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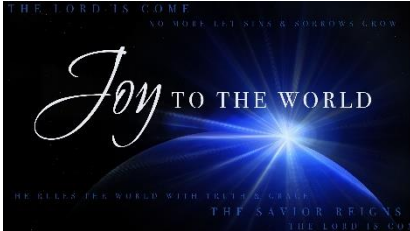


THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

ONE IN JESUS...REACHING MANY!

Week of December 2, 2018

WORSHIP CELEBRATION



ADVENT MESSAGE SERIES BEGINS THIS WEEKEND

The coming of Jesus into our world as the promised savior from sin and death brings joy! Don't let the rush of the holiday season get in the way of this true joy! Be sure to join us throughout the weeks of Advent for a time of spiritual preparation and celebration of all that Jesus comes to bring to our world...and to our lives!

4:30 PM & 7:00 PM | ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS THIS WEEK!

With the season of Advent come more opportunities to gather in God's presence for worship not only on weekends but also on Wednesdays. As we seek to include more and more family members of all ages in worship as well as in opportunities to experience shared life together, we are happy to announce our Advent Midweek worship schedule beginning Wednesday, December 5. Advent Midweek worship will occur on Wednesdays at 4:30 PM & 7:00 PM, with an intergenerational family meal served between both services in the school gymnasium (see related article in the Shared Life section)! Make plans now to join us!

LESSONS & CAROLS – Please join us next Sunday, December 9 at 2:00 PM and 4:30 PM in the church sanctuary for our annual St. John Christmas Concert, featuring many of our St. John music ensembles and instrumentalists. This year's concert will once again follow the format of the traditional English Lessons and Carols service. Festive orchestral and brass music will begin 15 minutes prior to each service. "O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!"



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 Wednesday, November 21.....197

Attendance for the weekend of November 24-25.....817

All articles submitted to *The Weekly Connection* will be subject to approval and editing by the staff. Articles may be sent via email to connection@stjohnrochester.org and must be received no later than Wednesday at noon the week of publication.

BIBLICAL DISCOVERY

GET INTO THE WORD – The Fall and Early Winter Bible Study program for all ages continues! Please be sure to take the current GET INTO THE WORD brochure home with you. In it you will find the listing of Bible Class selections for Sundays as well as those held during the week. Brochures are available in easel racks in the Atrium and just outside the Sanctuary, as well as on our St. John website.



JOY TO THE WORLD ADVENT READING PLAN – This weekend at the end of each worship service, you can pick up a bookmark to take home for you and your family. The bookmark is intended to help you and your family members take time this Christmas to focus on Jesus and Him coming near to us. There is a very short reading suggested for each day to help get us all focused on the joy we have in Jesus.

SHARED LIFE



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!

ATTENTION ALL LADIES! You are warmly invited to a morning of Prayer, Praise and Preparation for the Advent and Christmas season. Come and join us **this Tuesday, December 4, 10:00-11:30 AM in Luther Hall** as we enjoy a time of preparing our hearts with fellowship, praise, a word from our Pastor and some special visitors from our school. Refreshments will be provided. Please bring a copy of your favorite cookie recipe to share. Online registration is now available on our St. John website. Just look for the Ladies Advent Tea rotator on the homepage. Or you may reserve your spot by emailing Jennie Eller at jeller@stjohnrochester.org, or stopping by the Main Office, or calling the Main Office at 248-402-8000. Child care is available by contacting Nursery Coordinator Julie Schmidt at jschmidt@stjohnrochester.org. We really hope to see you there!



ADVENT MIDWEEK DINNER – Join us this Wednesday between the 4:30 PM and 7:00 PM worship services for a delicious family meal in the gymnasium. The St. John Elders will be preparing and serving spaghetti & meatballs, buttered noodles as a kid friendly option, salad, and rolls for all to enjoy. Approximate serving time will be 5:30-6:45 PM. Free will donations will benefit the St. John “Love for Others Fund” that assists those in our congregation and community experiencing financial hardship.

OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans in Service) - Join us for the next OWLS luncheon on Friday December 14 at 12:00 PM in Luther Hall. This will be a festive Christmas gathering. We will be providing a delicious lunch and ask that you please bring in some of your special holiday cookies, if possible. We will have special Christmas music provided by the St. John School choirs. Mr. Patrick McKay from the Rochester Hills Museum will be our presenter. He will be covering Rochester's role in the Civil War. Please RSVP to Diana Sell (248.375.9293). We really hope to see you there.



GRIEFSHARE will continue meeting every Saturday morning through January 12 , 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the Church Library. In the coming weeks we will focus on topics such as guilt and anger, complicating factors, and being "stuck" in grief. We learn what God has in store for us in Heaven, and how to go on with our lives after the death of a loved one. All are welcome and you may join us at any time. Contact Linda Baroli 248-895-0310, Joanne Curran 248-877-7309, or Marlene Leinberger 586-365-8870



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

WHEN YOUR HEART HURTS FOR A MIRACLE - The holiday season is upon us and sometimes it doesn't matter how good the turkey and pumpkin pie are on Thanksgiving or the Christmas carols that have started to play or all the decorations that hit us at every corner, there can be an unspoken broken feeling hidden in your heart. Whether it is missing a loved one who is no longer here, loneliness or struggles that seem to overwhelm, we long for a miracle to ease the hurt and bring joy back to our lives. Our Stephen Ministers are here to help you find that miracle. They will walk beside you as you seek the peace

promised to us through Jesus Christ. If you would like a Stephen Minister to help you, please contact Pastor Steve Grafe at 248-402-8020 or by email at pastorsteve@stjohnrochester.org. If you would like more information about the Stephen Ministry program and how they can help you or someone you know, please contact our Stephen Leaders Lori Horton, Catherine Lick and Tom Rowe at SJStephenMinistry@gmail.com. Wishing everyone a blessed and gratitude-filled Thanksgiving!

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE - Now is the time to order or renew your subscription of THE LUTHERAN WITNESS for 2019! The Lutheran Witness is the official periodical of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and is published 11 times a year. It provides stories and information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith, and help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. It also includes the *Michigan in Touch* supplement. The new subscription year begins March 2019 and **orders need to be turned in to the pastoral office by Monday, December 10** to take advantage of a discounted rate of \$11.60/year. Checks should be made to 'St. John Lutheran Church' with 'Lutheran Witness' written on the memo line. Our Church Library has recent issues of this magazine available if you would like to check it out first. Please contact the pastoral office at 248-402-8020 or church@stjohnrochester.org for more information.

LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHWEST CHORAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Lutheran High Northwest is excited to announce their 2nd annual Choral Christmas concert, to be held at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Birmingham TODAY, Sunday, December 2 at 7:00 PM. The concert will feature the Northwest Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, as well as the Men's and Women's chorus. This festival concert includes choral anthems, congregational hymns, and Scripture readings as we ring in the Advent and Christmas seasons. The event is free and open to the public. We hope you will join us! A free will offering will be gathered. To learn more about this event and about Lutheran Northwest, visit www.lutherannorthwest.com or follow them on social media @LuthNorthwest!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

LIGHTHOUSE MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY happens on most Sundays 6:00-8:00 PM for 6th-8th grade students and friends. Look online or check out our Facebook page for dates and times. For questions about Middle School ministry, contact Steve Wilson, Director of Child and Family Ministry, at 248-402-8006 or swilson@stjohnrochester.org.





ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

Gifts for All God's Children Coffee Hour and Chapel: On Wednesday, December 5 please join us for a Coffee Hour starting at 8:15 AM in the Atrium. K – 8 will be bringing their wrapped presents for the Gifts for All God's Children program and taking them to the altar for chapel which starts at 9:00 AM this week only. You are warmly invited to attend.

Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year: Re-enrollment/early enrollment for St. John congregation and school families will be from

January 21 to February 1, with open enrollment extended to the community starting February 4. Save the Date for upcoming enrollment events and please share the information with family and friends.

