



BAPTISM
CELEBRATION

January 12-13, 2019



THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

ONE IN JESUS...REACHING MANY!

Week of January 13, 2019

WORSHIP CELEBRATION



CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND! 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 thankful for Teniola Ajijo, Adalynn Belanger, Joshua Blatt, Brynley Brown, Abigail Churchill, Shane

Danielson, Alyssa Dominiak, Elizabeth Goike, Rowan Gurecki, Marley Heinrich, Olivia Hepner, Edmund Judge, Charlotte Kiehl, Greyson Laughlin, Mazie Mann, Vaeda McKee, Miles Miehlke, Bradley Milner, Timothy Miscovich III, Jade Ohryn, Merritt Olsen, Madison Olsen, Alyssa Olsen, Levi Panicara, Ruth Paradise, Shepherd Price, Giuliana Saputo, Henry Schreiber, Victoria Skope, Gemma Stange, Charlotte Steudle, Rylen Tessman, Carter Venglar, Charlotte Walters, and Scarlett Worden.



HOLY BAPTISM – This weekend we celebrate the baptism of Judah Mattson Tschudy, son of Matthew and Joy, at the 9:30 AM Traditional Praise service. We also celebrate at the 11:00 AM Traditional Praise service the baptisms of Myles Clark Rood, son of Erik and Tara, and Christian Andreas Haupt, son of Christian and Megan. May God richly bless these children and their families!

MEN’S CHORUS SUNDAY – Next Sunday, January 20, St. John is blessed to host a combined men’s choir of over 60 singers from St. Lorenz (Frankenmuth), St. Stephen (Waterford), the Lutheran Choralaires (Royal Oak) and St. John (Rochester). The group will be featured in Traditional Praise worship throughout the morning. This is a wonderful fellowship opportunity and a great way to hear strong singing led by men’s voices. It is a truly inspiring sound. Please be sure to worship with us!

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 January 5-6.....900

BIBLICAL DISCOVERY

CHANGE IN DAY AND TIME – The Casual College group for young adults is now meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the Kresge Library at Oakland University. All those of college age are welcome to join in the fellowship and discussion! For more information, please contact Emma Shriner at eshriner@oakland.edu or 248-214-2360.

GET INTO THE WORD THIS WINTER – The New Year is here, and with it come many new opportunities at St. John to grow in your faith through God's Word! From children to seniors, internationals to parenting, Bible basics to more in-depth studies—there truly will be something for everyone no matter your age, life circumstances or schedule! Make this the year that you take a big step as a family in your faith walk with Jesus! Many classes and groups are kicking off this week! Our new *Get Into the Word* brochure with a full listing of Bible Class selections for Sundays as well as Sunday School and all classes and study groups held during the week is now available on our St. John website. Look for the homepage rotator that matches the graphic shown here. Printed copies of the brochure are also available in the Atrium and just outside Luther Hall. Let's get into the Word together in the New Year!



ARE YOU READY TO MAKE ST. JOHN YOUR HOME? 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? Whether transferring

from another church or brand new to the Christian faith, **The ONE Class** is for you! Come join Pastor Marc, Pastor Steve and Pastor Jon on a nine-week, action-packed journey through God's Word as they help you discover what Christian Lutheran faith is all about! They'll also introduce you to our St. John mission and vision. (Plus, you'll get a chance to meet other amazing people like you who also want to grow in relationship with Jesus!) Child care is available. Upon completion of the classes, participants will be welcomed to prayerfully consider official membership as part of the St. John family. The next class will start on **Monday, January 28** at 7:00 PM in Luther Hall. For more information or to enroll, please visit our St. John website (look for the homepage banner slides) or contact the pastoral office at 248-402-8020 or church@stjohnrochester.org. We hope to see you there!

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!

GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT GROUP – If you've lost a loved one and wonder if the feelings, frustrations, hurts, and loneliness you're experiencing are just you or whether others are going through the same things, then this study is a journey you need to be a part of. Using video, discussion, and prayer you will meet others with the same emotions and hardships who are trying to work through the grieving process. The next session of GriefShare will begin on Saturday, February 16. All are welcome! Watch the Connection for more details as that date draws closer. For more information, please contact Linda Baroli at 248-895-0310.

