



SONGS OF SUMMER!



July 21-22, 2018



THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

ONE IN JESUS...REACHING MANY!

Week of July 22, 2018

WORSHIP CELEBRATION



SONGS OF SUMMER SERIES

Like marshmallows and milk chocolate melted between graham crackers, music and summer simply pair well together. Whether it be driving down the highway with the windows rolled down and the radio turned up, relaxing on the patio with friends and family to the beat of a favorite oldies sound track, or the background sounds of top forty tunes blaring at the municipal pool accompanied by giggling children, what would the hot

days of summer be like without music? Of course, this is nothing new. Our amazing God also recognizes the need for a good song in the midst of life's moments. In fact he's dedicated an entire book (called the Book of Psalms) filled with inspired songs that form a perfect background track for real life circumstances. Join us throughout our summer worship series called *Songs of Summer*...and get ready to pump up the volume on your relationship with Jesus!

HOLY BAPTISM – Today we celebrate the baptisms of Gemma Rose Stange, daughter of Will & Jessica, and Bradley David Milner, son of David & Laura at the 11:00 AM Traditional Praise worship service. May God richly bless Gemma and Bradley and their families!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE UPDATE “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together...but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”—Hebrews 10:24-25

Attendance for the weekend of July 14-15.....796

BIBLICAL DISCOVERY

SUMMER SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS continues with a study of the Book of Romans. Please join us at 9:30 AM in Concordia Hall on the lower level for great discussion as we delve into God's Word.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY - Come join us this summer for a great women's Bible Study, based on the book Living 'So That': Making Faith-Filled Choices in the Midst of a Messy Life by Wendy Blight. This is a 7 week study. Please join on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the Church Library. If you are able to attend and need a book, please contact Allison Bashford at allibash@me.com.



GRAB A CUP OF COFFEE AND INVITE A NEW FRIEND. Following all our Sunday morning services, coffee and refreshments are served in Luther Hall. What a wonderful opportunity it is to get to know someone in worship with us. What a great way to be the church by encouraging each other in Jesus' name!

FAMILY PRAISE & PICNIC IN THE PARK – SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

You may be asking, “What is Family Praise & Picnic in the Park?” This is St. John’s annual outdoor worship service at Rochester Municipal Park (less than a mile away) followed by an old fashioned family picnic and a variety of activities. It’s an opportunity for the St. John family to come together and be a witness of Jesus’ love for us out in the community!



Worship will begin at **11:00 AM**. Come dressed casually and bring your lawn chairs & blankets, as seating will be on the grassy area surrounding the Bebout Band Shell in the middle of the park. If you need assistance getting to the worship area, many golf carts will be available to transport you from the parking lot and then back to your car later. The free picnic lunch will be served buffet style by our many volunteers, with seating available under a covered pavilion. There will also be games and activities for the whole family! Mark your calendar now and look for more information in the coming weeks. Hope to see you there!



EXCITING ONE LEGACY UPDATE! Praise the Lord! In follow-up to congregation approval back in May and after several months of meeting with the City of Rochester Planning Commission and receiving provisional approval earlier this year, this past Monday evening the Planning Commission gave final approval, as anticipated, for us to move forward with our \$8.5 million ONE Legacy Campus Master Plan project! We have also been working with our architect on shifting from initial timeline plans of breaking ground next spring/summer to potentially breaking ground on new foundations as early as October/November this fall! This shift is all in an attempt to leverage lower labor rates this winter and avoid rising material costs as well as to streamline timing within the new construction and renovation process. More details will be communicated as soon as plans are finalized. Truly these are exciting times! Many, many thanks to all of you who have served to lead this project forward with your ongoing financial gifts and prayers. May the Lord continue to bless these efforts for the future! Please also keep praying for the Lord’s guidance and provision for all that is ahead!