- **Kindergarten Preview Night**, Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 – 8:00 PM: Parents of prospective Kindergarten students are invited to learn about our half and full day Kindergarten program and meet the Kindergarten faculty.
- **Preschool Preview Night**, Thursday, January 24, 6:30 – 7:30 PM: Meet the Preschool director and teachers and learn about our expanded 3's and 4's program options, including before and after Preschool care (new next year!).
- **School Open House**, Sunday, January 27, 12:00-2:00 PM: Visit the classrooms, meet the faculty, hear from current and alumni students, and learn about our Preschool to 8th grade program. This is for the whole family!

Celebrating more than 75 years of Christian Lutheran education, St. John offers Preschool to 8th grade in a Christ-centered setting. The school is accredited by Michigan Non Public Schools Association and by National Lutheran Schools Accreditation. For enrollment information or to schedule a private tour, please contact Beth Dameron, Director of School Admissions, bdameron@stjohnrochester.org or 248-402-8012 or visit www.stjohnrochester.org/school.



ST. JOHN 2018 TEAM PRESENTS IN CHINA: The St. John Future City traveled to China November 17 – 25 to present at the China National Future City Competition. They met students from all over China, enjoyed a dinner with many of the students from China, experienced the Parade of Teams at the competition, watched many Chinese team presentations and exchanged team bracelets with Chinese students. Dr. Linda Gerhardt, Engineer Educator, and Mr. Tim Grothaus, Teacher Sponsor, participated as two of the six panelists in a STEM forum, sitting in Ming Dynasty chairs (Mr. Mike Abramczyk, Engineer Mentor, was unable to make the trip). The St. John group was able to visit the Great Wall, the

Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, and Tiananmen Square. They also enjoyed visiting a vocational high school in Beijing and taking in a Tai Chi class.

In addition to Dr. Gerhardt and Mr. Grothaus, trip participants included the 2018 presenting team of Reagan Rutkowski, Sloane Kerska, and Ethan Dodson, as well as alternate Prisca Yim. Many of the team's parents were also able to attend. The group will compile their photos and share more details about their trip in the coming weeks. We give thanks to God for the team's safe return and for this incredible opportunity for these students to be a light for Jesus while traveling to China!



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Tonight we will meet from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Youth Room. We will begin a new devotion series entitled “Know God” by discussing how creation points to the Creator. To tie this all together we will also play four awesome games! Invite a friend and come join in the fun!

Next Sunday, December 9 we will be serving a light meal to the musicians between the Christmas concerts. Arrive at 2:30 PM and serve, then attend the 4:30 PM concert. After the concert we will have our annual viewing of the award winning “Elf”!

On Wednesday, December 12 we get to serve Advent dinner after the 4:30 PM Advent service! Please arrive after school to help set up tables. We will be grilling chicken and burgers! All funds collected will go toward our 2019 mission trips!

Group Mission Trip 2019 registration is underway! Group Mission Trip is an opportunity for students 12 yrs. and older to go to a community (Knoxville, TN) for a week to serve the less fortunate, elderly and disabled through building projects, along with 300-400 students from across the country. The total cost per person is \$350. A \$60 deposit is due. This is a life changing experience from beginning to end.

Mexicali 2019 planning is also underway! Trip dates are March 31-April 5, and we have a booked a block of airline tickets so that the lower rate is locked in. If you are thinking about going and missed the first information meeting, it is VERY important that you contact Melissa Hammett. Before committing to the trip, please make note of these very important dates, as attendance at 100% of them is both important and required.

December 9 - Paperwork Due & Deposit – 12:00 PM in Youth Room

January 6, 4:00-6:00 PM - Planning Meeting #1

January 20, 4:00-6:00 PM - Planning Meeting #2

February 3, 4:00-6:00 PM - Planning Meeting #3

February 10, 12:00-2:00 PM - Planning Meeting #4 (lunch provided)

March 3, 4:00-6:00 PM - Planning Meeting #5

March 10, 4:00-6:00 PM - Planning Meeting #6

March 17 - Commissioning Services, followed by last meeting at 12:00 PM (lunch provided)

Trip dates - March 31 - April 5

Freshmen Families, Mrs. Hammett is so excited to have bagels with you at “Bagels with Hammett.” Our families here at St. John are such a blessing!

For more information, please contact Director of High School Youth Ministry Melissa Hammett at 248-402-8008 or mhammett@stjohnrochester.org.

SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY



MITE BOXES: Pick one up TODAY in Luther Hall! We hope you will take the small bank home, drop your change into it, and then return it again to the display table in Luther Hall (first Sunday of each month) and pick up a new box. The “mites” gathered from many people add up to powerful ministry dollars for worldwide missions supported by the LWML (Lutheran Women’s Missionary League). Let’s help spread the wonderful gospel!

GIFTS FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN WEEKEND – Thanks be to God for the many gifts that are being brought to worship this weekend, to bless children in the Detroit area. Our school families will also be bringing in gifts at chapel on Wednesday. What a joy it is to be a blessing to many children at this special time of year! Thank you so much to all who participated.



HAT, SCARF, MITTEN AND GLOVE COLLECTION IS UNDERWAY – Donations may be placed directly on the Atrium Christmas tree. With cold weather now upon us, we look forward to blessing others with the warmth that these items will bring.



IMPORTANT ONE LEGACY UPDATE

A very important email from Pastor Marc recently went out to our entire church and school family, sharing a detailed status update on where we stand today and next steps that are needed as we prayerfully prepare for construction to begin this coming spring (a shift from our hoped for start date this fall). Be sure to check your email inbox to read more, or visit the ONE Legacy initiative information page on our website to find the link to Pastor Marc's letter. In the meantime, please continue to keep this important process in your ongoing prayers as the Lord continues to move in powerful ways among us for the future!

PLEDGE CARD		In response to God's blessings, I/we promise to give:	
St. John Capital Initiative one equal gift, but equal sacrifice (please print)		CASH GIFTS	\$ _____ weekly or 10th month or monthly or 1st month or annual (to 3 years)
NAME _____		GIFTS IN KIND	\$ _____ approximate value of gift
ADDRESS _____		Description of gift: _____	
Understand that all we promise is a gift from God. (We require no understanding or participation in the "ONE Legacy" initiative.) This is a statement of faith and may be altered at any time.		3 YEAR TOTAL	\$ _____
SIGNATURE _____		DATE	_____

We remain beyond grateful for the generous response and demonstration of sacrificial giving so many of you have made in response to your Savior's love! Please keep it coming! So far over \$1.2 million has been given of close to \$3.5 million pledged around this time last year. Every pledge and every gift makes a difference as we prepare to finalize our construction loan financing in the next few months, and every dollar given now will be one less dollar

financed once construction begins. Perhaps last fall was not a good time for you and your family to make a pledge or one time gift. If so, would you prayerfully consider doing so now before the end of the year? For more information, visit our website ONE Legacy info page, pick up a pledge card at the display in the Atrium, or contact our Financial Office. "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen!" - Ephesians 3:20-21

Congregation Forums: Mark your calendar! – Please plan to attend one of two identical Congregation Forums where our new construction manager will be introduced and updates on project schedule and budget will be provided. The forum dates are:

Sunday, January 13 at 12:30 PM in the Church Sanctuary

Monday, January 14 at 7:00 PM in Luther Hall

GIFTS OF SECURITIES TO ST. JOHN - For those friends of St. John who wish to contribute securities (stock or bonds) to the church either on paper or electronically, the transaction is processed directly by Thrivent Financial. You can initiate a request by contacting Jerry Kulczycki, Thrivent Wealth Advisor, at 248-822-7700 or jerry.kulczycki@thrivent.com.

The value of the stock contribution is based on the average of the high and the low of the stock on the day it is traded. A letter of contribution will be sent to each securities contributor. To receive contribution credit for the current year, the transaction must be completed with Thrivent Financial before the last business day of the year. Please allow adequate time for the processing of the transaction and be aware of the holiday business schedule of the financial institutions so that the transaction can be completed to your satisfaction. For additional information or to designate your contribution to accounts other than the General Fund of the church (such as One Legacy, for example), please contact Director of Operations Mike Wilusz at 248-402-8010 or mwilusz@stjohnrochester.org. Blessings.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT - Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, During the Christmas season, we celebrate God's fulfillment of His promise to send the greatest gift of all—a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. In response to this Good News, a spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving is a focus of our lives and relationships.

