





# Get Into the Word - Fall 2021 Schedule

## SUNDAY CLASSES

### LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

Pastor Gil McDonald	Sundays	9:30-10:30 AM	Concordia Hall
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Here is a chance to dust off the cobwebs from a few years back or walk through the teachings of the Lutheran church for the first time. Bring your "old" catechism, if you have one.

### LIFE BY HIS WORD – Gospel of Matthew (Begins November 7)

Dianna Swenson	Sundays	9:30-10:30 AM	Mary Martha Room
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Matthew's gospel was written to allow his Jewish readers to see Jesus as the promised Messiah. He does this primarily by showing how Jesus in his life and ministry fulfilled the OT Scriptures. Although all the Gospel writers quote the OT, Matthew includes nine proof texts unique to his Gospel to drive home his basic theme: Jesus is the fulfillment of the OT predictions of the Messiah. Matthew uses the history of God's people in the OT recapitulated in Jesus' life as well as emphasizing Jesus' Davidic lineage.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Various teachers & helpers	Sundays	9:30-10:30 AM	School Classrooms
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St. John Lutheran Church offers a weekly Sunday School that meets at 9:30 AM in the school classrooms of our building, for all children age 3 (if potty trained) through 6th grade. All children start the morning by checking in at the welcome desk. Preschoolers and kindergarteners then go to their classrooms to hear about Jesus through song and lesson time. 1st-6th grade students go to the Media Center for an opening devotion, followed by grade divided classroom time for teaching, small group discussion, crafts and other activities depending on the week. Registration is required for check-in security. There are no attendance requirements. We break for holidays during the year, as announced in the weekly Connection. We look forward to seeing your children, and sharing with them the love of Jesus!

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

Steve Wilson	Sundays	9:30-10:30 AM	Youth Room
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Our 7th and 8th grade students and their parents will continue participating in Sunday confirmation instruction which includes the study of the Old Testament, the Book of Mark, and other topics. Steve Wilson, Director of Child & Family Ministry, serves as the instructor. Small group discussion and specific parental involvement at home are key parts of the class. All 7th and 8th grade students and parents are welcome! For more information, please contact Steve Wilson at [swilson@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:swilson@stjohnrochester.org) or 248-402-8006.

### LIGHTHOUSE - MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY (6th-8th GRADES)

Steve Wilson	Sundays	6:00-8:00 PM	Room 101/Gym
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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 and have fun together. Our activities include students in grades 6-8, and all are welcome! For more information, please contact Steve Wilson, Director of Child & Family Ministry, at 248-402-8006 or [swilson@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:swilson@stjohnrochester.org).

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Melissa Hammett	Sundays	6:00-8:00 PM	Youth Room or Offsite
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We love Jesus and we love each other! Our gathering is the place we put that into action! Our group is open to students from all high schools in our amazing community. We talk, laugh, pray, work through hard stuff, do fun stuff and learn to serve it up! Join us! For more information, please contact Melissa Hammett, Director of High School Youth Ministry, at 248-402-8008 or [mhammett@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:mhammett@stjohnrochester.org).



## WEEKDAY OPPORTUNITIES

### TEEN SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Steve Wilson, Melissa Hammett      Wednesdays      8:00-9:00 PM      Youth Room & Mary Martha  
9th-12th graders are invited to be a part of a small group - men in the Youth Room and women in the Mary Martha Room. This is a great opportunity for each small group to get in the Word and talk about life together. These groups are for young men and young women wanting to grow in faith and life with other teens. For more information, please contact Steve Wilson (men's group) at [swilson@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:swilson@stjohnrochester.org) or Melissa Hammett (women's group) at [mhammett@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:mhammett@stjohnrochester.org).

### LINGER IN HIS WORD (November 20 & December 18)

Candice Schwark      3rd Saturdays      1:00-4:00 PM      Concordia Hall  
New participants are always welcome. Join us as we learn creative ways to spend time in the Bible. Our devotion and project theme for September & October is Family Connections at Thanksgiving. All supplies provided - please RSVP to [candice@mac.com](mailto:candice@mac.com) or 248-652-9449 to ensure adequate supplies are prepared. Our time together includes fellowship, a devotion and a project or two.

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP (October - January)

L. Baroli      Saturdays      10:00 AM -12:00 PM      Church Library  
Come and receive help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group offering comfort, answers and hope. Our group is designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one and is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the days ahead. For more information, please contact Linda Baroli at 248-895-0310, Joanne Curran at 248-877-7309, or Marlene Leinberger at 586-365-8870.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

### DEEP DIVE

Dan McCallum      1st & 3rd Mon.      7:00-9:00 AM      Church Library  
This group takes an in-depth look at various books of the Bible. An email reminder is sent before each session with discussion/meditation questions and commentary comments. Each session begins with a brief fellowship time with coffee and light refreshments, and an opening prayer. We then read and discuss verses and close with prayer requests. Based on the verses and current events, the group may cover 2-3 verses or 15 verses in a single session. The emphasis is on reading, understanding, and discussing the application of God's Word to our lives, the community, and the world. Men of all ages are welcome and no prior Bible study experience is required.

### VARIOUS TOPICS

John Fedototszkin      1st & 3rd Thurs.      10:00-11:30 AM      Church Library  
Please join us as we are currently studying the Apostles Creed. Each session begins with a brief fellowship time and an opening prayer. We then read and discuss the Bible verses in our guide. We close with prayer requests and an ending prayer. Men of all ages are welcome and no prior Bible study experience is required. For more info, please contact John Fedototszkin at 248-375-0832 or [sherryjohnf@aol.com](mailto:sherryjohnf@aol.com).



Eric Garland

Saturdays

# Gymnasium

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## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

## MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

2nd & 4th Mondays

## Luther Hall

2nd & 4th Thursdays

# Luther Hall

Are you a mom of a newborn, toddler, or preschooler that feels overwhelmed or lonely? Or do you just need to get out of the house and would like to find a supportive group of women going through what you are? Monday and Thursday MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) are still accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 year for MOPS. We offer free loving childcare for children birth through kindergarten, breakfast, speakers, devotion, play dates, and Mom's Night Out. You can find out more information about MOPS on [MOPS.org](http://MOPS.org). Or come and join us for a free meeting in Luther Hall to see if we are the right fit for you! For more information, please contact [stjohnmondaymops@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnmondaymops@gmail.com) or [stjohnthursdaysmops@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnthursdaysmops@gmail.com).

## 'NO OTHER GODS' BY KELLY MINTER (October - November)

Tuesdays

Church Library

All women are invited to join us in this 8 week study. There is a workbook that will be needed for this study at a cost of \$18. Please contact Sue Stingu if you wish to participate and would like to have a book available on the first evening. Contact: Sue Stingu Email: [Suestingu@gmail.com](mailto:Suestingu@gmail.com) or text 248-321-0572.

# INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

# INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CLASS

Tuesdays

Room 128

As an extension of our Friendship Center, which offers ESL(English as a Second Language) classes where participants from over 42 countries over the years have met to improve English skills and learn life skills in an American setting, interested individuals join together to learn more about the love of Jesus in a loving and caring environment. The Bible class immediately precedes the ESL class every Tuesday. For more information, please contact Peter Harris at 248-651-7532.





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