



M E M O R I A L D A Y

May 25-26, 2019



THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

ONE IN JESUS...REACHING MANY!

Week of May 26, 2019

WORSHIP CELEBRATION



THIS WEEKEND we remember and honor those who have “given the last full measure of devotion” to their country. As followers of the One who on the cross gave His life in order that the world might know freedom from sin, death, and the power of the devil, we understand that true freedom comes at a tremendous price. The victory and peace we have with God because of Jesus’ sacrifice is not something our world can ever bring about through its wars and conflicts. Yet we fight a battle every day! By the power

of the Holy Spirit through our Baptism, we destroy the strongholds of selfishness that demand we ourselves rule everything in our world, and take up the God enabled mantle of Christ’s humility and love, winning a different kind of war.

BEGINNING JUNE 16! IMPORTANT SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE/LOCATION SHIFT

As our entire campus site goes under construction this summer as the first step in our Campus Master Site Plan, onsite parking will be extremely limited for a couple of months. **Beginning on Sunday, June 16 and continuing most likely through August, all Sunday worship services will be moved temporarily offsite to Lutheran High Northwest** located 2 1/2 miles south on Livernois.

As we make the most of this opportunity to better bring our church and school family together as one during this exciting and long awaited season, we will be temporarily reducing our regular weekend schedule to two distinct worship celebrations on Sundays: **8:30 AM Traditional Praise & 10:30 AM Modern Praise (no Saturday worship during this time)**. Communion will be offered at each service every Sunday. Adult Bible Class will be held at 9:30 AM, and there will be fellowship time with refreshments throughout the morning. Sermon messages during this time will also be broadcast via Facebook Live in addition to the regular uploads to our website each week. Additional details will be shared as they become available.



ALTAR FLOWERS are placed by John and Sherry Fedototszkin in thanksgiving for their 50th wedding anniversary on May 31.

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

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

NO SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS will be held this Sunday, May 26 on Memorial Day weekend. Class will resume in Concordia Hall on Sunday, June 2 and also June 9. ***When worship moves offsite to Lutheran High Northwest beginning June 16** (see related article in Worship section), **there will be Adult Bible Study held each Sunday at 9:30 AM at LHNW as well.**

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!

ST. JOHN ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING was held last Sunday, May 19 in the Sanctuary. The two key agenda items were (1) the Annual Election of Elders, Foundation Governors and Vestry, and (2) the approval of the 2019-2020 Annual Ministry Budget. A One Legacy update was also presented.

ELECTION: Those elected to lay leader positions (beginning on 7-1-19) were:

Elders: Jeff Alstead, Dennis Evans, Dave Fletcher, Joe Gazal, Bob Novack, Jim Schwark, Mark Siewert, Jacob Taykowski

Foundation: Brian Fitzgibbon

Vestry: Kevin Gentner, Arlan Hughes, Jim Schultz

Many thanks to all who agreed to run for office and to those who have now completed their terms as elected lay leaders – Elders: James Lewis, Russ McKee, Robert Shelton Jr, Larry Wagner; Foundation Governors: Jeff Craig, Kevin Gentner; Vestry: Tom Aman, Mary Burrell, Annalisa Toth. We are all blessed by your willingness to serve!

BUDGET: Additionally, the Congregation voted unanimously to approve the 2018-2019 ministry year budget of \$4,150,931 as presented. These are exciting times and the Lord is working among us to respond with increasing generosity to make an eternal difference in Jesus' name!

“FAMILY PRAISE AND PICNIC IN THE PARK” PLANNING MEETING - MONDAY, JUNE 10

If you would like to help us plan this year's “Family Praise and Picnic in the Park” celebration, please join us Monday, June 10 at 7:00 PM in Luther Hall. We welcome your participation and ideas!