LUTHERAN NIGHT AT COMERICA PARK – Bring the family out to enjoy a Detroit Tigers game on Friday, July 27 at 7:10 PM. The Tigers will play the Cleveland Indians. Tickets are \$24 per person. For more information or to order tickets, please call Hank Hajdas of Historic Trinity Lutheran Church at 586-228-9189. **NEW UPDATE!** – Our own St. John Men's Chorus will join together with the Lutheran Choralaires to sing the national anthem!

WALK, RUN OR BIKE WITH THE ST. JOHN RUNNERS GROUP – This group is for all new and accomplished runners and bikers looking for fellowship, fitness and fun. Lace up your running shoes or grab your bike and join us every Saturday at 7:30 AM. We meet and start with prayer at Rochester Park off Ludlow St. before heading to the Paint Creek Trail. Hope to see you there! Please contact Julie Schmidt at 586-864-4768 or salyerja@gmail.com or Nicole Buday at 248-520-3383 or quadlevel@gmail.com if you have any questions.



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

GROUP MISSION TRIP – We are excited that 35 students and 9 adults from St. John have now traveled to Breckenridge, MN to serve with Group Mission Trips for the next week. Students and adults will work with 350 other students and adults from around the country to help build wheel chair ramps, paint homes, and do general carpentry jobs on over 50 homes in the area. Please pray for safe travels, safe work and for the people of Breckenridge to hear about the love of Jesus through our youth and adults. After their return, Steve Wilson and many of the students will be leading a Bible Study about their experience on Sunday, August 5 in Concordia Hall during the 9:30 AM Bible Class hour. Come and join us as we share about the experience.



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS | BACK TO SCHOOL!

The **2018-2019 school year** is just around the corner. The first day for K – 8 will be Monday, August 20 with Registration Day on Tuesday, August 14. Preschool sessions start on August 27 for the 4's and August 28 for the 3's, with parent orientations on August 21 and 22.

Applications are being accepted for the 2018-2019 school year. St. John Lutheran School offers Preschool to 8th grade, including half and full day

Kindergarten, in a Christ-centered setting. St. John is accredited by the Michigan Association of Non-public Schools and National Lutheran Schools Accreditation. Students learn about the love of Jesus through prayer, weekly chapel and by studying God's Word. The school offers a low student to teacher ratio, challenging academics, and experienced faculty. Additional features include band and choir, Spanish, art, recess for all grade levels, middle school Academic Enrichment electives, a daily hot lunch program, a licensed care room, free bus transportation within the RCS district, and a variety of extracurricular opportunities. Financial support is available through a congregation automatic scholarship for each student, the Tuition Assistance Fund, and free or reduced cost hot lunch for families who qualify, a multi-child discount, the Plaid Exchange program offering gently used low cost uniforms, and scrip gift cards which provide tuition credit for the following school year.

You are invited to schedule a personal tour of our campus to learn more about St. John Lutheran School as the right school for your child. Share the word with family, friends and neighbors. For enrollment information, please contact Beth Dameron, Director of School Admissions, at bdameron@stjohnrochester.org or 248-402-8012, or visit the website at www.stjohnrochester.org/school.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH – Workcamp 2018 – We are in Breckenridge, MN this week serving the community. Please pray for us! We are so excited to be there and serving.

Save the Date! House Hop 2018 on Sunday, August 12!

We will be saying goodbye to our seniors and welcoming our incoming freshmen to our High School Youth program on

August 12, 6:00-9:00 PM! Our evening will include “hopping” from house to house for devotions, great food, and fun. In early August, Mrs. Hammett will be sending out detailed communication about the event, so watch for it! Please text or email her to let her know you’ll be there for a great evening!

Cedar Point on Wednesday, August 15! We will leave St. John at 7:30 AM and return around 1:00 AM. Cost is \$65 per student which covers ticket and van. Deadline to sign up and turn in payment to Mrs. Hammett is Wednesday, August 1.

Detroit Mission on Saturday, August 25, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM! Join as a family to serve with 4 other churches to clean up homes in Detroit. It is a morning filled with joy for the Lord and hard work! We will meet downtown (address TBA in mid-August). This is our 3rd year working in the community and we are seeing a rebirth after we leave! Praise you, Father!