Thank
you

A MESSAGE OF THANKS – We wish to express our sincere appreciation for your love, prayers, and support during this difficult time. We are encouraged and blessed to know that Faith is in the company of our Lord. Blessings, The Ebert Family

A MESSAGE OF THANKS – Thank you for all the prayers, cards and telephone calls of encouragement from my Christian friends! ~Marilynn Meyer

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SEEKING CLASSROOM TEACHING CANDIDATES – As we begin the important call process for Early Childhood teachers as part of the expansion - more specifically, two (2) preschool teachers, a kindergarten teacher, and a first grade teacher - the congregation is invited to submit recommendations for candidates to be considered, along with recommendations we will receive from our LCMS Michigan District and the Concordia University System. Qualified candidates for this position must have a Bachelor's Degree, teaching certification, a love for Jesus our Savior, a love for children, and strong knowledge in child development. Recommendation forms and a sample job description are available at the Main Office. All recommendations must be received by Thursday, January 31.



ST. JOHN DAY SCHOOL NEWS:

St. John Lutheran School offers Preschool through 8th grade in a Christ-centered setting. Preschool includes 3's and 4's half and full day options, and a Young 5's class (new!). Preschool Before and After Care will also be offered as a new option in the fall. Kindergarten includes half and full day options as well as a half-to-full day progression option. Established in 1943, St. John Lutheran School is accredited by Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools and by National Lutheran Schools Accreditation. You are invited to attend the following enrollment events for the 2019-2020 school year:

- **Kindergarten Preview Night:** Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 to 8:00 PM – Parents of prospective Kindergarten students are invited to attend this informative session to learn about our Half and Full Day Kindergarten options and meet the Kindergarten faculty.
- **Preschool Preview Night:** Thursday, January 24, 6:30 to 7:30 PM - Meet our Preschool faculty and learn about the 3's and 4's program options as well as the Young 5's option (new!) and the Preschool Before and After care (new!). This evening is designed for parents.
- **School Open House:** Sunday, January 27, Noon-2:00 PM – You are invited to tour the campus, meet the faculty, and learn about our Preschool to 8th grade program. This event is for the whole family!
- **Open enrollment** begins on Monday, February 4, with early enrollment for congregation and school families from January 21 to February 1. Application materials will also be available at each of the enrollment events. For more information, or to schedule a campus tour, contact Beth Dameron, Director of School Admissions, at 248-402-8012 or bdameron@stjohnrochester.org, or visit www.stjohnrochester.org/school.

3RD GRADE AUTHOR'S NIGHT & DESSERT THEATRE: You are invited to attend Author's Night & Dessert Theatre at Lutheran Northwest this Thursday, January 17 at 6:30 PM. As part of their Language Arts curriculum with Miss Laubsch, the St. John 3rd grade students have written stories, some of which will be performed by the Lutheran Northwest Drama team, directed by Mr. David Kusch. 2nd grade students and parents will provide delicious desserts following the performances.



DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE | A SWEET SOIRÉE: Mark your calendar for the St. John Daddy Daughter Dance, to be held Friday, February 8, on our campus in the gymnasium starting at 6:30 PM. Hosted by the St. John Lutheran School Parent Teacher Network, this event will be open to Kindergarten through 5th grade students from both the school and the congregation. Advanced online registration will be required. To register, please go to <https://rebrand.ly/DDD2019>. If you have any questions, contact the event's coordinator, Kelly Wisniewski at k.flemming@comcast.net.

SPECIAL NEEDS BUDDIES: Every Sunday St. John Lutheran offers a special needs buddy program during 9:30 AM worship. Our goal is to support families by having trained volunteers available to help by being a buddy during the worship service for kids with special needs, enabling their parents to find rest in worship. Buddies are trained to help walk with students and keep them safe, or if appropriate to take them down to Sunday School to participate. Parents with special needs children are invited to sign up for a buddy during the 9:30 AM hour for a child who needs it. If you are need of this service, buddies are normally stationed outside the nursery before 9:30 AM worship.



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 in Room 101. For more information, please contact Steve Wilson, Director of Child and Family Ministry, at 248-402-8006 or swilson@stjohnrochester.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL SUPER BOWL PARTY: Sunday, February 3 will be our annual Super Bowl Party. We watch the game in the Youth Room starting at 6:00 PM and play Dodgeball during half time. Come and join us for a fun night. Students are asked to bring a snack or drink to share, and \$5.00 for pizza. We will end our time together when the game is completed.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH – Happy New Year! We will meet TODAY, 6:00-8:00 PM. We will be studying our 3rd week in our series **KNOW GOD**. Our bottom line topic is: You don't have to know everything to share something. We will finish our night with a few games of Apples to Apples. **January 20** - We will meet from 6:00 to 8:00 PM for our final week in the series

with the bottom line: Worship is more about the Who than the How.

January 27 – Gaming Tournament in the gym. This is a Super Smash Brothers Ulitimate Tournament on the big screens. There are prizes to win, food to eat, and lots of fun just being together. If you don't like gaming, we will have tables set up for playing cards.

February 10 - Our next Pancake Breakfast. All hands on deck! Meet in the church kitchen at 8:00 AM. Mrs. Hammett could really use two parents that morning to help out.

