at 248-402-8012 or [bdameron@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:bdameron@stjohnrochester.org).

**SPRINGHILL DAY CAMP** is returning to St. John on July 9-13! Day camp is five full days of summer fun for children entering grades 1-6 in the fall. Camp includes small group Bible teaching, high-energy large group sessions, and high-adventure activities including archery, bungee trampoline, camp songs, climbing wall, crafts, and so much more – all right here at St. John! For more information and to register, check out the SpringHill website at [www.springhilldaycamp.com](http://www.springhilldaycamp.com).



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING SOON!** Mark your calendar for June 18-22, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM as *Shipwrecked; Rescued by Jesus* comes to St. John! Students age 4 through those entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us. Kids will discover that Jesus rescues them when life gets stormy. *Shipwrecked* is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Scency-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into

real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life - something we call God Sightings. Come one, come all to an amazing week of VBS! T-shirts for the kids will be available for \$10 each during the week of VBS. To register for VBS, visit our St. John website and look for the colorful VBS rotator on the homepage!

**LIGHTHOUSE** - Our weekly Middle school youth ministry time (known as Lighthouse) for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders will start again on Sunday, April 22. We will meet in the gym each week for games and activities and then go to Room 101 for Bible Study. For more information, please contact Steve Wilson, Director of Child and Family Ministry, at [swilson@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:swilson@stjohnrochester.org).



**CONFIRMATION 2018-19 MEETING AND SIGN-UP** – On Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 PM in the School Music Room, we will have an informational meeting about Confirmation for the 2018-19 year. Confirmation is a two-year process that starts in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade year. This meeting is for Day School and Non-Day School students of St. John. Our goal is to help you as a family prepare your student for this important moment in their faith life. Please plan to attend to get more information and hear about the program and updates for this coming year. We will also have dates available for retreats and other activities so you can get them on your calendar. See you there! For more information, please contact Steve Wilson, Director of Child and Family Ministry, at [swilson@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:swilson@stjohnrochester.org) or 248-402-8006.

**FIRST COMMUNION** - Praise God for the 30+ students and families who participated in the Rite of First Communion on Maundy Thursday. Students and their parents spent four weeks during Lent going through communion instruction. We give thanks to God for the gift of grace these students and families received this past week!



**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** - High School is a defining part of a person's life. Students begin to really settle into their beliefs about the world, God, their purpose, etc. During this influential time, we want students to be surrounded by people who know and love Jesus. We also give them the skills and the support groups they need to make wise decisions at this critical time in their lives.

**Parents! Only Parents...** Have you ever wondered what you can do to keep your children safe with computers and apps? On Monday, April 16 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in Concordia Hallo, we are privileged

to have the Oakland County Computer Crimes Team coming here to do a very valuable presentation. Arrive at 6:00 PM, grab some pizza we'll have ready for you, and we will get to it! Reserve your seat by emailing Melissa Hammett, Director of High School Youth Ministry, at [mhammett@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:mhammett@stjohnrochester.org).



## SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY



### CAMPUS MASTER SITE PLAN RENOVATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE | SAVE THE DATES!

With the Rochester City Planning Commission preliminary approval behind us we are continuing to make progress with this important project for our future as a church and school. This approval gave us the go-ahead we needed to get back to work with interior architectural design that will better inform the financial feasibility study of the project in prayerful preparation for an **upcoming congregational decision set for Sunday, May 20 at 12:30 PM. To help us together to gain discernment for this important meeting, two identical Congregation Forums will occur on Wednesday, May 2 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, May 6 at 12:30 PM.** Watch for more details coming soon including a new FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) email that will help explain in greater detail where we are at in the process.



While it is nothing short of amazing to realize the response to God's faithfulness as so far we have received **pledges totaling over \$3,451,000** toward the *ONE Legacy* initiative, we are still prayerfully hopeful the Lord may continue to provide further pledges. Keep in mind this project isn't just about our local campus and ministry. True to our missional focus as a church and school, we have committed to **passing along a 10% tithe of these pledged resources** to further God's kingdom through our local, national and global mission partners as well! To learn more about making a pledge to the *ONE Legacy* initiative, please visit [www.stjohnrochester.org/one-legacy-pledges](http://www.stjohnrochester.org/one-legacy-pledges) or stop by the *One Legacy* display in the Atrium.