Arts & Apples September 7-9! We have been asked to serve as the main gate greeters at Arts & Apples this September. This is a really cool event that brings people from all over the world to our own community. We will be looking to fill 39 time slots with our High School families over the weekend of September 7-9. With a few families put together for the weekend, we will be able to serve as welcoming faces in the community and earn over \$2,000.00 for our ministry at the same time! What a privilege!

Training is on August 7 at 6:30 PM at 407 Pine St. Who is in??

Save the Dates for the 2019 National Youth Gathering on July 11-15, 2019 in Minneapolis! The theme is “Real. Present. God.” Registration will be this fall.

For more information, contact Melissa Hammett, Director of High School Youth Ministry, at mhammett@stjohnrochester.org.

SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

DID YOU KNOW that we have a St. John **Love for Others Fund** to assist people inside our church home and outside in our community who are in immediate need of emergency help? Last year, over \$14,000 was distributed to assist with food, gas, hospital visits, medical expenses and more. The Love for Others Fund has helped those who have lost income and are in need of a one-time mortgage or rent payment, or funds to avoid utility shut-offs, and the list goes on.

Having this fund available offers us the opportunity to pray with people, talk about their individual needs, and share God's love while helping with the necessary tangible care that can ease their worry.

Please consider making a donation to the Love for Others Fund. This fund is completely separate from our Annual Ministry Budget. **Donations are tax deductible and checks can be made out to: St. John Love for Others Fund, or to St. John, with Love for Others in the memo line. The blue envelopes included with your bimonthly offering packets may be used for these donations.** Thank you!

ST. JOHN FOUNDATION GRANT – Are you a member of St. John, attending a Lutheran college for a degree in church work? Then you may be eligible for tuition assistance from the Foundation. The Church Worker Support Fund was established in 1993 to assist members of St. John in preparing for full time church work. If you are a member of St. John, attending a Lutheran University or Seminary and are working towards a degree that will lead to being a called LCMS Church Worker, you are eligible to apply for assistance from the Foundation. If you are interested, please e-mail Kevin Gentner at kkgentner@aol.com to receive the Foundation Petition Grant Form to be completed and submitted to the Foundation Board of Governors for consideration by Tuesday, July 31.

A MESSAGE OF THANKS to St. John Congregation for ongoing financial support was recently received from POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach) International, one of our primary mission partners. Excerpts are shared here: *Thank you for your generous donation to POBLO International! Your financial partnership is a great blessing and allows us to continue meeting the physical, social, and spiritual needs of Muslims and other immigrants and refugees in the United States by sharing the love of Jesus with them in practical and culturally relevant ways... Thank you so much for your continued support, prayers and partnership... May our good Lord continue to bless you.* ~Rev. Farrukh Khan, Director of Development

ARE YOU WONDERING WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR GENTLY-USED CLOTHING, SHOES, AND NON-BREAKABLE ITEMS? The Disabled Veterans of America (DAV) will gladly take these items! Place donated items in the large, bright green DAV donation bin located on the south side of our parking lot near the gate leading to Alice Street. The bin is easily accessible and user friendly (it works like a library drop box). Questions? Contact Mike Wilusz @ 248-402-8000 or e-mail mwilusz@stjohnrochester.org. All donated items must be in resalable condition.

The DAV WILL accept:

- All clothing & shoes, bedding, drapes, toys, books, CD's/Tapes/DVD's, small electrical appliances, working TV's, furniture (NOT in need of repair, with stains, rips or holes or worn more than usual), lamps, jewelry, dishes/pots/pans, kitchen utensils, area rugs, tools, exercise equipment, computer equipment.

The DAV will NOT accept:

- Large appliances, hot water tanks, cars, boats, campers, any gas powered lawn equipment, out-of-date sporting equipment such as old skis and golf clubs, any damaged and/or broken items.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God!” - 2 Corinthians 9:11. Thank you so much for your ongoing generosity that allows us to make an eternal impact in Jesus’ name!