This season of giving also provides an opportunity to share our blessings and express our appreciation to our dedicated staff of servants at St. John Lutheran Church & School who daily witness God's love and serve Him throughout the year. Therefore, we encourage you to prayerfully consider recognizing their faithful ministry by providing a special staff Christmas gift.

Gifts may be placed in your blue “Designated Gift” offering envelope or any envelope marked “Staff Gift” and deposited in the offering plate during worship services. Gifts may also be dropped off at the St. John Main Office or mailed to St. John Lutheran Church at 1011 W. University Drive, Rochester, MI 48307. Checks should be made payable to “St. John Lutheran Church” with “Staff Gift” on the memo line. Please submit by Tuesday, December 25.

We also encourage gifts to St. John's “Love for Others Fund” used to assist Congregation members and Rochester area residents who are experiencing financial challenges during this Christmas season.

Thanks for your help! In His service and yours, St. John Elders

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 November 21-25.....\$37,352.55

Special Contributions for November 21-25.....\$25.00

As of 11/25/18 Y.T.D. Budgeted Offerings: \$ 909,626.45

As of 11/25/18 Y.T.D. Actual Offerings: \$ 894,053.72

As of 11/25/18 Y.T.D. Variance to Budget: \$ (15,572.73)

As of 11/25/18 Y.T.D. Special Contributions: \$5,831.00

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

ONE LEGACY INITIATIVE

As of 11/27/18 Amount pledged..... \$3,458,334.79

As of 11/27/18 Amount received.....\$1,283,705.57

COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

CAN YOU HELP? – Opportunities to serve with the love of Jesus:

- Sort Gifts for All God's Children packages TODAY (Sunday) after the late services
- Help set up for the Ladies' Advent Tea on Tuesday, December 4 (arrive at 8:30 AM)

The more the merrier! If you are willing to serve in either of these areas, please contact Mission & Ministry Coordinator Jennie Eller at 248-402-8087 or jeller@stjohnrochester.org.

SERVE AS DOOR GREETERS - Guests, friends, family and neighbors are more likely than any other time of the year to come to church for Christmas! You can joyfully let people know that YES, there IS “room in the inn” here at St. John this Christmas. Let's give each and every person a warm and winsome welcome so they know how glad we are that they come to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This is a wonderful, simple way for you individually or as a family to experience the joy of serving at Christmas. Choose the day and time you want to serve and then contact Mission & Ministry Coordinator Jennie Eller at 248-402-8087 or jeller@stjohnrochester.org to sign up and join others serving as door greeters this Christmas!

HAVE YOU DISCOVERED YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS? Be sure to take a few minutes to utilize the *Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts* personal assessment on our St. John website. Click on the Serve dropdown. Find out how God has uniquely gifted YOU with skills and talents that enable you to be a special blessing to others, as you use these gifts to His glory! Coming soon to the Serve section of our website will be a brand new updated listing of many opportunities to serve both on and off campus!

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: For all those who helped in decorating for the Advent and Christmas season

Guidance & Strength: Those facing job loss and those in financial difficulty

Hope & Healing: Brandon Spencer – tonsillectomy (Dec 3), Wilma Horan – heart surgery this week, Florence Raetzel – recovering from gallbladder surgery...Continued healing for: Jerry Bantin, Vic Ulrich, Hailey Noonan, Sarah Leinberger, Linda Madson, Marilyn Miller, Raymond Pauli and Linda Glisman

Bereavement: – “For the family of:” Brother-in-law of school parent Kristine Howe

LAST WEEK:

Thanksgiving: All the blessings of the year, Food collection & distribution to mission partners & families in need, Future City Team back from China

Guidance & Strength: All traveling over the holiday weekend, For victims of crimes and those in prison

Hope & Healing: Jerry Jagers (friend of Tim Noonan) – cancer, Henry Lind – hospice, Corrine Robinson – broken elbow

Bereavement: – “For the family of:” Lillian Williams (mother of Linda Schultz), Sue Barge, Mahdi (father of Feriba Hartfiel)

PRIOR WEEK:

Thanksgiving: Baptisms of Merritt, Madison and Allysa Olsen, Future City Team to China, Jilliam Schaibly – having baby girl in April

Guidance & Strength: Taykowski family in Italy – peace in decisions after a burglary, Alene

Hope & Healing: Richard Utley – cancer, Candi Schwark - successful eye surgery, Jeanne Robinson – recovering from knee surgery, Vic Ulrich – thanksgiving for successful procedure, Ed Koch (Judy Bradley’s brother-in-law) – hospice, Ben Cook – thanksgiving for successful surgery, Henry Lind – hospice, Marilyn York, Norma Werth (sister of Lucy Moerer & aunt of Jennifer Laubsch) – heart issues, Lou Horvath – surgery

Bereavement: – “For the family of:” Taykowski Family – passing of Jake’s grandfather, Judy Junod

Nation & World: Those suffering from fires in California

ON GOING:

Church-Work Students: Jack Crandall, Austin Wellhousen, Tim Irwin

Those in Military Service: Mark Anderson, Aaron Byers, Devin Deck, Tyler Doebler, Troy Glover, Alex Holzke, Ryan Jankovich, Vance Kernes, Earle IV Leighton, Alex Lindsay, Erich Mammen, Matthew Neumeyer, Adam & Tina Novack, John Paulson, Michael Pesamoska, Christian Petty, AJ Sampson, Jon Taykowski, Bethany (Grothaus) Tessmann, Jonah Toy, Brad Ziegler, Kayla Pfund, Tim Pfund

Pregnancy: Heather Sanders, Joy Tschudy, Morgan Jankovich, Ashleigh McCatty, Jilliam Schaibly

Home Bound or Nursing Home Residents: Dan Albertson, Sharon Brink, Hazel Van Tiflin, Vernetta Wendler, Henry & Helen Lind, Gloria & Gordon Trudeau, Wanda DeLorme, Frances Schuessler, Willi Jed, Roy & Joann Juhl, Fred Meinberg

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

FACILITY HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

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

Sunday

- 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study – Concordia Hall
- 9:30 AM Sunday School – School Classrooms
- 2:00 PM Rochester Christmas Parade – Look for the St. John marchers!
- 6:00 PM High School Youth Night – Youth Room
- 6:00 PM Lighthouse – Gymnasium

Monday

- 7:00 AM Men’s Small Group (McCallum) – Church Library
- 1:30 PM LifeLight (Proverbs) – Mary Martha Room
- 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Christmas Dinner – Luther Hall
- 7:00 PM Elders Meeting – Room 101

Tuesday

10:00 PM	Ladies' Advent Tea – Luther Hall
11:30 AM	International Bible Class – Room 128
1:00 PM	ESL Class – Concordia Hall
6:30 PM	Casual College – Atrium
7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study (Experiencing God) – Church Library
7:00 PM	LifeLight (Proverbs) – Mary Martha Room

Wednesday

9:00 AM	GFAGC School Chapel – Church Sanctuary *note the starting time
9:15 AM	LifeLight (Proverbs) – Mary Martha Room
1:00 PM	Women's Bible Study (The Shepherd With Me) – Concordia Hall
4:30 PM	Advent Worship Service – Church Sanctuary
5:15 PM	Advent Supper - Gymnasium
7:00 PM	Advent Worship Service – Church Sanctuary

Thursday

10:00 AM	Men's Small Group (Fedototszkin) – Church Library
4:30 PM	Skit & Drama Ministry for Kids – Luther Hall
6:00 PM	Jubilate Bell Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rehearsal Room
7:15 PM	Mixed Chorus Rehearsal – Choir Rehearsal Room
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous – Concordia Hall
8:15 PM	Men's Chorus Rehearsal – Choir Rehearsal Room

Friday

8:00 AM	LCEF Stamp Sales – Atrium
9:00 AM	ESL Class – Concordia Hall

Saturday

8:00 AM	Bibles & Basketball – Gymnasium
9:00 AM	Lessons & Carols Dress Rehearsal – Church Sanctuary
10:00 AM	GriefShare – Church Library
3:00 PM	Saturday Afternoon Bible Class – Luther Hall
5:00 PM	Modern Praise – 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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