**Let's keep praying that all future decisions we make together will be truly according to the Lord's will in these amazing days!** If you haven't yet seen the most recent rendering of the Campus Master Site Plan, visit [www.stjohnrochester.org/one-legacy](http://www.stjohnrochester.org/one-legacy) or stop by the *One Legacy* display in the Atrium.

**GROUP MISSION TRIP SPONSORSHIP** - This year 40 students in grades 6-12, along with 9 adults, will be spending a week in July serving the people of Breckenridge, MN. We are asking for you to join us in the mission by supporting our youth through sponsorship. This event costs about \$600 per student or adult. Donations may be made via the St. John website, by clicking on Celebrate/Giving and selecting "Group Mission Trip". Or you may write a check to St. John and use your blue designated offering envelope, marking it for Group Mission Trip. Donations help offset the cost of the trip for students. Sponsors will



have an opportunity in August to join in celebrating what God did through our students. For more information, please contact Steve Wilson at [swilson@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:swilson@stjohnrochester.org) or Melissa Hammett at [mhammett@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:mhammett@stjohnrochester.org).

## COMPASSIONATE SERVICE



### MEXICALI MISSION TRIP THIS WEEK

A team of 44 students and 22 adults are serving as the hands and feet of Jesus in Mexicali, Mexico, as they spend their Spring Break (March 29-April 6)! While there they are serving churches and building relationships with the people of all ages. This year we have 2 men dedicated to construction projects at a Lutheran church, as well as 8 adults serving in various capacities at the camp. This is in addition to the 5 Groups that are at 5 churches for VBS Ministry and a group visiting a local prison to share the love of Jesus. Thanks to so many who have already supported this

mission with your prayers and financial support. Please continue to pray for our team and the team from Our Shepherd, Birmingham as well as those we will minister to in Jesus' name. A few specific prayer requests are:

- That the Holy Spirit would open the hearts of those we are encountering this week
- That Jesus would use each of us to accomplish HIS purposes
- Thanksgiving that our remaining financial needs have been met
- For health and safety as we travel
- For smooth and uneventful border crossings

## RELATIONAL WITNESS



**THE POWER OF THE SHARE BUTTON!** Have you ever been in worship and wished someone you know could have heard the message from God's Word that day? If so, did you know it's actually really easy to share weekend sermon messages with others via email, Facebook, Twitter, etc.? Simply visit our St. John webpage at [www.stjohnrochester.org](http://www.stjohnrochester.org), and click on the MESSAGE icon to go to our video and audio sermon message archive. Select the sermon message you want to send out and simply

click the share button, select how you want to share, type a personal message of introduction and send it! It's pretty much that simple! Imagine how the Lord might use that simple step of relational witness!

## CONSTANT PRAYER

**WE WOULD LOVE TO PRAY FOR WHATEVER IS ON YOUR HEART.** To submit a prayer request, please text or email it to [prayer@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:prayer@stjohnrochester.org) at any time or fill out a Prayer Request Card and hand to an usher during worship. These requests are received by our pastors and are passed along when requested to be included in the weekly prayer list that is sent out to our prayer warriors and included in weekend worship.



## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

### OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday: CLOSED  
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

### FACILITY HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday: CLOSED  
Tuesday – Wednesday: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Thursday - Friday: 8:00 AM-10:00 PM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

\* The facility may be closed on Saturdays when no daytime events are scheduled.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY! HE IS RISEN!</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Facility is Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 11:30 AM 1:00 PM	<b>No School</b> International Bible Class – Room 128 ESL Class – Concordia Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>No School</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 10:00 AM 8:00 PM	<b>No School</b> Men's Small Group (Fedototszkin) – Church Library Alcoholics Anonymous – Concordia Hall
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	<b>No School</b> ESL Class – Concordia Hall Friday Night Bible Study – Luther Hall
<b>Saturday</b> 10:00 AM 5:00 PM	GriefShare – Church Library Modern Praise Worship – Gymnasium



**Worship Celebration Schedule**

Traditional Praise: Sundays @ 8:00 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:00 AM

Modern Praise: Saturdays @ 5:00 PM | Sundays @ 10:45 AM

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