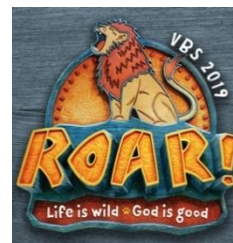
Family Praise and Picnic in the Park—St. John's annual worship, fellowship, and outreach event—is scheduled for Sunday, August 25 in scenic Rochester Municipal Park. This is an excellent opportunity to invite family, friends and neighbors to join us for worship, followed by great picnic food and activities for all ages. For questions or additional information, please contact Roger Guetzkow, Event Coordinator, at 248-377-9048 or rjguetzkow@comcast.net.

GRIEFSHARE concluded the final week of the spring session on May 18. We will begin another session this fall on Saturday, October 12, so watch for more details as that date gets closer. If you have need of support before then, please contact one of our GriefShare leaders: Linda Baroli 248-895-0310, Joanne Curran 248-623-7309, or Marlene Leinberger 586-781-5434.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

8TH GRADE GRADUATION – St. John congregation is warmly invited to attend the graduation service for our St. John Lutheran School 8th graders on Wednesday, May 29 at 7:00 PM in the Church Sanctuary. A reception follows in the gym. For more information, please contact the Main Office at 248-402-8000.

REGISTRATION NOW FOR VBS 2019! This year's Vacation Bible School will be June 24-28, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. We are currently at 275 students. We will be capping our numbers at 500 this year. If you have a child who is 4 years old through entering 6th grade please register them today. VBS is an amazing week of fun and joy. ****Please note that this year's VBS will be led by St. John as always, but will be hosted at Lutheran High Northwest** due to the site work on the St. John campus this summer. Many thanks to Lutheran High for hosting us this year! To register for VBS, visit www.stjohnrochester.org/VBS.



ST. JOHN DAY SCHOOL:

Girl's Relay Team Breaks Regional Record: The St. John 4 x 400 relay girls "A" team broke a school record as well as a 13-year old Regional Meet record by 8 seconds! Congratulations to Abby Rice, Madeleine Barge, Savannah Drummelsmith and Kendall Zaliwski! In addition, the St. John "A" Girls Track Team team earned the title of Regional Champions for their division. Congratulations!

Awards Chapel: Congratulations to the many students who were recognized in this past week's Awards Chapel for various achievements, including the 8th grade awards:

- Valedictorian: Anna Bochenek
- Salutatorian: Sarah Scharfenberg
- Timothy Award (Service): Zach Komisarz
- Ruth Award (Service): Lauren Rader
- Salon (Art) Award: Savannah Sievers
- Jubilate Deo (Music) Award: Anna Bochenek
- Scholar Athlete: Ben Majkowski, Madeleine Barge, Anna Bochenek
- Female Eagle Award: Madeleine Barge
- Male Eagle Award: Ben Majkowski
- Drama Award: Lauren Rader

Student applications are currently being accepted for the 2019-2020 school year. For a personal tour and enrollment information, contact Beth Dameron, Director of School Admissions at 48-402-8012 or bdameron@stjohnrochester.org or visit www.stjohnrochetset.org/school.



SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP AT ST. JOHN: St. John will host the annual St. John Eagles Basketball Camp in our gymnasium from Monday, July 29 to Thursday, August 1, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. The camp is for all students entering 4th to 9th grades and is open to the community, so share the news with friends and neighbors. Students will develop and strengthen a variety of basketball skills. The camp will be led by St. John Athletic Director and Teacher Todd Bauer as well as other adult coaches

and student alumni. To sign up, visit the St. John website, go to the school homepage, and click on the basketball camp rotator. Or you may pick up a copy of the registration form in the Main Atrium kiosk. Registration deadline is Monday, July 22.

CAMP CONCORDIA - If you are looking for a great camp experience this summer for your kids, please consider a great resident camp opportunity for kids in 1st-8th grade. This Lutheran summer camp is an awesome outdoor camp for kids. Our own Steve Wilson will be helping Camp Concordia the week of July 14-18 for 3rd-8th graders. If you send your children that week, make sure they say hi to Steve! Visit www.campconcordia.org for more information or to register your child for camp.



LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES

POSITION OPENING FOR PART-TIME LSEM TEACHER

Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) employs teachers across the country to work in non-public schools to offer education and support for the needs of students with disabilities. At St. John, we are privileged to have a full time LSEM teacher, Mrs. Shane Schwichtenberg, and a part time LSEM teacher, Mrs. Annalisa Toth. Mrs. Toth is following God's call on her life to pursue other career options and complete her doctorate degree next school year. Please pray for her in her transition and thank her for her dedication and excellence while working with our teachers and students at St John. At this time LSEM is accepting applications for the part time position at St John. You may go to the website www.luthsped.org, click on About, and scroll to Jobs. The St John position is not listed. However, the application for employment is there for you to fill out. Please pass on this information to any family member or friend that has a current teaching certificate and a heart to work with students. Special education experience is preferred.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS AT LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHWEST! Do you have a current 4th-8th grader who enjoys sports? Lutheran High Northwest is hosting a number of summer sports camps this year! Softball Camp is June 18-20, Co-ed Soccer Camp is June 24-27, Volleyball Camp is July 8-11, and Girls & Boys Basketball Camps will be July 15-18. Register now at www.lutherannorthwest.com/events.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH – Thank you to our wonderful parents and students who donated food items and helped serve at our cookout last Sunday! All of you are amazing! Thank you also to our St. John family members who had lunch here and blessed us with \$933.00 toward our mission trips! Later that same day, we also went to the AMC Forum 30 to see the movie "Breakthrough". A very powerful movie! Truly a must see. Two thumbs up!

High School graduation celebration service is Sunday, June 9 at 9:30 AM Traditional Praise. Please meet in Luther

Hall **with caps and gowns** at 9:15 AM. We will sit together and Pastor will give a special blessing over you as a group. Looking forward to celebrating with you all! Please email Mrs. Hammett your senior picture.

Mark your calendar for these big dates this summer:

June 9 - Graduation Celebration - 9:15 AM Luther Hall & Tennis in the Park at 6 PM (details to come)

June 19-23 - VBS set-up @LHNW

June 24-28 - VBS @ LHNW

July 14 - Picnic (dinner) in the Park 6:00-8:00 PM

July 20-27 - Group Mission Trip

August 11 – House Hop "Goodbye to Seniors"

August 18 - Bonfire & Dinner at Hammett's "Welcome, Freshmen!"

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

SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

MITE BOXES: Don't forget your Mite Boxes next week, the 1st Sunday of the month!



CAN DIAPERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN JESUS' NAME? When it comes to helping local moms and babies in need, the answer is a huge yes! Please join your St. John family in making a huge difference by bringing in packages of diapers over the next several weeks (up until Father's Day weekend) as we create a mountain of diapers in the church and school Atrium! Diapers of all sizes are appreciated! You may contribute other baby items too. This annual diaper shower will directly benefit our awesome mission partner, Crossroads Care Center in Auburn Hills. For more information, please contact Dale Griffith at 248-894-8423.

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 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 email 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 Friday, May 31**.

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 May 18-19.....	\$44,591.00
	Special Contributions for May 18-19.....	\$0

As of 5/19/19 Y.T.D. Budgeted Offerings:	\$ 2,108,730.34
As of 5/19/19 Y.T.D. Actual Offerings:	<u>\$ 2,158,777.97</u>
As of 5/19/19 Y.T.D. Variance to Budget:	\$ 50,047.63
As of 5/19/19 Y.T.D. Special Contributions: \$23,801	
(St. John's fiscal year is 7/1/18 through 6/30/19.)	

ONE LEGACY INITIATIVE

As of 5/19/19 Amount pledged.....	\$3,463,734.79
As of 5/19/19 Amount received.....	\$1,821,567.90

COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT VBS THIS SUMMER! VBS is coming quickly! We have openings for volunteers to help serve as crew leaders, snack helpers, and Imagination Station helpers. We do need people all week, but if you can make it 2 days or more, we would really welcome your help. This year we are planning on 400+ students, and we need help to keep them safe and share the love of Jesus. Almost 50% of these students probably don't have a church home, and this is a great opportunity to reach many with the love of Christ. Sign up today to volunteer for VBS at www.stjohnrochester.org/VBS. *Please remember that **St. John VBS will be held at Lutheran High Northwest** this year due to the site work on the St. John campus this summer.