February 10 – Worship Night from 6:00 to 8:00 PM! You asked, we answered! Trevor Noonan will be leading us in music, followed by a killer nacho bar afterwards. Mark your calendar!

February 16-17 – A great trip you won't want to miss! We will visit the Ark Encounter in Kentucky and attend a hockey tournament on the campus of Miami of Ohio and on campus. We will sleep at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hamilton, OH, shower the next morning at the local YMCA, and attend church there at Immanuel. Cost is 60.00 for transportation and the Ark Encounter. You will need additional money for food. Please make checks payable to St. John and submit them to Mrs. Hammett's office, along with an email to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

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

NEW FAMILY LIFE INTERN: Starting in February, St. John will welcome a Family life intern from Concordia in Ann Arbor. Her name is Stephanie Davis, and she will be serving with us through the end of July as she works to share Jesus in our community. Stephanie will serve with Steve Wilson, our Director of Child and Family Ministry, helping and learning through various activities including Sunday School, VBS, mission trips, Confirmation, middle school ministry and other family events. Please pray for Stephanie as she fulfills her internship during her final semester at Concordia University, Ann Arbor.

SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

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 January 5-6.....\$40,951.00

Special Contributions for January 5-6.....\$325.00

As of 1/6/18 Y.T.D. Budgeted Offerings: \$ 1,258,006.61

As of 1/6/18 Y.T.D. Actual Offerings: \$ 1,294,400.45

As of 1/6/18 Y.T.D. Variance to Budget: \$ 36,393.84

As of 1/6/18 Y.T.D. Special Contributions: \$11,566

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

ONE LEGACY INITIATIVE

As of 1/8/19 Amount pledged..... \$3,463,734.79

As of 1/8/19 Amount received.....\$1,550,133.72



ONE LEGACY INITIATIVE UPDATE | Mark your calendar! – While you don't see it yet, a lot of progress has been made on our ONE Legacy Initiative campus renovation and expansion project in recent weeks! Please plan to attend one of two identical Congregation Forums where our new construction management partner will be

introduced and updates on project schedule, scope and budget will be provided with an important opportunity for ongoing feedback. The forum dates are:

Sunday, January 13 at 12:30 PM in Concordia Hall (new location!)

Monday, January 14 at 7:00 PM in Concordia Hall (new location!)

Please continue to pray for guidance as we continue to make important steps together in all that is ahead!

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 \$1.5 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 this Spring. 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

PLEDGE CARD		In response to God's blessings, I/we promise to give:	
ONE LEGACY St. John's Episcopal Initiative <small>one equal gift, four equal sacrifices</small> <small>(Please print)</small>		CASH GIFTS \$ _____	weekly or 12x weekly or monthly or bi-monthly or annual (3 years) or as follows _____
NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ <small>Understanding that all we possess is a gift from God, I/we rejoice in the opportunity to participate sacrificially in "ONE Legacy". This is a statement of faith intent and may be altered as circumstances warrant.</small>		GIFTS IN KIND \$ _____	Approximate value of gift _____
SIGNATURE _____		Description of gift _____	_____
		3 YEAR TOTAL \$ _____	DATE _____



COMPASSIONATE SERVICE



MEXICALI MISSION TRIP TRAINING HAS BEGUN!

Excitement is building as our Mexicali student mission teams gathered to begin preparations for their upcoming Mexico mission trip that will occur over spring break. Please keep these amazing students and leaders in prayer, as well as the hearts of those they will go to serve in Jesus' name.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE – Do you have a passion for finance? St. John is looking for a volunteer to lead a group of 2-3 counters, once per month, to count offerings collected during worship services. The individual should have some experience with finance, banking, and/or cash management processes and procedures. The commitment is for approximately 2-4 hours, one Sunday or Monday of each month. The individual will also act as a liaison between the count team and St. John Operations/Finance. If you are interested in serving in this way, please submit your name and contact information to Director of Operations Mike Wilusz at mwilusz@stjohnrochester.org. Thank you!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR A CHILD AND A FAMILY! Our Special Needs Buddy program (see related article in Children, Youth & Families section) would love to have more volunteers. If you are 16 years or older and willing to work with children with special needs so parents can have a time of rest in worship during the 9:30 AM hour, we invite you to go through some training and help to serve in this important way. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Steve Wilson, Director of Child and Family Ministry, at swilson@stjohnrochester.org or 248-402-8006.