GENERAL MISSION & MINISTRY Offerings for July 14-15.....\$39,341.00

Special Contributions for July 14-15.....\$95

As of 7/15/18 Y.T.D. Budgeted Offerings:	\$ 112,796.05
As of 7/15/18 Y.T.D. Actual Offerings:	<u>\$ 103,386.50</u>
As of 7/15/18 Y.T.D. Variance to Budget:	\$ (9,409.55)

As of 7/15/18 Y.T.D. Special Contributions: \$385

(St. John's fiscal year is 7/1/18 through 6/30/19.)

ONE LEGACY INITIATIVE

As of 7/19/18 Amount pledged..... \$3,455,994.79

As of 7/19/18 Amount received..... \$901,725.96

COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

VOLUNTEER WITH NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE (a primary mission partner of St. John), where they welcome and need your assistance. Volunteers share their time and talents on a regular basis at the Clothes Closet, Food Pantry and at their Main Office. They also have opportunities for volunteers to help with special projects and events from home or from one of their locations. Their volunteer program is very organized and offers volunteers maximum flexibility. To learn more about volunteering, contact Neighborhood House at volunteer@ranh.org or 248-651-5836.

A DRIVING NEED – Hundreds of older and disabled neighbors in our community need help getting to doctor appointments, the grocery store, or other essential errands. Being able to get food and medical care can make it possible for them to remain in their own homes for as long as possible.

The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program is in need of volunteers who can provide transportation in the local area. We especially need drivers who are available during daytime business hours – mornings and afternoons. If you have just a couple hours a month that you can give to someone in need, you can make a huge difference in the life of a struggling specific appointments that meet these criteria. If you are free, say yes. If you’re not, simply decline and we will call you another time. Even one more ride a year will make a big difference to the person who needs it! Please call their office today at 586-757-5551. You can learn more about Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at www.ivcinfo.org.

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 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:

Thanksgiving: Baptisms of: Gemma Rose Stange, daughter of Will & Jessica, Bradley David Milner, son of David & Laura

Guidance & Strength: Students & Volunteers at Breckenridge, MN for work camp

Hope & Healing: Esther Bergdolt (sister of Lorraine Sattelmeier) – pneumonia & heart issues, Tracy Smith – hospice, Connie Ulrich – recovering at home from hip replacement, Russ Schmidt – recovery from pacemaker implant, Continued healing for: Jerry Bantin, Al Lucas, Marilyn Miller, Hailey Noonan and Helen Wiley

LAST WEEK:

Thanksgiving: Ron & Ruth Finch – 50th wedding anniversary

Hope & Healing: Hanna Norden – knee issues, Helga Olsen, Randal – cancer, Judy Evans – back surgery complications, Rod – COPD

Bereavement: (Family of...) Ellis Zink, Ivan Techel (Roger Miller's brother-in-law)

PRIOR WEEK:

Thanksgiving: Marriage of Sarah Hall and Mario Gonzalez, Baptism of Brynley Ellen Brown, daughter of Justin and Jessica, Installation of Michael Hansen as Associate Pastor – St. Matthew Walled Lake

Guidance & Strength: James & Dad traveling out West

Hope & Healing: Monica – cancer, Jim Boldt – rehab, Tony, Stephanie – injured vertebrae, Ken Feinauer – upcoming back surgery

Bereavement: (Family of...) Kevin Davis (father of SJ graduate Reis & brother-in-law of Tom & Kristi Larsen)

Nation & World: Those trapped in caves in Thailand and the rescuers

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

June 11 – August 10

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Sunday

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study (Romans) – Concordia Hall

Monday

Tuesday

1:00 PM ESL Class – Concordia Hall

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study (Living So That) – Church Library

Wednesday

Thursday

8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous – Concordia Hall

Friday

9:00 AM ESL Class – Concordia Hall

Saturday

5:00 PM 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

1011 W. University Dr. | Rochester, MI 48307 | 248.402.8000 | stjohnrochester.org