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, 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 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: Wedding of Brett Miller and Naomi Wells / John & Sherry Fedototszkin's 50th wedding anniversary

Guidance & Strength: 8th grade graduates / For all who faithfully serve in our military

Hope & Healing: Kathy Briscoe – surgery / Angie Kustasz – recovering from surgery / Continued healing for: Marilyn Meyer / Jack Parish / Ellen Hohnstadt / Marilyn Miller / Jerry Bantin / Hailey Noonan / Sarah Leinberger / Linda Madson / Jim Madson / Raymond Pauli / Linda Glisman / Al Lucas / Leah Appold

Bereavement: (for the family of...) Families of those who have died in service to their country

LAST WEEK:

Thanksgiving: Baptisms of Sutton Anne Semrau - daughter of Elizabeth & Brandon / Stephen Cluff / Scarlett Rae Cluff - daughter of Stephen & Sheree / Xander Killian Cluff - son of Stephen & Sheree / For successful congregational meeting – approved budget & newly elected officers

Guidance & Strength: Ministry of Compassion International / June 16th worship relocation plans

Hope & Healing: David Jankovich – recovering from burns / Jacob (cousin of Jennifer Laubsch) – 2nd degree burns – healing and no infection / Dr. Jim Boldt – hospitalized / Frank Morse (father of Dawn Siewert) – recovering from a stroke / Sharon Barton – eye surgery on Thursday / Walt Brown / Leita May Reed (cousin of Judy Bradley) – hospice / Judy Bradley – recovering from bronchitis / Florence Raetzel – correct diagnosis & treatment / Ileana Snyder – hospitalized from car accident / Pat O'Brien (nephew of Henry & Marilyn Meyer) – open heart surgery

Bereavement: (for the family of...) David Snyder / Karen (TenHaaf & Bierema families) / Marie Taykowski (grandmother of Jake)

PRIOR WEEK:

Thanksgiving: Gift of mothers / The Church Has Left The Building community outreach serve event – and continued impact

Guidance & Strength: Heather – court / Mackenzie Hill traveling in Germany / Amy (sister of Jennifer Laubsch) – strength dealing with family medical issues / Jeanine – life & relationship direction & protection / Jacob Rose / John

Hope & Healing: Rev. Dr. Herbert Mueller (1st VP of Synod) – brain tumor / Jennifer Laubsch’s father – skin cancer procedure / Jerri / Patrick – shingles / Eliza – cancer / Beth – pregnancy

Bereavement: (for the family of...) Dee Barrett (husband Rodney passed)

Nation & World: Recent school shootings – for families & victims

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN	
OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK	FACILITY HOURS THIS WEEK
Monday: CLOSED	Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM	Tuesday – Friday: 8:00 AM-9:00 PM
	Saturday: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
* The facility may be closed on Saturdays when no daytime events are scheduled.	

Sunday

Monday

MEMORIAL DAY/FACILITY CLOSED

Tuesday

11:30 AM

International Bible Class – Room 128

1:00 PM

ESL Class – Concordia Hall

7:00 PM

Women’s Bible Study (Gideon) – Mary Martha Room

Wednesday

7:00 PM

8th Grade Graduation Service – Sanctuary

Thursday

6:00 PM

Jubilate Bell Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rehearsal Room

7:00 PM

Kindergarten Closing Service – Church Sanctuary

8:00 PM

Mixed Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rehearsal Room *note the start time

8:00 PM

Alcoholics Anonymous – Concordia Hall

Friday

Final Day of School

9:00 AM

ESL Class – Concordia Hall

11:00 AM

Closing Chapel – Church Sanctuary

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

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