HAVE CAR, WILL TRAVEL? VOLUNTEER DRIVERS URGENTLY NEEDED! Many “snowbirds” are heading south for the winter! Won't you please help fill in for them? Many regular drivers for Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers take a couple months off this time of year, but the need for transportation does not lessen. The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program needs drivers who can provide rides for older and disabled neighbors so that they can get to doctor appointments and essential errands. Just a couple hours of your time can make a huge difference in someone's life. You pick your own area and your own times. Drive as often or as little as you like in the comfort of your own car. Even one more ride a year might get someone to an appointment that could save their life! Daytime drivers are especially needed! Please call IVC today at 586-757-5551 for more information. Learn more about IVC's work at www.ivcinfo.org.

RELATIONAL WITNESS

CLICK TO SHARE THE ETERNAL LOVE OF JESUS! Did you know it's actually really easy to pass along sermon messages to family, friends, neighbors and coworkers? Simply visit our St. John website and visit the sermon message archive. From there, click to share video or audio of any message via email, Facebook, Messenger, etc.

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... Judah Mattson Tschudy - son of Matthew and Joy, Myles Clark Rood - son of Erik and Tara, Christian Andreas Haupt - son of Christian and Megan

Guidance & Strength: This Sunday and Monday's One Legacy forums

Hope & Healing: Jack Zandstra (grandfather of Sara Jung) – nearing life end, Arnold Eagling – pneumonia, Dick Garnett – knee surgery, Elsie McGorman, Del Mallinson...Continued healing for: Marilyn Miller, Jerry Bantin, Vic Ulrich, Hailey Noonan, Sarah Leinberger, Linda Madson, Raymond Pauli and Linda Glisman

Bereavement: – “For the family of:” Deanna Baroli (Linda & Mike's daughter), Joyce Muth (aunt of Bev Koch & Marian Grothaus)

LAST WEEK:

Guidance & Strength: Sue Wood– short term mission trip to Kenya, Kathy, Bible study teachers and leaders as we begin a new quarter of Biblical Discovery, One Legacy plans and direction for upcoming forums

Hope & Healing: Vernetta Wendler – hospitalized, Shelley Davidson – chemo, Don Cox – Bone marrow procedure, Kim Walkenhorst, Henry Hill – thanksgiving for successful surgery, Scott Wright – upcoming surgery

Bereavement: – “For the family of:” Teri A. Vogeli (wife of Rev. Mitchell Vogeli), John Rufner (Ruth Schlecht's son-in-law), Andrew Curtis (4th grader at St. Peter Eastpointe)

PRIOR WEEK:

Thanksgiving: Baptism of Charlotte Jean Walters - daughter of Joshua & Ashley, 50th Anniversary of Roger & Marilyn Miller

Guidance & Strength: Jacob, John

Hope & Healing: Archer (newborn) – seizures, Kristin Whittemore, Grace (baby), Ryan Jankovich, Bill Karam - hospitalized for dementia, Spencer Dork – knee surgery, Norene – biopsy, Henry Hill – knee surgery

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

Confirmation Class – Music Room

9:30 AM

Sunday School – School Classrooms

9:30 AM

Adult Bible Study – Concordia Hall

12:30 PM

Congregation Forum – Concordia Hall (new location)

6:00 PM

Lighthouse – Room 101

6:00 PM

High School Youth Night – Youth Room

Monday

1:30 PM

LifeLight (Proverbs) – Mary Martha Room

7:00 PM

Congregation Forum – Concordia Hall (new location)

7:00 PM

Stephen Ministry – Luther Hall (note the location)

Tuesday

11:30 AM

International Bible Class – Room 128

1:00 PM

ESL Class – Concordia Hall

7:00 PM

Women's Bible Study (A Study of David) – Church Library

7:00 PM

LifeLight (Proverbs) – Mary Martha Room

7:00 PM

St. John Life Team – Concordia Hall

Wednesday

8:45 AM

School Chapel – Church Sanctuary

9:15 AM

LifeLight (Proverbs) – Concordia Hall

1:00 PM

Women's Bible Study (The Shepherd With Me) – Concordia Hall

6:30 PM

Casual College – Oakland University Kresge Library

7:00 PM

Kindergarten Preview – Luther Hall

Thursday

11:30 AM

Hannah Circle Meeting – Mary Martha Room

4:30 PM

Skit & Drama Ministry for Kids – Luther Hall

6:30 PM

3rd Grade Dessert Theater – LHNW

7:00 PM

Men's Chorus Rehearsal – Choir Rehearsal Room

8:00 PM

Alcoholics Anonymous – Concordia Hall

Friday

8:00 AM

LCEF Savings Stamp Sales – Atrium

9:00 AM

ESL Class – Concordia Hall

Saturday

8:00 AM

Bibles & Basketball – Gymnasium

1:00 PM

Visual Faith – Room 101

3:00 PM

Saturday Afternoon Bible Class – Luther Hall

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

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